

Press release

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Südzucker successfully issued first sustainability-linked bond with a volume of EUR 400 million

First bond issue under new sustainable financing framework

Südzucker AG successfully issued the first issue under the new "Sustainability-Linked Financing Framework" on 24 October 2022 through its wholly-owned Dutch subsidiary Südzucker International Finance B.V., Oud-Beijerland. With the „sustainability-linked bond" format, Südzucker is committing to the sustainability target anchored in its 2026 Plus strategy.

The non-subordinated bond, which is guaranteed by Südzucker AG, has a volume of EUR 400 million, a term of five years and a coupon of 5.125 percent. The proceeds of the issue will be used for general corporate purposes, including the refinancing of a bond maturing next year.

The placement of the Eurobond was supported by BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank, DZ Bank, LBBW and Unicredit. Further details on the bond and the new "Sustainability-Linked Financing Framework" are available on Südzucker's homepage (www.suedzuckergroup.com/en/investor-relations/bonds).

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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 (BENEO), 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.