

“With a sustainable supply chain management, positive effects for economic, social and environmental points of view will be created”

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Dear business partners,

Customers around the world place their trust in our solutions. NETZSCH has set itself the goal of supplying our customers with particularly innovative, environmentally friendly and sustainable products.

The social, ethical and environmental footprint of our products is also linked to the practices of our business partners. International laws and regulations, such as due diligence, make us partly responsible for non-compliant conduct in our supply chain. Our customers expect us to act responsibly.

In our role as procurement managers at NETZSCH, we need to ensure that our business partners understand the urgency of this matter and share and support our commitment to greater sustainability. As part of our sustainability strategy (Green Growth Target of 3.5% reduction of CO₂ annually, based on 2019 values), we want to promote transparency in the sustainability performance of our business partners and their suppliers.

NETZSCH has chosen EcoVadis to conduct individual sustainability assessments of our suppliers. EcoVadis is a global CSR rating company that conducts its assessments based on international standards. We are writing to you today because the goods or services we buy from you are directly related to our CSR objectives. These are based on 4 key areas:

- Compliance with human rights and environmental aspects as a top priority for action.
- 100% reusable or fully recyclable packaging materials.
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions resulting from transportation (by 3.5% annually)
- Reduction of our energy consumption at all NETZSCH production sites (by 3.5% annually)

We therefore ask you for your active contribution by registering and rating on the EcoVadis platform. You will then receive a sustainability scorecard from EcoVadis, which will provide you with detailed information about your strengths and opportunities for improvement. This is a good starting point for a sustainable, long-term business relationship. Your usual contact at NETZSCH is available to answer any questions you may have about our strategy - and its implications for you.

NETZSCH is a reliable business partner and also takes a pioneering approach to environmental protection and sustainability, so your participation in this program is mandatory. Your evaluation results will be incorporated into our procurement processes and supplier reviews. In addition, we recommend you to view the detailed [videos and documents](#) about the EcoVadis assessment, the EcoVadis terms and conditions, and the costs associated with the program. All this information can be found in this communication package.

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate and participate in this strategic initiative for a more sustainable future. Please also remember to answer the questions on emissions in the EcoVadis questionnaire.

You will receive the invitation link either from us or from EcoVadis. For questions you can also contact the EcoVadis Support directly.

Best Regards,

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