

Evonik included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices World and Europe for the first time

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Essen. Evonik has been included in the prestigious “Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) World” and also “DJSI Europe” for the first time. The specialty chemicals company gained particularly high ratings in all environmental criteria.

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Thomas Wessel, the Executive Board member responsible for sustainability: “Being included in the DJSI indices World and Europe is an important milestone for us. We are delighted by this acknowledgement of Evonik's commitment to sustainability. It affirms that contributions to sustainability and economic success are working hand in hand. Sustainability is increasingly driving innovation and profitable growth.”

Alongside financial criteria, investors increasingly include ecological and social factors in their investment decisions. They are guided by leading sustainability indices such as the DJSI. Every year around 2,500 companies worldwide are invited to participate. In each sector the best of the participating companies are included in the DJSI. The assessment is performed by the Swiss rating agency RobecoSAM.

In January 2016, RobecoSAM included Evonik in its yearbook of economic, social and ecological performance as a “Sustainability Leader” with the distinction “Silver Class”.

Evonik is also well-positioned in other sustainability ratings and rankings. For example, it is included in the FTSE4Good Global, STOXX® Global ESG Leaders, and Euronext Vigeo Eurozone 120 stock market indices for responsible investment. The Sustainability and Oekom Research rating agencies rank Evonik among the leaders in its sector in terms of sustainability performance. In 2015 the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) gave

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Evonik the very high score of 98/B. At the beginning of 2016 Evonik was awarded the Gold rating by EcoVadis for its sustainability performance for the third time in succession. EcoVadis is the partner of “Together for Sustainability”, an initiative by chemical companies to drive forward transparency and sustainability in the supply chain.

Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik’s corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2015 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €13.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.47 billion.

Evonik Industries has been producing specialty chemical products in the Greater China region (Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan) since the late 1970’s; with wide-ranging trading relations already in place prior to this in the region. Evonik regards Greater China as one of the driving forces of the global economy and we consequently endeavor to grow our business in the region. The company now has around 3,000 employees in the Greater China region, the regional sales reached over €1.3 billion in 2015.

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