



Press Release

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Joint virtual supplier event of Henkel Beauty Care and Laundry & Home Care

Henkel rewards suppliers for outstanding contributions

Düsseldorf, Amsterdam – For the 15th time, Henkel recognized its top suppliers for their industry-leading performance in 2021. The event took place on February 7 – for the second time fully virtually – with more than 400 registered participants. The partners were awarded in five categories. Sasol was honored with the “Sustainability Award” by Henkel Beauty Care. Firmenich and Takasago received the “Sustainability Award” by Laundry & Home Care. BASF was awarded twice as “Best Innovation Contributor”, both by Beauty Care as well as by Laundry & Home Care. The winner of the “Supply Resilience Award” was Evonik.

Bertrand Conquéret, President Global Supply Chain and Senior Vice President Purchasing at Henkel, welcomed the representatives of more than 30 major suppliers and opened the ceremony with a review of the year 2021 as well as an update on Henkel’s ambitious path to becoming climate-positive by 2040.

Sasol, Firmenich and Takasago received “Sustainability Award 2021” as first place winners

Sasol won the award for sustainability from Henkel Beauty Care. The chemical company received the prize in recognition of an oleochemical based paraffin emollient. “We award Sasol for their expertise in replacing silicone oil with a sustainably sourced high-pure paraffin,” said Frank Meyer, Corporate Vice President R&D Beauty Care. “This helps us implementing our sustainability and performance roadmap.”

Dr. Arndt Scheidgen, Global Head of Regulatory Laundry & Home Care, awarded Firmenich and Takasago for their biodegradable perfume encapsulation: “The new perfume encapsulation is used in our Vernel Softeners range. It is a major step towards our target of 100 percent biodegradable raw materials to be used in our products by 2030.”



The second prize in Beauty Care's sustainability category went to Ashland for their collaboration on biodegradable cationic guar for conditioning benefits in the Taft hair styling. Symrise received an award for its support with a microbiome balancing technology in Schwarzkopf Professional Scalp Clinix.

Two suppliers won the second prize in Laundry & Home Care for their positive impact on Henkel's global brands: AB Enzymes for a better enzyme in Persil ProClean in North America, and BASF for their bio-mass balanced materials used in Love Nature in Europe.

BASF is "Best Innovation Contributor Beauty Care 2021" and "Best Innovation Contributor Laundry & Home Care 2021"

At the award ceremony, Agnès Thée, Corporate Vice President Hair Europe & Global Masterbrands Beauty Care, talked about the consumer need for fast and perceivable effects in hair care. She awarded BASF as Best Innovation Contributor Beauty Care 2021 for their outstanding technology support in enabling Henkel to develop Gliss 7 Seconds Repair. The winners of the second prize were Inolex for a plant-based emollient in the launch of various North and South American hair care brands, and Givaudan for providing a neuro-olfactive and phyto active ingredient combination for beautiful skin by pioneering "beauty & sleep" with the incubator brand Kaloon.

"With the help of BASF, we were able to launch the latest generation of WC Frisch Brilliant Gel, a new toilet rimblock with superior esthetics and strong cleaning performance," said Ana Mota, Corporate Vice President International Marketing Laundry Care. Dow was honored as runner-up for developing a new high-performance ingredient that enables compaction and improves anti-spotting in automatic dishwashing products in North America. Clariant received a second prize for its advanced soil release polymer technology that provides unique benefits for detergents in North America.

Evonik wins "Supply Resilience Award 2021"

Key elements for outstanding supply performance include excellent operational management and best-in-class service combined with continued progress in risk management and sustainability. "Evonik excelled in 2021 with best-in-class support during the entire Polar Vortex and Hurricane Ida period and top performance in operational supply," said Kemal Kavasoglu, Corporate Director Global Purchasing Laundry & Home Care. Runners-up were Firmenich with their excellent and consistent global supply performance, and Stepan in recognition of their efforts in securing supply of critical materials in North America.

Bertrand Conquéret thanked all suppliers for their continued strong support: “We are committed to 100 percent responsible sourcing. To live up to our commitment, we count on the support and collaboration with our suppliers. Together, we are partnering for a cleaner and more beautiful world and are shaping a sustainable future.”

About Henkel

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2021, Henkel reported sales of more than 20 billion euros. The company employs about 53,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel’s preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit www.henkel.com.

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