



Sustainability Initiative “Together for Sustainability” (TfS): OQ Chemicals site in Oberhausen successfully audited

Monheim am Rhein, March 24, 2020 – As part of the “Together for Sustainability” (TfS) initiative, OQ Chemicals’ Oberhausen site was audited by independent auditors in January 2021. In the overall rating, OQ Chemicals achieved 96 percent and was thus able to confirm its Gold status with the EcoVadis rating agency. The areas examined included management and environmental aspects, occupational health and safety, employee and human rights, and responsible corporate governance. The industry initiative “Together for Sustainability” (TfS) was founded in 2011 by the chemical industry to uniformly assess, audit, and improve sustainability practices in its global supply chains.

“We are delighted with this excellent result. The on-site audit confirmed that we live the topics we are committed to,” commented Dr. Ina Werxhausen, responsible for sustainability at OQ Chemicals. “Just like in an ISO audit, processes and procedures were intensively examined, e.g., production, supply chain planning, but also purchasing and marketing. In addition to the hard facts, the auditors also took ‘soft’ factors into account. An important component of the TfS audit was the independent survey of employees. For example, working conditions and the topics of health and safety were examined in particular. This contributed to the fact that the overall picture was rated as very positive by the auditors,” she added.

“The TfS sustainability audit has great advantages for everyone. We benefit directly from the findings of the audit. And in keeping with the spirit of sustainable transparency, all participants at TfS can view our audit results. This way, we avoid multiple evaluations by different customers, and we use the resources saved to improve our sustainability practices further,” said Ulrich Latsch, who was in charge of preparing the audit at OQ Chemicals.

About OQ Chemicals

OQ Chemicals (formerly Oxea) is a global manufacturer of oxo intermediates and oxo derivatives, such as alcohols, polyols, carboxylic acids, specialty esters, and amines. These products are used for the production of high-quality coatings, lubricants, cosmetics and pharmaceutical products, flavours and fragrances, printing inks and plastics. OQ Chemicals employs more than 1,400 people worldwide and is part of OQ, an integrated energy company with roots in Oman. OQ emerged in 2019 upon the successful integration of nine legacy companies. Operating in 13 countries, OQ covers the entire value chain in the hydrocarbon sector from exploration and production through to marketing and distribution of its products. OQ sells its fuels and chemicals in over 60 countries worldwide. For more information about OQ Chemicals, visit chemicals.oq.com.

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