

Press Release

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Brenntag gets reaffirmation of its Gold status in EcoVadis Sustainability/CSR Rating

Brenntag (WKN A1DAH), the global market leader in chemical distribution, has once again been awarded the Gold medal for its sustainability management in the sustainability/CSR assessment of the independent international rating agency EcoVadis.

Steve Holland, Chief Executive Officer Brenntag Group: “As the global number one in chemical distribution and as a sustainable company, we are aiming to contribute towards greater sustainability across our industry, and to make our own sustainability performance transparent. These again good and above average rating results confirm our efforts in continuously enhancing our sustainability strategy and performance.”

EcoVadis makes companies’ activities in the field of sustainability comparable and measurable. The agency evaluates their performance in terms of four categories: environment, labour and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement.

Since its first EcoVadis assessment in 2014, Brenntag has continuously improved its scoring and achieved the Gold recognition status in 2016. With its current score, Brenntag is among the top 1% of all the companies rated in the industrial sector in which EcoVadis categorizes the company.

In addition to the EcoVadis self-assessment and within the scope of its membership in the “Together for Sustainability” (TfS) chemical industry initiative, Brenntag requires a certain number of its suppliers to undergo EcoVadis sustainability assessments every year. The company thereby achieves greater transparency in relation to its suppliers’ sustainability performance and is able to better consider sustainability issues of environmental protection and safety, labour and social standards as well as compliance and governance in its purchasing decisions.

Dirk Eckert, Sustainability Manager Brenntag Group: “Both our excellent rating and our TfS membership distinguish Brenntag from our competitors and will benefit us in particular among those customers and suppliers that take sustainability aspects into consideration when choosing their business partners – and their number is continuously increasing. Sustainability has become a fundamental issue in the chemical industry’s supply chain.”

For further information about Brenntag’s sustainability approach, please visit www.brenntag.com/sustainability

More information about TfS can be found at the initiative’s website <https://tfs-initiative.com>

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 73 countries and a workforce of more than 16,000 employees. In 2017, the company 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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