

Press release

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Henkel named industry group leader in Dow Jones Sustainability Index

Henkel confirms leading position in sustainability ranking

Düsseldorf – For the seventh consecutive year, Henkel has been listed as industry group leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World) and Dow Jones Sustainability Index Europe (DJSI Europe). Henkel again took first place in the Household & Personal Products category and remains the only company in its sector to feature in both the DJSI World and the DJSI Europe. The Indices list corporations that follow the principles of sustainable development in their business operations.

S&P Dow Jones Indices and the Swiss agency RobecoSAM today announced the results of their 2013 sustainability assessments. The ranking is based on a thorough analysis of corporate economic, environmental and social performance, tracking issues such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, resource efficiency, supply chain standards and labor practices. Only ten percent of the world's 2,500 largest corporations make the grade for selection in the DJSI World, while only twenty percent of the 600 largest corporations achieve a ranking in the DJSI Europe.

“The global challenges we all face call for each one of us to rethink the way we live, consume and do business. Therefore our aim is to achieve more with less,” says Kathrin Menges, Executive Vice President Human Resources and Chair of Henkel's Sustainability Council. “The importance of sustainability questions has significantly increased in our relations with our customers, consumers and industrial partners. Building on our many years of experience, we can position ourselves as a leading partner, offer our customers viable solutions for the future, and continue developing our business successfully. The results of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and other global ratings provide essential feedback for us, allowing us to check that we are on the right course.”

Henkel's excellent performance in the field of sustainable development has repeatedly been recognized by numerous national and international ranking agencies: Henkel has been listed in the international FTSE4Good index for twelve consecutive years now. And the company is also included in the Ethibel PIONEER and Ethibel EXCELLENCE investment registers. During the World Economic Forum in Davos, the world-famous "The Global 100" presented the Top 100 large companies in the world, selected on the basis of their performance in addressing sector-specific environmental, social and economic challenges. Henkel is once again among their number – for the fifth time. It was also included in the list of the Ethisphere Institute's World's Most Ethical Companies for the sixth year in a row.

Henkel provides extensive information on sustainability together with an overview of all relevant rankings and ratings on its website at www.henkel.com/sustainability.

Henkel operates worldwide with leading brands and technologies in three business areas: Laundry & Home Care, Beauty Care and Adhesive Technologies. Founded in 1876, Henkel holds globally leading market positions both in the consumer and industrial businesses with well-known brands such as Persil, Schwarzkopf and Loctite. Henkel employs about 47,000 people and reported sales of 16,510 million euros and adjusted operating profit of 2,335 million euros in fiscal 2012. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX.

Photo material is available at <http://www.henkel.com/press>

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