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Press release

**ALPLA wants to reduce its carbon footprint by 10 per cent by 2022**

Third sustainability report documents ALPLA’s progress

*Hard, 17 July 2019 – The third sustainability report released by ALPLA, the global specialists in packaging solutions, describes the progress of the company’s sustainable development from 2016 to 2018, which has then been used as a basis for formulating ambitious objectives for 2022.*

ALPLA’s sustainability record for the past three years is very positive: energy consumption (in relation to production volumes) was reduced by 6.6 per cent and consumption of fresh water (in relation to material usage) by 40 per cent. The company even exceeded its target for using recycled materials. The company was also able to reduce its carbon footprint, albeit not as much as planned.

**Think global, act local**

ALPLA operates 178 plants in 46 countries. Of these plants, 72 are ‘in-house’, meaning they are directly part of the customer’s operations. This approach reduces transport routes and therefore carbon emissions. Many plants have implemented sustainability projects. The sustainability report outlines successful examples of such projects in India, Brazil and Portugal.

**Innovations and ambitious objectives**

As an innovation leader, ALPLA can also point to several flagship initiatives in product development, such as the first PET beverage bottle in Austria made entirely of recyclate and the home-compostable coffee capsule. From 2022, the company wants to bring at least three innovations to the market each year.

‘We aim to reduce our carbon footprint by ten per cent by 2022, even with a projected annual growth of three per cent,’ asserts Sustainability Officer Linda Mauksch.

**Circular economy as a success factor**

With its New Plastics Economy Global Commitment, ALPLA has committed to manufacturing 100% recyclable products by 2025 and investing 50 million euros in the expansion of recycling activities. The volume of processed post-consumer recycled materials should rise to 25 per cent of total material usage by this time. The four sites now already deliver 70,000 tonnes of food-grade PET recyclate per year worldwide.

**ALPLA sustainability report 2018:**https://sustainability-report18.alpla.com/

**More information about the company:**www.alpla.com, sustainability.alpla.com

**About ALPLA:**

ALPLA is one of the leading companies involved in plastic packaging. Around 20,800 employees worldwide produce custom-made packaging systems, bottles, closures and moulded parts at 178 sites across 46 countries. The high-quality packaging is used in a wide range of areas, including for food and drinks, cosmetics and care products, household detergents, washing and cleaning agents, pharmaceutical products, engine oils and lubricants.   
ALPLA operates its own recycling plants: PET Recycling Team with a site in both Austria and Poland, and in the form of joint ventures in Mexico and Germany. ALPLA has been cooperating with Texplast (Germany) on PET recycling since July 2018.

**Captions:**

**ALPLA-Nachhaltigkeitsbericht-Screenshot.jpg:** The full version of ALPLA’s third sustainability report is available online.

**ALPLA-Nachhaltigkeitsbericht-Titelbild-Kids.jpg:** ‘Our planet is not recyclable. But the right packaging is.’ The ALPLA Kids, the boys and girls at the company’s crèche in Hard, Austria, are the ‘title heroes’ of ALPLA’s third sustainability report.

**ALPLA-Sustainability Steering Council.jpg:** ALPLA Sustainability Steering Council (from left): Klaus Allgäuer, Linda Mauksch, Hermann Riedlsperger, Rogelio de la Rosa, Nicolas Lehner, Christoph Hoffmann, Hanspeter Hollender, Günther Lehner, Dietmar Marin, Nicole Kocher and Christian Buchgraber.

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