

PRESS RELEASE

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New Steering Committee elected

The Annual Together for Sustainability (TfS) General Assembly was held at the Evonik site in Hanau on 6 April, 2017. The TfS General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the organization. It comprises one CPO representative from each of the 19 TfS member companies, who hold the voting rights in the Association. Rüdiger Eberhard, Chief Procurement Officer of Evonik Industries was re-elected as TfS President in this General Assembly thus his term of office is extended for another two years.

"Our main goal is to increase transparency and to improve sustainability along our supply chains regarding environmental and social standards. Our vision 2020 will advance these improvements and build up a solid foundation for further growth while encouraging new companies to become members of TfS", says Rüdiger Eberhard.

Furthermore a new TfS Steering Committee was elected by the 19 member companies at this year's TfS General Assembly. The Steering Committee is the executive body of the Association and is composed of seven persons from different member companies, including the TfS President. The current Steering Committee is constituted of: Fried-Walter Münstermann (BASF), Thomas Udesen (Bayer), Dirk Jan de With (Covestro); Bertrand Conquéret (Henkel), Erk Thorsten Heyen (Wacker) and Kristian Saksida (Solvay).

TfS' member base has grown steadily since the start of the initiative. Starting with six founding members in 2011, TfS numbered 19 full members in Europe and North America by the end of 2016. Collectively, TfS Members represent € 186 billion in spend (based on published financial reports) and an estimated € 286 billion in turnover.

About Together for Sustainability (TfS)

TfS AISBL is a joint initiative of chemical companies for sustainable supply chains. It was founded in 2011 to develop and implement a global program to assess, audit and improve sustainability practices within the supply chains of the chemical industry. Currently it has 19 member companies worldwide and intends to grow globally. TfS is a partner company of Cefic. The TfS Initiative strives to achieve mutual benefits for both its member companies and their suppliers. In doing so, social and environmental conditions are to be continuously improved for the benefit of all relevant stakeholders, including employees, neighborhoods, local communities and society as a whole. TfS consists of an assessment and an audit process. TfS members can individually and independently apply these processes for their sustainable sourcing activities.

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Rüdiger Eberhard (Evonik)
Bertrand Conquéret (Henkel)

Third row:

Kristian Saksida (Solvay)
Thomas Udesen (Bayer)