

Press Release

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Brenntag presents its new sustainability report: success with the topics of CO₂ reduction and sustainable procurement

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, has published its Sustainability Report for the Financial Year 2017. In this Group report, the company presents its performance in the field of sustainability and documents its global activities and achievements in the areas of safety, environmental protection, supply chain responsibility, employees and social involvement.

Steven Holland, Chief Executive Officer of Brenntag AG, comments: "Sustainably managing a globally operating, decentralized company such as Brenntag is a permanent challenge that we are happy to take. In this report – our fifth to date – we continue to provide transparent information on our activities and report on the status of our global sustainability targets. In 2017, for example, we succeeded in cutting Group-wide CO₂ emissions per tonne of goods sold by around 2.5% compared to 2016. Our goal is to achieve a reduction of 6% by 2020."

Brenntag has also had success with the topic of sustainable procurement. Within the scope of its membership of the "Together for Sustainability" industry initiative, the company has now assessed the sustainability performance of a large number of its suppliers. These suppliers represent around 64% of Brenntag's total chemical spend worldwide. "This means that we have already achieved our target coverage ratio of 50% by 2020. The challenge now is to integrate the findings obtained even further into our purchasing processes," says Dr Dirk Eckert, Group Sustainability Manager at Brenntag.

The Brenntag Group's fundamental approaches, organizational structures and processes for managing sustainability issues are presented in the current report. Numerous examples from the operating units provide an insight into practical operations and show how sustainability is implemented in Brenntag's regions worldwide.

Safety, which is of paramount importance at Brenntag, is a focus area of the report. "Safety requires constant vigilance from all of us and does not happen by itself. This makes it all the more important that we do not ease up on our efforts in this area. We are working hard to achieve continuous improvements in our company's safety culture and increase employees' awareness of safe behaviour both in the workplace and in their personal lives," emphasizes Steven Holland.

Brenntag's Sustainability Report for the Financial Year 2017 is based on the "Sustainable Reporting Standards" (SRS) of the internationally recognized "Global Reporting Initiative" (GRI). Selected content also forms the separate non-financial Group report to ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the German CSR Directive Implementation Act (CSR-RUG). This content has been externally reviewed for the first time.

The sustainability report is available in German and English as a PDF on the Brenntag website:

www.brenntag.com/sustainabilityreport2017

Further information on sustainability at Brenntag is available at:

www.brenntag.com/sustainability

About Brenntag:

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 530 locations in 74 countries. In 2017, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 15,000 employees, generated sales of EUR 11.7 billion (USD 13.3 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 185,000 customers. This includes specific application

technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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