

Evonik introduces products on the basis of sustainable palm oil for the cosmetics industry

- Offer will be extended continuously
- Certification for further sites scheduled

For the first time, Evonik Industries is offering customers from the cosmetics industry products that have been certified in accordance with the standard of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), for example emulsifiers and consistency enhancers used in creams and lotions. “In doing so, we are making a further important step forward in order to better support our customers in reaching their sustainability targets,” said Dr. Dietmar Moll, Senior Vice President of the Personal Care Business Line. Evonik is one of the leading suppliers of raw materials for the cosmetics industry and uses among other feedstock’s also derivatives of palm oil or palm kernel oil.

Evonik supports the use of sustainable palm oil in the supply chain. Therefore, the company has been an ordinary member of the RSPO since 2010. The aim of this multi-stakeholder association is to promote the plantation and use of sustainable palm oil. Evonik’s first task was to identify and implement respective supply chains. The first Evonik production sites for Personal Care products in Germany became certified according to the RSPO requirements by the end of last year, others will follow. “Our goal is to extend the offer of certified products step by step,” Moll explained.

Furthermore, Evonik’s Personal Care Business Line supports sustainability efforts of cosmetic manufacturers with its communication platform CAREtain®. This platform helps to indicate product related sustainability features like their environmental impact and application properties to enable future-oriented cosmetics.

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Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2013 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €12.7 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

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