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EcoVadis is an internationally recognised rating agency that assesses participants on the basis of their environmental, social and governance

(ESG) practices. Operational performance and investments in the following four areas are analysed: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement. The EcoVadis score reflects the quality of an organisation's sustainability management system. Since 2007, over 150,000 companies from more than 250 different industries and over 185 countries have undergone the rating agency's sustainability assessment.

For the first time ever, the assessment of the Romaco Group included all six production sites: Karlsruhe, Cologne and Steinen (Germany) as well as Bologna (Italy), Barcelona (Spain) and Changsha (China). The carbon footprint of each individual Business Unit was determined and certified by an outside inspection body for this purpose. The calculation was carried out in accordance with the international standards of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG). Romaco uses this operational carbon footprint as a starting point for implementing measures to accelerate decarbonisation and define climate objectives.

## Strong commitment to climate protection

Romaco has repeatedly achieved very good scores in the EcoVadis rating's Environment category, not least due to the Group's strong commitment to globally recognised climate change objectives. In 2024, Romaco's plans for reducing Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions were confirmed by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). Through its membership of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the manufacturer is additionally committed to sustainable and responsible corporate governance. Romaco's environmental management practices have been certified to ISO 14001 at four of its six production sites as a result of this.

All of the machinery supplier's technologies are offered in a carbon-neutral version. What's more, Romaco specifically invests in research and development projects to curb its machines' energy consumption. The use of innovative energy recovery systems has significantly reduced carbon dioxide emissions from the

company's process plants. Romaco Tecpharm tablet coaters equipped with a cross-flow heat exchanger cut heat energy consumption by up to 50 percent. Thanks to an integrated heat pump, the heat energy required by fluid bed processors from Romaco Innojet can be over 70 percent lower. In the primary packaging segment, Romaco Noack's Unity 600 blister packaging line now consumes substantially less energy courtesy of a new blister transfer system that dispenses with a vacuum assisted overhead conveyor.

## Improved performance on labor and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement

Compared to the 2023 rating, Romaco performed noticeably better in the Labor & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement categories. Among other things, target and company agreements on employee development and training were decisive here, as were corporate health and pension schemes. Romaco also scored highly with its compliance policy as well as its flexible work-

ing hours and flextime model. Various supplier surveys were undertaken and a code of conduct drawn up for Purchasing, laying the foundation for sustainable procurement.

"The gold medal was a team effort", emphasised Yannick Rastetter, Sustainability Coordinator at the Romaco Group. "It fills us with pride that, as a mid-market company with less than 1000 employees worldwide, we succeeded in meeting the high requirements of the EcoVadis rating across all countries and sites and earned such an excellent ranking. And of course, we aim to improve on this already fantastic result in the future. As far as climate protection is concerned, on the one hand we're doing everything we can to achieve even lower emission levels while on the other, we're developing technologies to reduce the end product's carbon footprint. After all, that's not only in our customers' interests; it also has benefits for consumer and environmental protection."

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