

## MEDIA RELEASE



### Chemical industry set to improve its sustainability footprint with companies Azelis SA, Corteve Agriscience and SIKA joining the Together for Sustainability Initiative



From left to right: Maria Almenar (Azelis Group SHEQ Director), Dr Hans Joachim Müller (Azelis Group CEO), Bertrand Conquéret (TfS President), Dr Gabriele Unger (TfS General Manager), Marcos Vazques (SIKA Group Head of Procurement)

Brussels (Belgium), Antwerp (Belgium), Wilmington, Delaware (USA), Baar (Switzerland) – **Together for Sustainability (TfS)** is very pleased to announce that **Azelis SA**, **Corteve Agriscience** and **SIKA AG** have joined the TfS global initiative for sustainable supply chains. The increase of the TfS membership to 25 multinational chemical companies will strengthen TfS' reach and increase its impact on the sustainability performance of the global chemical supply chains.

**TfS President Bertrand Conquéret** says *«I am very proud to welcome three new members to the TfS community. In line with our strategy, the arrival of new companies in the TfS initiative will deliver great additional impact to drive our shared mission of further improving the sustainability practices and processes of our chemical industry's supplying companies. This will not only improve the sustainability performance of our suppliers, mature our member companies' responsible sourcing programs but, most importantly, directly increase the sustainability impact in our supply chains.»*

Given that the results of TfS Audits and TfS Assessments are shared among the TfS members, TfS creates efficiencies and leverages synergies between TfS member companies and their suppliers.

*“We are honoured and excited to join TfS today” says **Dr Hans Joachim Müller, Azelis group CEO.** “As a global distributor, it is our responsibility to be a positive catalyst for change across our network of principals and suppliers. Our commitment to sustainable procurement and sustainable product development needs to encourage global partners to join our journey towards being a global CSR benchmark. The TfS membership will enable us to partner with our suppliers even more effectively, all with the aim of jointly improving CSR standards in the chemical industry.”*

*“Corteva is helping shape the sustainable future of food and agriculture,” says **Craig Reed, Chief Procurement Officer, Corteva Agriscience** “We are delighted to be welcomed as a new TfS member by the Steering Committee. Our alignment with TfS and the members includes our commitment to elevate a global sustainable supply base with best-in-class goods and services and to seek and implement sustainability best practices globally by industry and category. The increased rigor and expectation placed on sustainability practices globally, provides procurement organizations everywhere with a new opportunity for connection with stakeholders and our supply base. The tools and benchmarks available through TfS will assist us to meet company sustainability targets.”*

**Marcos Vazquez, Head of Procurement Sika Group** confirms *“Sustainability is a core element of our growth strategy and procurement plays a key role making sure we select and qualify our vendors according to the highest standards related to sustainability and quality. Joining TfS will allow SIKA to exchange, learn and develop with its members best practices in sustainable procurement and to actively participate in the improvement of sustainability standards within the supply chains of the chemical industry.”*

### **About Together for Sustainability**

TfS, a global, procurement-driven initiative, developed a groundbreaking framework with robust tools – TfS Assessments and TfS Audits – to assess and improve the sustainability performance of chemical companies and their suppliers. TfS delivers the de facto global standard for environmental, social and governance performance of the chemical supply chains. The program is based on the UN Global Compact and Responsible Care® principles. TfS is growing into a global organization with regional representation in Asia, North and South America. Operating as a unique member-driven organization, the TfS member companies shape the future of the chemical industry together.

*Current TfS member companies are AKZONOBEL, ARKEMA, BASF, BAYER, BOREALIS, BRENNTAG, CLARIANT, COVESTRO, DSM, EASTMAN, EVONIK, HENKEL, ICL, IFF, LANXESS, MERCK, SANOFI, SOLVAY, SYNGENTA, UPM, WACKER, and WANHUA.*

TfS member companies represent a global turnover in the chemical industry of € 422 billion and a global spend of € 281 billion.

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## About Azelis

Azelis is a leading distributor of specialty chemicals and food ingredients present in over 50 countries across the globe with around 2,200 employees. Azelis' knowledgeable teams of industry, market and technical experts are each dedicated to a specific market within Life Sciences and Industrial Chemicals. Azelis offer a lateral value chain of complementary products to about 40,000 customers, creating a turnover of €2.15 billion (2019).

Throughout its extensive network of more than 60 application laboratories, its award-winning technical staff help customers develop formulations. Azelis combines a global reach with a local focus to offer a reliable, integrated service to local customers and attractive business opportunities to principals. And Azelis believes in building and nurturing solid, honest and transparent relationships with our people and partners.

Impact through ideas. Innovation through formulation.

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## About Corteva Agriscience

Corteva Agriscience is a publicly traded, global pure-play agriculture company that provides farmers around the world with the most complete portfolio in the industry - including a balanced and diverse mix of seed, crop protection and digital solutions focused on maximizing productivity to enhance yield and profitability. With some of the most recognized brands in agriculture and an industry-leading product and technology pipeline well positioned to drive growth, the company is committed to working with stakeholders throughout the food system as it fulfills its promise to enrich the lives of those who produce and those who consume, ensuring progress for generations to come. Corteva became an independent public company on June 1, 2019 and was previously the Agriculture Division of DowDuPont. More information can be found at [www.corteva.com](http://www.corteva.com).

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## About SIKA AG

Sika is a specialty chemicals company with a leading position in the development and production of systems and products for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing, and protecting in the building sector and motor vehicle industry. Sika has subsidiaries in 101 countries around the world and manufactures in over 300 factories. Sika employs more than 25,000 people and generated sales of CHF 8.1 billion in fiscal 2019. At the end of 2019 Sika won the Swiss Technology Award for a groundbreaking new adhesive technology.

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