

Media Release

Clariant again included in Dow Jones Sustainability Index

- **Clariant listed among the top 4 percent in the DJSI**
- **Outstanding performance in economic, environmental and social terms**
- **Intensified commitment on sustainability targets**

Muttenz, September 10, 2015 – Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, today was included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for the third consecutive time. The most renowned sustainability index listed Clariant in both the DJSI Europe and the DJSI World. The analysts at RobecoSAM confirmed that Clariant is among the top 4 percent of companies in the global chemical industry when it comes to the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability. The company achieved best in class scores in the categories Innovation Management, Customer Relationship Management, Operational Eco-efficiency and Environmental Reporting.

“For Clariant, sustainability is a prerequisite for being successful in the mid to long term. It’s an integral part of our corporate strategy and we will further include sustainability in our businesses, combining customer’s needs with own ambitions,” comments CEO Hariolf Kottmann.

“Sustainability is not only our license to operate in the future, it is even more an important element in creating added value for all stakeholders.”

With its Portfolio Value Program, Clariant has developed a comprehensive tool to improve its sustainability performance on all levels in a continuous process, focusing also on further sustainability integration within its business and product development activities. The company recently emphasized its commitment to new sustainability targets, such as sustainable sourcing of palm oil with a focus on traceability, continuous improvement of its product portfolio on all sustainability levels, improvement or replacement of product groups from the portfolio not delivering on the comprehensive sustainability aspects, value chain collaboration, and focusing on all phases of the product life-cycle. Besides its own proactive sustainability approach Clariant has committed to external sustainability initiatives such as the Responsible Care® Global Charter, and the United Nations Global Compact.

“Anchoring sustainability in the company is a continuous process. We have implemented numerous sustainability initiatives over the past few years at all levels of the company, and we will continue this journey systematically in the future. The inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index confirms our efforts,” says Joachim F. Krüger, Senior Vice President, Corporate Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs.

Regarded as one of the world's foremost sustainability indices, the DJSI benchmarks the sustainability performance of leading companies based on environmental, social and economic performance, including forward-looking indicators. It assesses various criteria, including risk and

supply chain management, operational eco-efficiency, product stewardship, human capital development and occupational health and safety.

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Clariant is a globally leading specialty chemicals company, based in Muttenz near Basel/Switzerland. On December 31, 2014 the company employed a total workforce of 17 003. In the financial year 2014, Clariant recorded sales of CHF 6.116 billion for its continuing businesses. The company reports in four business areas: Care Chemicals, Catalysis, Natural Resources, and Plastics & Coatings. Clariant's corporate strategy is based on five pillars: increase profitability, reposition portfolio, add value with sustainability, foster innovation and R&D, and intensify growth.