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**Outstanding Commitment to Environmental Protection:
Eckes-Granini Deutschland earns renewed EMAS certification.**

Nieder-Olm, 5 December 2014. Eckes-Granini Deutschland has been certified in recognition of its consistent commitment to environmental protection in accordance with the globally applicable Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) for the fifth auditing period in succession. “Environmental protection is an integral aspect of Eckes-Granini’s corporate culture. We regard responsibility for the environment and natural resources as part of our daily work. In that sense, every employee in our company is an environmental safety officer who makes an active contribution”, as Dr. Kay Michael Fischer, Managing Director of Eckes-Granini Deutschland, points out. The EMAS certificate was officially presented to Dr. Kay Michael Fischer by Günter Jertz, Executive Director of the IHK Rheinessen (Rhine-Hesse Chamber of Commerce and Industry) on 3 December 2014.

A pioneer in the field of environmental protection

The fruit juice specialist first introduced an environmental management system in conformity with applicable ISO standards at its headquarters in Nieder-Olm in 1991. The Eco-Management and Audit Scheme developed by the European Union has been in force at all corporate locations since 1993. EMAS establishes standard criteria for an environmental management system that helps Eckes-Granini Deutschland in its ongoing efforts to improve its impact on the environment. Independent eco-auditors conduct audits every three years for the purpose of verifying compliance with EMAS requirements and statutory regulations as well as entitlement to display the EMAS logo.

Eckes-Granini issues the most recent Environmental Management Report

The current Sustainability and Environmental Management Report provides an overview of the results of the most recent EMAS audit and the environmental protection measures implemented by Eckes-Granini Deutschland at its locations in Nieder-Olm, Bad Fallingbistel and Bröl. Noteworthy achievements include a 10% reduction of bottle weight and material consumption resulting from improvements in the design of PET bottles. The report also outlines goals and planned activities in the area of environmental protection through the year 2017. In addition to the actual Environmental Management Report, the publication also includes for the first time a chapter containing a description of our activities and measures implemented in support of sustainability. "At Eckes-Granini, environmental protection is embedded within a comprehensive sustainability strategy that encompasses environmental, social and economic aspects. Our aim is to show that we assume responsibility – for our products, for the value chain and above all for people – in everything we do," explains Dr. Kay Michael Fischer.

Eckes-Granini has been publishing an Environmental Management Report in accordance with EMAS guidelines for the past 18 years. The current Sustainability and Environmental Management Report is now posted at the website of the [Eckes-Granini Group](#).

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