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Henkel Polybit's success in Dammam underscores the company's commitment to driving progress toward sustainability ambitions in production

Henkel Polybit Dammam achieves milestone with its first fully circular manufacturing hub in the region

Dammam, Saudi Arabia – Henkel Polybit Dammam has achieved full circularity for waste material at its manufacturing site in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. This milestone marks the first fully circular use of production waste material for Henkel in the India, Middle East and Africa region, underlining the company's long-term commitment to sustainability and innovation.

The site team has spearheaded a state-of-the-art solution to boost circularity, leading to the recycling and reuse of production waste in the manufacturing process. This will affect hundreds of metric tons of waste annually, with 700 mt of waste generated in 2022 and approximately 600 mt in 2023.

Simon Ulmann, Vice President Operations and Supply Chain IMEA at Henkel, commented: "This fully circular production waste recycling process in Dammam sets a new standard for sustainability in the IMEA region. We are proud to be at the forefront of circular practices, aligning with Henkel's global sustainability goals. This lighthouse and frontrunner project actively shapes a model for the IMEA region, reinforcing Henkel's commitment to a greener, more sustainable future."

Dimitri Kozak, Head of Sustainability and Environmental Performance, Henkel Adhesives, said: "The urgency of addressing climate change is front of mind for Henkel, and our team at Henkel Polybit Dammam has displayed ingenuity in charting a new path towards circularity for waste material. We aspire that this innovative move sets a precedent, creating a ripple effect in the IMEA region and beyond, to help advance in waste management towards a more circular economy.

In the new closed-loop system, the production waste undergoes meticulous grinding and homogenising, ensuring the purification, uniformity and quality of products at the Henkel Polybit Dammam Site.



Globally, Henkel's sustainability strategy aims to achieve climate-positive operations by 2030. The Dammam facility's success is a testament to Henkel's commitment to circularity, contributing to the goal of having all global sites be climate-positive in seven years. The company plans to source 100% of its electricity from renewable sources, implement state-of-the-art technologies for thermal energy, and achieve circular water use at key manufacturing sites.

This also comes as part of Henkel Adhesive Technologies' continuous efforts to enhance waste disposal methods. Currently, 85% of all adhesive manufacturing sites have achieved zero waste to landfill status (ZWTL). To minimise the impact on local environments, Henkel works to ensure key manufacturing sites save and reuse water through a process optimisation and wastewater treatment.

As Henkel embraces the challenge of becoming climate positive by 2030, its accomplishments signal a significant step forward in a mission to support regenerating the planet, help communities survive and be a trusted partner in building a more sustainable tomorrow.

About Henkel

With its brands, innovations and technologies, Henkel holds leading market positions worldwide in the industrial and consumer businesses. The Adhesive Technologies business unit is the global leader in the market for adhesives, sealants and functional coatings. With Consumer Brands, the company holds leading positions especially in hair care and laundry & home care in many markets and categories around the world. The company's three strongest brands are Loctite, Persil and Schwarzkopf. In fiscal 2022, Henkel reported sales of more than 22 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 2.3 billion euros. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. Sustainability has a long tradition at Henkel, and the company has a clear sustainability strategy with specific targets. Henkel was founded in 1876 and today employs a diverse team of about 50,000 people worldwide – united by a strong corporate culture, shared values and a common purpose: "Pioneers at heart for the good of generations." More information at www.henkel.com

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