

PRESS RELEASE

TfS Membership growth in China and further collaboration with CPCIF

Shanghai — (Feb 21, 2019) — The latest TfS Steering Committee, held in Shanghai on February 21, 2019, has come to a successful close, bringing membership growth for TfS and further cooperation with the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF).

The first TfS Steering Committee meeting held in China was attended by distinguished guests from Wanhua Chemical Group, from CPCIF, Representatives from the Board as well as from Procurement Departments of TfS Member Companies.

TfS welcomed a new member, Wanhua Chemical Group, to the initiative. During the Steering Committee meeting, Wanhua shared their sustainability journey and stated their strong commitment to work with the other members on the joint vision of TfS: to improve sustainability within the chemical industry supply chains.

“We are absolutely delighted to Welcome Wanhua Chemical as TfS’ 23rd Member” says Ruediger Eberhard, TfS President and CPO of Evonik Industries. “The addition of Wanhua to the group of TfS member companies strengthens the TfS initiative and expands our global reach while also creating further momentum for more activities with regard to sustainable supply chains in China.”

Wanhua Vice President, Mr. Guangwu Kou and Wanhua CPO, Mr. Zhaogang Qian introduced the company, their sustainability roadmap and ambition. “Wanhua will try our best to promote TfS together with other members, to improve the sustainability of chemical industry. The way is a long one, but as long as we start, we will arrive. This is a journey, let us depart together!”

Furthermore, the meeting focused on the fruitful collaboration between TfS and CPCIF, which dates back to 2014 and was consolidated through a strategic framework agreement signed between TfS and CPCIF in 2016. The next steps of this collaboration were discussed, resulting in a further drive to keep working jointly to improve sustainability practices in the chemical industry in China and promote TfS to more potential member companies.

Mr. Li Shuosheng mentioned in his speech, “Nowadays, Chinese Economy has already entered a sustainable development phase. At this moment, the cooperation between CPCIF and TfS is an important milestone to enhance sustainable practice and the flexibility of the supply chain in the chemical industry in China. We believe, that not only Wanhua will benefit itself from becoming TfS member but will also help the sustainability development of Chinese chemical industry in total.”

TfS Membership has been steadily growing and expanding globally since the start of the initiative - with the addition of Wanhua, TfS is further strengthened to work towards improving sustainability in the supply chains of the chemical industry globally.

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 23 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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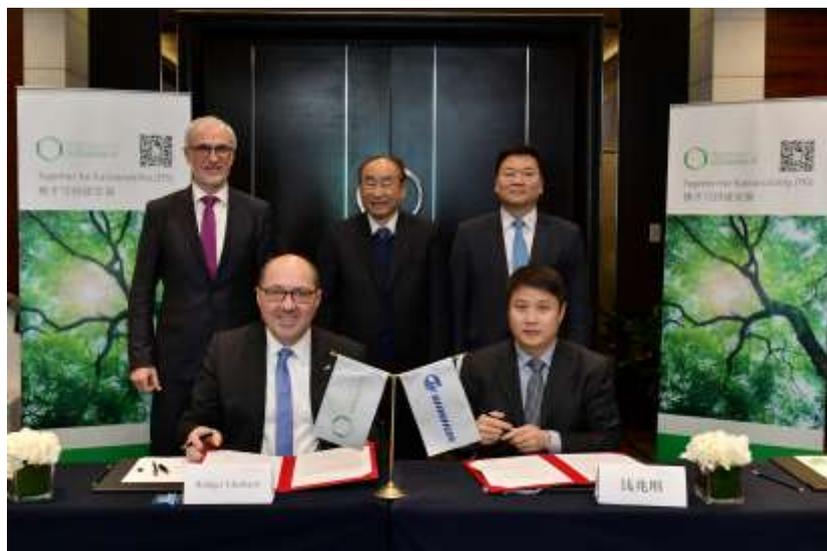
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