

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag achieves with platinum the highest possible status in the EcoVadis sustainability assessment**

Brenntag (ISIN DE000A1DAHH0), the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, has for the first time achieved platinum status in the EcoVadis sustainability assessment, which is the highest possible rating awarded by the independent sustainability experts. This places Brenntag among the top 1% companies across industries, tracked by EcoVadis.

Christian Kohlpaintner, CEO of Brenntag SE: “Just last November, we announced our new company purpose where we outlined our ambition to foster a sustainable future and care for human needs. I am therefore all the more pleased that our recent accomplishments have also been recognized by highly respected sustainability rankings such as EcoVadis. This platinum status reflects our strong efforts we have undertaken in the area of sustainability to meet our responsibility as the world market leader in our industry. It proves that we are on the right path with our new ESG strategy in being recognized as the leader in responsible distribution of sustainable chemicals and ingredients. This award is an excellent recognition for our ambitions to shape the future of our industry also in the important area of sustainability.”

EcoVadis reviews and evaluates the performance of more than 100,000 companies across industries in the four areas of environment, labor & human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement. In December 2022, Brenntag achieved a remarkable overall score of 75 points for the first time and thus ranks among the top 1% of all companies assessed by EcoVadis across industries.

Andreas Kicherer, Vice President Sustainability Brenntag Group: “I am very proud of our progress of our sustainability performance resulting in an improved EcoVadis rating. Not only reconfirming previous year’s gold status but being able to take an even more significant leap and achieving platinum status is a testament to our ambitions of leading our industry in sustainability. Our business partners also benefit from Brenntag’s improvements and as part of our commitment within the Together for Sustainability initiative, we encourage our partners to also participate in ratings like EcoVadis. Together we will take over our responsibilities and can successively increase our contribution for a sustainable future.”

More information on Brenntag's ambitious ESG strategy, targets, and activities can be found on [our website](#).

**About Brenntag:**

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution. The company holds a central role in connecting customers and suppliers of the chemical industry. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, Brenntag has more than 17,000 employees worldwide and operates a network of about 700 sites in 78 countries. In 2021, Brenntag generated sales of around 14.4 billion EUR. The two global divisions, Brenntag Essentials and Brenntag Specialties, provide a full-line portfolio of industrial and specialty chemicals and ingredients as well as tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions, technical and formulation support, comprehensive regulatory know-how, and digital solutions for a wide range of industries. In the field of sustainability, Brenntag pursues specific goals and is committed to sustainable solutions in its own sector and the industries served. Brenntag shares have been listed at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2010, initially in the MDAX and since September 2021 in the DAX. In addition, the Brenntag SE shares are listed in the DAX 50 ESG and DAX ESG Target. For more information, visit [www.brenntag.com](http://www.brenntag.com).

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