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DSM PROMOTES SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY BY JOINING TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABILITY (TfS)

Royal DSM, the global Life Sciences and Materials Sciences Company, has underlined its commitment to sustainable supply chain management by signing up to the Together for Sustainability initiative (TfS) promoting transparency in the supply chain.

Founded in 2011, the purpose of TfS is to develop and implement sustainability practices within the chemical industry's supply chains. DSM joins the ten existing members Akzo Nobel, Arkema, BASF, Bayer, Clariant, Evonik Industries, Henkel, Lanxess, Merck and Solvay, TfS builds on established principles such as the United Nations Global Impact and the Responsible Care Global Charter. The collaborative initiative works on harmonizing assessment and audit quality, and improving efficiency and transparency in supply chain management.

"DSM has carried out its own supplier sustainability program with supplier assessments and audits since 2006" said Tim Tolhurst, DSM's Chief Purchasing Officer "By signing up to TfS, we will further improve the efficiency of our current processes, create transparency around sustainable supply markets, and eventually benefit the whole value chain."

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