

Sustainability rating improves further

Bietigheim-Bissingen, April 20, 2021 – The Dürr Group’s position in the EcoVadis sustainability rating has improved once again. The total score increased to 58 points from 55 in the previous year. The decisive factor was progress in the area of sustainable procurement. Among other things, the mechanical and plant engineering firm has revised its supplier code to work even more effectively toward compliance with environmental standards as well as human and labor rights in the supply chain.

EcoVadis measures the sustainability performance of companies on a scale from 0 to 100. The rating takes into account the categories of environment, labor and human rights, ethics/integrity, and sustainable procurement. The Dürr Group is among the top 25% of all companies rated by EcoVadis. The interest rates of several of its financing instruments are linked to the EcoVadis rating. This makes Dürr AG one of the pioneers of sustainability-oriented financing.

Dr. Jochen Weyrauch, Deputy CEO of Dürr AG and in charge of sustainability, stated: “Our customers are increasingly investing in energy- and resource-efficient production technology to reduce their ecological footprint. And – just like us – they set store by good corporate governance and fair working relationships. The rating improvement demonstrates that we are on the right track with our sustainability strategy.”

The Dürr Group’s revised supplier code is part of all agreements that the company concludes with its roughly 30,000 suppliers worldwide. It is complemented by a policy statement, issued at the beginning of 2021, acknowledging respect for human rights and fair working conditions. The code provides that suppliers should be increasingly selected based on social and ecological criteria. Evaluation takes place through self-assessment forms and audits performed by the purchasing departments of the Group companies. Furthermore, a system for categorizing social and ecological risks on the supplier side is due to be introduced before the end of the year. In addition, an e-learning program will be launched to train buyers in how to deal with sustainability criteria when awarding contracts.

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The supply chain is one of three current priorities at the Dürr Group in the area of sustainability. Other focal points are the new EU taxonomy for promoting sustainable investment and defining a climate strategy for the Dürr Group. The latter is due to be published this year and will contain specific targets for reducing the company's greenhouse gas emissions.

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The Dürr Group is one of the world's leading mechanical and plant engineering firms with extensive expertise in automation and digitalization/Industry 4.0. Its products, systems and services enable highly efficient and resource-saving manufacturing processes in different industries. The Dürr Group supplies sectors like the automotive industry, mechanical engineering, chemical, pharmaceutical, medical technology and woodworking industries. It generated sales of € 3.32 billion in 2020. The company has more than 17,000 employees and 120 business locations in 33 countries. Since February 2021, the majority-owned automation specialist Teamtechnik has also been part of the Group. The Group operates in the market with the brands Dürr, Schenck and HOMAG and with five divisions:

- **Paint and Final Assembly Systems:** paint shops as well as final assembly, testing and filling technology for the automotive industry, assembly and test systems for medical devices
- **Application Technology:** robot technologies for the automated application of paint, sealants and adhesives
- **Clean Technology Systems:** air pollution control, noise abatement systems and coating systems for battery electrodes
- **Measuring and Process Systems:** balancing equipment and diagnostic technology
- **Woodworking Machinery and Systems:** machinery and equipment for the woodworking industry

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