

Press release

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Südzucker becomes member of the Renewable Carbon Initiative (RCI)

Südzucker AG joined the Renewable Carbon Initiative (RCI) in July 2022. Südzucker's membership underscores the company's ambitions to support an accelerated transformation of the use of fossil carbon to renewable carbon from biomass, carbon dioxide and recycling. At the same time, it gives Südzucker the opportunity to raise the profile of sustainable agriculture in the context of a fossil carbon-free industry.

The chemical industry and many processing industries are facing the challenge of replacing their products with sustainable, bio-based alternatives over the long term. Südzucker Group sees itself as a natural partner to support the industry – where decarbonization is not possible – on the path to defossilization, thus making its contribution to an enjoyable, healthy and more sustainable world.

Whereby, Südzucker Group does not intend to simply be a raw material supplier, but rather to move further up the value chain. Biomass and carbon dioxide, which is among other sources available in high quantities and quality from fermentation processes, are the basis for this.

As a leading integrated group for the development, production and supply of plant-based solutions, Südzucker Group has set itself a direction with its Group Strategy 2026 PLUS, which, among other things, places stronger focus on technology- and market-driven value creation from plant-based materials. "The large-scale processing of agricultural raw materials into high-quality products has always been the basis of the business model. Starting from this core, the company has already successfully expanded and diversified its product portfolio. This path is now to be systematically continued and Südzucker Group is to be established more strongly than before as a partner in the area of biobased chemicals and materials," says Dr. Jens Angermann, head of biobased chemicals in Corporate New Business Development.

The Renewable Carbon Initiative was launched by the Nova Institute and now has more than 40 members, including well-known companies and institutions from all areas of the value chain. For more information: www.renewable-carbon-initiative.com

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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker is a major player in the food industry with its sugar, special products, starch and fruit segments, and Europe's leading ethanol producer with its CropEnergies segment.

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, with its consumer-oriented functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEON), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger) and portion packs (PortionPack Europe), operates in dynamic growth markets. Südzucker's CropEnergies segment is Europe's leading producer of renewable ethanol, with production sites in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. Other products in this segment are protein food and animal feed products as well as biogenic carbon dioxide. The starch segment comprises AGRANA's starch and ethanol activities. 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 2021/22, the group employed about 18.000 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 7.6 billion.