

Eckes-Granini Group: Ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets approved by SBTi

- Reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 95% by 2030 from a 2019 base year
- Reduce Scope 3 GHG emissions 50% per liter of product within the same timeframe

Nieder-Olm, January 27, 2022. To reduce emissions in line with the latest climate science criteria, Eckes-Granini is working with the independent Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The SBTi defines and promotes best practices in setting science-based targets and evaluates companies' emissions reduction goals. Sponsors of the initiative include the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The international Eckes-Granini Group has joined the initiative to contribute to limiting global warming to 1.5°C by setting ambitious climate protection targets. Following an intensive review, the SBTi today approved that Eckes-Granini's greenhouse gas reduction targets are consistent with levels required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Less is more: in line with the Paris Climate Agreement

"Among many other negative impacts, increasing global warming poses massive risks to agriculture. Yet the success of Eckes-Granini and our brands such as hohes C, granini, Pago, Joker, God Morgon and Brämhults depends to a large extent on fruit and vegetable cultivation. All the more reason for us as a company to feel obliged to act in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement. It is necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius," explains Tim Berger, CEO of the Eckes-Granini Group. "As a leading European fruit juice producer, we want to send a clear signal to this end. For us, this means reducing or even avoiding climate-damaging greenhouse gases caused directly or indirectly by our business activities step by step through a wide range of measures and setting ourselves ambitious targets for this purpose."



Emissions reduction targets: Fighting for climate protection in many places

Eckes-Granini aims to reduce direct greenhouse gas emissions from its business activities (Scopes 1 and 2) 95% by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline. To this end, the plan is to continuously reduce energy consumption (electricity, heat, steam) and proactively replace heat and steam generation systems with climate-friendly alternatives in order to reduce natural gas consumption. In addition, the company's own fleet of cars and trucks is to be converted 100% to climate-friendly drive technology.

Furthermore, Eckes-Granini has set itself the goal of reducing indirect greenhouse gas emissions in the value chain (Scope 3), which are caused by corporate activities but are often not under the company's control (e.g., at suppliers and service providers), 50% per liter of product by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline. Key measures to achieve the reduction targets are:

- Providing intensive support to suppliers and farmers to reduce emissions along the upstream value chain in raw materials (fertilizer and pesticide use, energy consumption and emissions during storage and processing, and sequestration of carbon in the soil). In addition, raw materials with a lower carbon footprint are to be given preference in Eckes-Granini's overall portfolio
- In packaging, Eckes-Granini is gradually switching to material from recycled and renewable sources. All PET volumes throughout Europe are to be switched to 100% r-PET as early as 2025. In addition, a further reduction in the weight of packaging materials is to be achieved. To reduce emissions along the upstream value chain, cooperation with suppliers will be further expanded.
- In logistics, Eckes-Granini will further expand its network and optimize capacity utilization and loading, as well as shifting additional transport volumes to rail and ship. External logistics service providers are to be motivated to switch to climate-friendly drive technology.



- Eckes-Granini is striving to reduce emissions from business travel by 40% by reducing travel and switching to virtual meetings and choosing alternative means of transportation (e.g. train instead of flight). In terms of employee mobility, the company supports both home office work and employees switching to more sustainable modes of transport, such as electric cars, (e-)bikes or trains.

Numerous advances to reduce CO2 emissions

In recent years, Eckes-Granini has made significant progress in reducing its CO2 emissions: The company's comprehensive climate protection program includes numerous energy-saving measures, the sustainable design of production and office sites (all plants and company-owned offices throughout Europe purchase nearly 100% green electricity), certification of all Eckes-Granini subsidiaries that have their own production facilities (Germany, France, Denmark, Hungary, Lithuania and Finland) in accordance with the internationally recognized EMAS environmental management system as well as sustainable logistics.

Eckes-Granini bundles its commitment to climate protection in a sustainability strategy. In addition to the important topic of Climate Protection, five other core fields of action are defined here (Packaging, Sustainable Juice, Nutrition, Social Responsibility and Employees), in which the company intends to make a significant contribution to the environment and society.

You can find more information here:

<https://www.eckes-granini.com/en/sustainability/sustainability-report/>



About the Eckes-Granini Group:

Eckes-Granini is the leading supplier of fruit juices and fruit beverages in Euro-pa. For the independent family-owned company headquartered in Nieder-Olm, Germany (Rhineland-Palatinate), the focus is on committed and competent employees, strong brands in the areas of juices, fruit beverages and smoothies, and a long-term strategic orientation with sustainable value creation. Today, Eckes-Granini operates mainly in Europe with its own national companies and strategic partners and generates annual sales of 873 million euros with a total of 1708 employees. The company's foundation is formed by the internationally renowned premium brands *granini* and *Pago* together with strong national and regional brands for juices and fruit beverages. Consumers in 80 countries worldwide and especially in Europe know and appreciate our fruit juices and the variety of fruit beverages.

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