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Clariant joins the chemical industry initiative “Together for Sustainability”

- **Commitment to sustainable procurement and quality standards in the supply chain**
- **Sustainability as an integrated component of the corporate strategy**

Clariant today announces membership in the chemical industry initiative ‘Together for Sustainability’ (TfS), an organization founded in 2011 and aiming at jointly improving sustainability practices within the supply chains of the chemical industry.

Clariant becomes the eighth member in the initiative with AkzoNobel, BASF, Bayer, Evonik Industries, Henkel, Lanxess and Solvay – jointly operating global supplier assessments and audit programs through independent experts. This avoids the need for each of the members to conduct their own programs, by sharing scorecard ratings within the TfS member group on a web-based collaborative platform. Assessing sustainability requirements through the program, it aims at lowering risks in the procurement process but also reduces the burden for suppliers to participate in numerous different programs.

Mathias Lütgendorf, member of Clariant’s Executive Committee, underlined: “Corporate Sustainability is a core element of our corporate strategy. With the TfS membership, we enhance our procurement and supply chain activities into our corporate sustainability strategy”.

“Joining the TfS initiative, Clariant confirms the commitment to sustainability in procurement and to further improve quality standards in our industry supply chain”, added Norbert Merklein, Clariant’s Head of Group Procurement Services. “With TfS, we provide a platform to enhance our supplier selection process, and to guarantee supply and supplier risk management.”

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Clariant is a globally leading specialty chemicals company, based in Muttenz near Basel/Switzerland. On December 31, 2013 the company employed a total workforce of 18,099. In the financial year 2013, Clariant recorded sales of CHF 6.076 billion for its continuing businesses. The company reports in four business areas: Care Chemicals, Catalysis & Energy, Natural Resources, and Plastics & Coatings. Clariant’s corporate strategy is based on four pillars: managing businesses for profitability, research & development and innovation, growth in emerging markets, and repositioning of the portfolio.