

## PRESS INFORMATION

# FLOCERT strengthens senior leadership with new appointments

**Bonn, 15 April 2026.** With the appointment of Jens Taubel as Chief Growth Officer, FLOCERT has finalised the setup of its new three-person senior leadership team. Born in Hanover, Germany, Jens Taubel brings over 30 years of sales and leadership experience, gained in the automotive sector and in his roles as a consultant and coach in a number of different industries. He joins Thorsten Niklas, FLOCERT's Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, and Natalie McLachlan, who took up the position of Chief People and Governance Officer in December 2025.

*"This structure will enhance our agility. It covers all business areas and central functions to ensure continuity while simultaneously enhancing strategic decision-making",* explains Thorsten Niklas. *"Our leadership team combines experience, expertise, and a readiness for change and growth to guide FLOCERT into a successful future."*

*"I am happy to join FLOCERT,"* said Jens Taubel. *"I'm moved by the organisation's mission-driven mindset and its know-how, and I'm excited to bring my sales and leadership expertise to promote fair and sustainable trade. At the top of my list is identifying areas where we can deliver added value for our customers and offer new services to meet their evolving needs. I want to be hands-on in my approach and am already looking forward to conversations with our customers to discuss their needs."*

*"For FLOCERT, our main assets are the people who work for us. Ensuring they can thrive is key, and I am glad this aspect is reflected in the leadership team",* said Natalie McLachlan. *"At the same time, the governance part of my role demonstrates the importance that FLOCERT places on meeting all legal and regulatory requirements, not only for its current services, but for future ones, too."*

With all three positions now filled, the new senior leadership team will start its joint tenure as of today, 15 April 2026.

*FLOCERT is a leading global assurance provider. Besides providing sole certification to Fairtrade, FLOCERT offers certification and verification as well as customised sustainability to support companies in their ethical business transformation. With six international offices conducting business in around 120 countries, FLOCERT specialises in combining global reach with local expertise for its over 6,000 customers. FLOCERT remains mission-driven and dedicated to working with all types of organisations, from small-scale producers to internationally recognised brands, to promote fairness in global trade.*