



## Netstal's sustainability performance awarded EcoVadis Bronze

**(Näfels, 03.05.2023) Straightaway in the top 17% of companies for special-purpose machinery: Netstal receives the bronze medal from EcoVadis for its sustainability performance to date. In the coming years, the company intends to further increase its sustainability.**

Netstal, a company of the KraussMaffei Group, has achieved bronze status in its first assessment by EcoVadis. The sustainability performance of the mechanical engineering company based in Näfels, Switzerland, is thus rated as "good". EcoVadis is the world's largest provider of sustainability ratings for companies. "This puts us in the top 30% of more than 120,000 companies from all industries assessed to date. This confirms to us that we are on the way to becoming one of the most sustainable companies in our industry," emphasizes Renzo Davatz, CEO at Netstal and member of the Executive Committee of KraussMaffei.

### **CO2 footprint reduced by 80%**

EcoVadis considers 21 sustainability criteria from the areas of environment, labor and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. In the area of environmental protection, Netstal has made considerable progress in recent years. Compared to 2019, the company has reduced its CO2 emissions by 80%. The most important factor was the switch to climate-neutral district heating from the waste incineration plant in Bilten. In the course of this conversion, Netstal also switched the process heat required in production from gas to district heating. "This means we have completely decoupled ourselves from gas. The remaining CO2 emissions are attributable to electricity consumption and the currently operated vehicle fleet. We will further reduce our energy consumption with additional measures," explains Michael Rocholl, Head of Quality and Process Management at Netstal.

In view of global warming with longer dry periods, Netstal's own water consumption plays an equally important role in its sustainability initiative.

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While this was still 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> a decade ago, the flow was reduced to around 75,000 m<sup>3</sup> last year. "In 2023, we want to reduce our consumption to around 60,000 m<sup>3</sup>. We have launched a preliminary study to derive suitable measures," says Michael Rocholl.

In terms of sustainable procurement, Netstal already ranks among the top 7% of all evaluated companies in the special-purpose machinery sector. "By further concretizing our own guidelines, optimized risk assessments, internal training and intensified monitoring, we want to further increase our overall EcoVadis score in the coming years," emphasizes Michael Rocholl.

## **Highest-performance injection molding technology, sustainably manufactured in Switzerland**

By scoring well in its first attempt, Netstal not only demonstrates a great commitment to environmental protection and society, but also strengthens its own future viability. More and more companies expect an EcoVadis rating from their suppliers and take it into account in their purchasing decisions. Renzo Davatz affirms: "We will continue to work on our sustainability. Our customers can be confident that they are always making the best choice with our technologically leading injection molding machines. Not only do they offer the highest performance capability and outstanding energy efficiency, but they are also manufactured in Switzerland to ever higher sustainability standards."

Customers benefit several times over with Netstal: They produce with maximum efficiency on particularly sustainably manufactured machines. This has a positive influence on their own EcoVadis ranking.

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Renzo Davatz and Michael Rocholl are pleased with the bronze status at EcoVadis

Photos and more information can be found at <http://www.netstal.com>

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## About Netstal

The traditional Swiss company Netstal stands internationally for leading high-performance injection molding machines and system solutions. The product portfolio includes Elios and Elion injection molding machines with clamping forces between 800 and 10,000 kN, PET-LINE preform systems for up to 144 cavities, and application-specific turnkey system solutions from a single source. In injection molding machine manufacturing, Netstal is the technology leader with high-performance machines that stand out in the market for their maximum speed, perfect precision and maximum reliability. Strategic application fields are in the packaging and beverage industry as well as in medical technology. With profound knowledge, Netstal supports its customers with further increases in efficiency and actively drives development in the areas of digitalization and circular economy. With 12 regional offices and around 20 independent representatives, Netstal is present all over the world. The Netstal Group employs over 500 people worldwide. The traditional Netstal brand goes back to the founding site of the same name in the canton of Glarus. The headquarters and only production plant have been located in the neighboring town of Näfels since 1961. Netstal is certified to ISO 9001:2015 (quality) and is an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited calibration laboratory. Netstal has been part of the KraussMaffei Group since 1992.

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