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Excellent sustainability 2023 – Würth Industrie Service is committed to conscious business.

Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber-Kreis. Ecological, economic and social. For Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG, sustainability has many facets. Thus, the company has been able to make its mark on the study titled “Excellent Sustainability 2023” published by the F. A. Z. Institute along with the IMWF Institute for Management and Economic Research. Winning the first place in the category “Building materials and building accessories (wholesalers)”, the company has emerged as a future-conscious pioneer and is thus setting important benchmarks for sustainable business.

Due to the global issues such as worsening climate and energy crisis, scarcity of natural resources, ever-shorter economic cycles, increase in world population as well as demographic change and other evident consequences associated with it, the markets are changing and companies are now forced to change their thinking. Through smart solutions, it is not only necessary to compensate for the resulting CO2 footprint, but also to reduce it sustainably. To restrict sustainability only to the environmental aspect is too narrow a way of thinking. When considered as a holistic concept, sustainability includes social commitment as well as sustainable economy. In this light, the study “Excellent Sustainability 2023” analysed and rated around 20,000 companies with the help of Social Listening within the assessment period from 16th July 2022 to 15th July 2023. Here, the focus was on ecology, social issues and economy.

Sustainability is a strategic success factor for Würth Industrie Service. The company is continuously working to act in a more sustainable manner in all areas of entrepreneurial activity and to implement targeted measures globally. Keeping this in mind, a specially created CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) committee combines all the company-wide activities, where operational as well as strategic goals are defined, measures are taken and progress is measured. By publishing its sustainability strategy, the company is able to lend additional transparency to the topic.

Sustainable systems solutions. With certainty.

With its automated supply solutions, the C-Parts expert contributes to a sustainable C-Parts management of the future. Thanks to the RFID Kanban delivery, it is now

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possible to design delivery cycles optimally, tailored to the actual demand and consumption, to shorten the response time as well as to optimise transport and logistics efficiently. The reduction in CO₂e emissions of over 50 percent that can be achieved in real terms emphasises the savings that can be made. The focus is on the reusable Kanban bin itself, and specifically, on the recyclability of the material from which the bins are made. In manufacturing, the company relies on a regranulate that consists of 100% recycled material. In this way, defective bins can be reprocessed into regrind or new regranulate via a grinding process. Approximately one tonne of CO₂ is saved for each tonne of regranulate used, as opposed to new production of the raw material.

Sustainable products. With certainty.

In order to actively contribute to a sustainable use of resources, Würth relies on the ecological product line ECO LINE, among other things. Here, no environmentally hazardous active ingredients, aromatic hydrocarbons and substances that are harmful to the climate are used. As the volatile organic compounds are additionally reduced, the products can be safely used and at the same time, these products are just as effective as conventionally manufactured ones. With its REFILLO® products, the company also enables a safe and judicious use of resources. With the compressed air-based REFILLO® reusable systems used for refilling spray cans, it is possible to avoid the use of propellant gas and reduce the waste volume and thus the resulting disposal costs. Absolutely secure, cost efficient and sustainable!

Greenhouse gas-neutral energy supply. With certainty.

The use of renewable energy instead of fossil fuels is the most sought-after solution on the path to achieving greenhouse gas-neutrality. Even Würth Industrie Service intends to lead by example and not only compensate for the rising CO₂ footprint, but also reduce it sustainably at the Bad Mergentheim location by implementing smart solutions. Several photovoltaic systems with a total output of over 900 kWp and a generation volume of over 800,000 kWh contribute to greenhouse gas-neutral energy supply. Around 300 tonnes of CO₂ emissions can be saved per year. The self-generated electricity fulfils the internal consumption requirement of the company and, in addition to the general demand for electricity, it is used directly in logistics, for example, in order to ensure smooth supply to over 20,000 customers from Germany, Europe and around the world. Apropos logistics: Even when it comes to the linchpin of the company, sustainability plays a significant role. For example, volume reducers help minimise the shipping volume by automatically adjusting cartons to the actual filling height. Not only packaging materials but also the transport volume can thus be significantly reduced.

Sustainable supply chain. With certainty.

When selecting and auditing the suppliers, the experts leave nothing to chance. That is why, in close coordination with the Würth Group, a worldwide network of auditors has been established, which systematically checks, audits and further develops the suppliers on site keeping in mind important criteria such as product quality, environmental hazards, occupational safety and compliance with social standards. This way the company focuses firmly on a sustainable supply chain worldwide.

Sustainable corporate culture. With certainty.

Social and corporate responsibility are the topmost priority for Würth Industrie Service. For instance, as a part of its strong corporate culture, the company invests in a comprehensive and preventive occupational safety and health protection, work-life balance, flexible working hours and locations, equal opportunities and gender equality, diversity, promoting lifelong learning and development as well cooperation and support in work. One thing has always been constant: the focus is on people. This principle is also reflected in the company's social commitment, which especially supports charitable and social institutions, a multitude of projects in art and culture, research and science as well as education.

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Photo 1: Aerial view of Würth Industrial Park.jpg

Caption 1: Würth Industrial Park in Bad Mergentheim

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Photo 2: Photovoltaics.jpg

Caption 2: Würth Industrie Service relies on the use of highly efficient photovoltaic systems for sustainable energy generation.

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Brief profile of Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

Within the Würth Group, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG is responsible for supplying to the industrial sector. Since its foundation in the year 1999, the company is located at Würth Industrial Park in Bad Mergentheim, Germany with over 1,750 employees.

As a one-stop C-Parts provider, the company offers its customers a specialised product range with over 1,400,000 items: from screws and tools to connection and fastening technology, technical chemicals as well as occupational safety solutions. Aside from the extensive standard product range, the strength of the company lies in its customer-specific, logistical and dispositive supply and service concepts as well as special parts. Under the service brand "CPS® – C-Product Service", the company offers modular solutions customised as per the customer's requirements. These consumption-based and demand-based systems streamline the processes for purchase, logistics and quality assurance while enabling the procurement of small parts in a cost-optimised manner. Logistic and dispositive services such as shelving systems that use scanners or a just-in-time supply using Kanban bin systems play a significant role in increasing productivity.