

# **Press Release**

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Recognition for sustainability performance

#### indices confirm International sustainability Henkel's leading position

Duesseldorf – Since the beginning of the year Henkel's sustainability performance has been recognized by several indices in France, Italy, England and the USA. Henkel has been listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World). Furthermore, Henkel has been included in the FTSE4Good ethical index for fifteen consecutive years and listed in the Ethibel Sustainability Indices, Euronext Vigeo Eiris Indices and Global Equity ECPI Indices.

## Repeated recognition by rating agencies and capital markets

S&P Dow Jones Indices and the Swiss rating agency RobecoSAM today announced the results of their joint 2016 sustainability assessments. The rating is based on longterm economic, environmental and social criteria, tracking topics such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, resource efficiency, supply-chain standards and labor practices. Only 10 percent of the world's 2,500 largest companies are selected for the DJSI World.

"The excellent results of these global ratings show that we are on track to implement our ambitious 2030 sustainability strategy," said Uwe Bergmann, Head of Sustainability Management at Henkel. "We create more value - for our customers and consumers, for the communities we operate in, and for our company - while reducing our environmental footprint at the same time."

#### Target group oriented sustainability communication

Henkel has not only held a leading position in sustainability management, but also in sustainability communication: As one of the first German companies, Henkel published its first annual environmental report in 1992. This year, Henkel's 25th sustainability report was published. The sustainability section on Henkel's corporate









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website took first place in NetFederation's 2016 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Benchmark, which compared 75 German companies.

Further information on Henkel's sustainability strategy as well as an overview of all ratings and rankings can be found at <a href="https://www.henkel.com/sustainability">www.henkel.com/sustainability</a>.

Henkel operates worldwide with leading brands and technologies in three business units: Laundry & Home Care, Beauty Care and Adhesive Technologies. Founded in 1876, Henkel holds globally leading market positions, both in the consumer and in the industrial businesses, with well-known brands such as Persil, Schwarzkopf and Loctite. Henkel employs about 50,000 people and reported sales of 18.1 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of 2.9 billion euros in fiscal 2015. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX.

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