

## News release

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### **AkzoNobel ranked top of DJSI for third year running**

AkzoNobel has been ranked number one on the influential Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for the third consecutive year.

The latest listing, published today, places the company first out of more than 350 companies in the Materials industry group, underlining AkzoNobel's commitment to continuous improvement.

"We are obviously very proud to have retained first place and huge credit must go to all our employees," said AkzoNobel CEO Ton Büchner. "But first and foremost, heading the ranking means we are effectively using the DJSI to continuously improve our sustainability performance so that we are better equipped to provide solutions for the increasing needs of the planet's growing population.

"And we won't be letting up. Sustainability will remain fundamental to our strategy of connecting value creation to resource efficiency, while the DJSI process is an important management tool when it comes to better understanding the changing needs of the global marketplace and helping us to benchmark ourselves against other leading companies."

It's the ninth year running that AkzoNobel has been ranked in the top three and Büchner says the consistent performance underlines AkzoNobel's fierce determination to effectively implement its Planet Possible strategy.

"We have to remain fully focused on further improving our performance so that we can take the next major leap forward on our journey to creating more value from fewer resources," he continued. "The more we innovate and up our game, the more capable we are of meeting our customers' needs."

Widely regarded as the the most respected independent sustainability ranking system, the DJSI World Index benchmarks the sustainability performance of leading companies based on environmental, social and economic performance, including forward-looking indicators.

It assesses various criteria, including supply chain management, operational eco-efficiency, product stewardship, human capital development and occupational health and safety.

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##### **About AkzoNobel:**

AkzoNobel is a leading global paints and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. We supply industries and consumers worldwide with innovative products and are passionate about developing sustainable answers for our customers. Our portfolio includes well-known brands such as Dulux, Sikkens, International and Eka. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we are consistently ranked as one of the leaders in the area of sustainability. With operations in more than 80 countries, our 50,000 people around the world are committed to delivering leading products and technologies to meet the growing demands of our fast-changing world.

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