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Confiserie Heidel reaches new milestones in sustainability management

Osnabrück, February 1, 2025 Confiserie Heidel has transitioned its entire product range to meet the Rainforest Alliance Standard. The Rainforest Alliance's cocoa certification program is the world's largest initiative for more sustainable cocoa farming. Compliance with the standard, which promotes sustainable agriculture and responsible business practices within the supply chain, is audited annually by an independent certification body. The Rainforest Alliance Standard complements the product-specific certifications of Confiserie Heidel, which also holds the IFS (International Food Standard) seal, Fairtrade certification, the amfori certification for open and sustainable trade and the RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certification for certified palm oil.

In addition to product-specific certifications, Confiserie Heidel was also assessed for sustainability at the management level this year and was awarded the silver medal by EcoVadis. This recognition places Heidel among the top 15% of over 130,000 certified companies. EcoVadis represents another step toward sustainability at Heidel, following the achievement of the ZNU Standard for Sustainable Business last year.

"Sustainability means future viability. That's why, at Windel Group, we invest in comprehensive sustainability activities that cover environmental, economic and social dimensions and are aimed at our stakeholders: customers, suppliers, employees, banks and more. We embody responsible entrepreneurship, innovation and community. Each additional certification underscores that we are on the right path and that we are keeping pace with the ever-growing demands", explains Fred Windel, CEO of Windel Group, to which Confiserie Heidel belongs.

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