

Press release

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Corona pandemic: Südzucker fulfils its supply mandate

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In many countries, the corona pandemic has brought public life to a standstill; Südzucker Group has also consistently switched to crisis mode. The group and the individual group companies have taken measures to ensure that production and administration are functioning properly and that the health of employees is protected.

"As a producer of food and animal feed, we are part of the 'critical infrastructure' that receives special support from politics and administration to ensure that people in many countries continue to be supplied with food," says Dr Niels Pörksen, chairman of the executive board of Südzucker AG. "Currently, the supply of our customers is guaranteed despite high demand. The employees of the Südzucker Group are doing everything in their power to maintain our ability to operate and act – we are all aware of our social responsibility in this difficult phase. We thank our employees, our suppliers, farmers, industry and retail customers and consumers for their commitment and pragmatic cooperation in this time of crisis."

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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker, with its sugar, special products, CropEnergies and fruit segments, is one of the most significant food industry companies. In the traditional sugar business, the group is Europe's number one supplier of sugar products, with 23 sugar factories* and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia, and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, consisting of the functional food ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO) division, as well as chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs (PortionPack Europe) and starch divisions, conducts business in high-growth dynamic markets. The CropEnergies segment is responsible for the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. The group's fruit segment operates globally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2018/19, the group employed about 19,200 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.8 billion.

* Number of sugar factories 2020/21 campaign