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Press Release

Actively protecting our climate

Malsfeld – For the MEDICA 2019, Dr. Schumacher GmbH is paying particular attention to the topic of sustainability next to the mechanical reprocessing of instruments. In doing so, the company, based in rural Malsfeld, is consistently following its aim of responsible management and of actively contributing to climate protection.

At the beginning of 2019, Dr. Schumacher GmbH became the only company in the Schwalm-Eder district to receive the seal of the “Eco-Management and Audit Scheme”, known as EMAS, for the eighth time in a row. With this, the family-owned company was honored for its environmentally friendly and resource-saving working process at its location in Malsfeld-Beiseförth. The EMAS seal is commonly known as one of the most difficult and demanding European environmental certificates. Dr. Schumacher thus commits itself, among other things, to consistently improve its environmental performance. This means to critically examine CO₂ emissions as well as energy and water requirements, waste water and waste quantities. As of 2013, for example, 100 per cent of electricity has been obtained from renewable sources and an energy recovery system has been installed in order to be able to keep the demand for heating oil as low as possible despite the expansion of the location in Malsfeld-Beiseförth. Furthermore, the medium-sized company is improving in terms of waste reduction: although the production volume has increased by almost 35 per cent within the last four years, the waste volume has increased by 5 per cent only. This positive development is mainly due to more effective production processes.

In addition to the EMAS seal, the environmental management system of Dr. Schumacher GmbH fulfills the ISO 14001:2015 standard. Furthermore, certifications according to FSC / PEFC (sustainable forestry) and RSPO (sustainably cultivated palm oil) have repeatedly been maintained successfully.

As a manufacturing company, Dr. Schumacher GmbH considers it its primary task to consistently and sustainably improve both its products and their packaging. This applies to raw materials and packaging as well as to manufacturing and logistics processes. When producing moist toilet paper, for example, the company uses materials which consist of renewable raw materials only, do not clog sewer and sewage systems and do not harm the environment or drinking water.

Despite all measures for optimization, a certain amount of the CO₂ emissions which occur during the manufacturing and delivery of cloth products under the Dr. Schumacher brand cannot be reduced any further. These are balanced by a climate partner project. The company is working together with ClimatePartner, a well known climate protection organization for companies. With its CO₂ balance, Dr. Schumacher GmbH is supporting a drinking water project in Odisha, India.

Wir schützen
Ihre Gesundheit.



Dr. Schumacher GmbH

For over 40 years, Dr. Schumacher GmbH has been one of the leading developers and manufacturers of innovative products for disinfection, hygiene, cleaning, care and cosmetics - in the medical, non-medical and consumer sectors. The family-owned company based in Malsfeld, North Hesse, produces both under its own brand and on behalf of well-known brand manufacturers, retail chains and industrial companies as a private label/OEM manufacturer. Its customers include large drugstore chains, discounters and retail chains in Germany, as well as well-known international brand manufacturers. More than 1,850 employees at nine locations work to ensure that all customers are reliably supplied with goods. As one of the largest manufacturers of dry and wet wipes in Europe, Dr. Schumacher GmbH has its own production of disinfection wipe systems and wet wipes. A network of distribution partners in around 70 countries underlines the international orientation of the hygiene expert.

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