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Sustainability strategy bears fruit

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EcoVadis is an internationally recognized 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 analyzed: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement. The EcoVadis score reflects the quality of an organization'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 decarbonization 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 recognized 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 & 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 working 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”, emphasized 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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Romaco Group

Romaco is a leading international supplier of processing and packaging equipment specializing in engineering technologies for pharmaceutical products. The Group provides individual machines, lines and turnkey solutions for manufacturing, filling and packing powders, granulates, pellets, tablets, capsules, syringes, liquids and medical devices. The company also serves the food and chemical industries. Through its various technologies, Romaco is committed to sustainable production and to systematically reducing CO₂ emissions.

The Romaco Group has its headquarters in Karlsruhe (Germany) and is part of Truking Technology, a globally operating high-tech enterprise based in Changsha (China). Truking’s core competency is handling and filling pharmaceutical liquids.

Romaco operates from six production sites worldwide, with a broad portfolio comprised of seven established product brands. Noack and Siebler (Karlsruhe, Germany) supply blister, heat-sealing and rigid tube filling machines. Macofar (Bologna, Italy) markets technologies for filling sterile and non-sterile powders and liquids. Promatic (also Bologna, Italy) specializes in cartoners, track & trace systems and case packers. Kilian (Cologne, Germany) is a leading manufacturer of tablet presses. Innojet (Steinen, Germany) is in the business of granulating and coating fine solid particles. Tecpharm (Barcelona, Spain) offers tablet coating technologies.

More than 930 highly skilled and committed Romaco employees are dedicated to the development of future product technologies and to the continuous implementation of internal improvement processes. The Romaco Group's multi-brand system solutions are sold worldwide through ten Sales & Service Centers and a dense network of local agent organizations. Over 12,000 installations delivered by Romaco are currently in use in more than 180 different countries.

The following picture is enclosed with the press release:

1. Gold for Romaco in the EcoVadis Sustainability Rating
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