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## **Koehler recognized for its efforts in sustainability with EcoVadis Gold CSR rating**

- **Koehler Paper receives gold medal for its commitment to sustainability issues**
- **Corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts are a powerful indicator in business relationships**
- **With a score of 67%, Koehler is in the top ten percent of all rated companies**

**Oberkirch/Germany, 05/11/2021** – Koehler Paper, part of the Koehler Group, recently underwent its second assessment by EcoVadis, a platform and provider of sustainability ratings. The company not only made a compelling case in terms of meeting sustainability criteria, but also earned a score that was two points higher than in 2019. With this impressive result, Koehler Paper was once again recognized with the EcoVadis gold medal and remained in the top 10 percent of all rated companies.

### **Koehler bets on sustainability and earns the admiration of CSR experts**

“This result confirms, both to us and to our customers, that we are tackling all relevant sustainability issues and are on the right path,” says Koehler Sustainability Manager Jens Kriete. And in order to further reflect this commitment, the company will be releasing a sustainability report for the first time ever this year to describe its approach to sustainability in greater detail. Jens Kriete goes on to add: “The EcoVadis rating will help us fine-tune our sustainability agenda. It’s a reflection of what we’re doing and shows exactly where we are on a solid footing and where we need to make adjustments.”

Within this context, Koehler is particularly effective when it comes to production and raw material procurement. Its products are based on fibers from inspected, certified sustainable sources, and its production processes are efficient and characterized by extremely low emissions. “Our products can help our customers reduce their environmental impact and, after use, are also a raw material that is in high demand for recycling. This is how we’re contributing to improving sustainability all the way from our supply chain, through our production operations, to our products. And EcoVadis has recognized this,” Jens Kriete proudly says.

### **CSR: A powerful indicator in business relationships**

The topic of CSR is becoming increasingly important in the corporate world, and a sustainable direction in business relationships is an extremely important priority for many customers. Koehler’s commitment to its own sustainable development and responsible business processes meets this priority, and has been confirmed with the aforementioned gold medal. Basically put, Koehler and its employees view environmental protection, environmental management, and the efficient use of natural raw materials as a fundamental prerequisite for profitable growth and the well-being of humankind and society.



*Figure: Koehler gets EcoVadis Gold CSR rating. Source: EcoVadis*

### **More about the Koehler Group**

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run to this day. The Group's core area of business is the development and production of high-quality, specialty paper, including thermal paper, playing card board, drink coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and, since 2019, innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry, too. In Germany, the Koehler Group, with its more than 2,000 employees, has five production sites, as well as three more in the USA. The Group operates on an international level, with an export ratio of 70% in 2019 and annual revenue of €900 million.

As an energy-intensive enterprise, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydroelectric power and biomass. The Koehler Group has committed itself to producing more energy from renewable sources than is needed for paper production by 2030.

More information is available here: <https://www.koehler.com>

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