**Press release**

**SÜDPACK’s greenhouse gas reduction targets validated by the SBTi**

**A key milestone in climate protection – in April 2022, SÜDPACK committed to the targets of the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). At the end of 2023, the company submitted its concrete targets to the SBTi for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and for improving its carbon footprint. Two years after signing the Commitment Letter, they were successfully validated in April 2024.**

Climate protection requires consistent action based on the latest findings in climate science. Which is why in its 2030 Sustainability Strategy, the film manufacturer SÜDPACK consolidated an extensive series of measures and initiatives in the NET ZERO central area of action, which aims to reduce harmful emissions in accordance with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The SBTi is a joint initiative of CDP, UNGC, WRI and WWF, and has indicated that, like SÜDPACK, more than 5,000 companies worldwide have already anchored effective climate protection at a corporate level and have defined SBTi targets to be able to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

**The path to greater sustainability**

The submission of the climate targets was preceded at SÜDPACK by a comprehensive analysis of the Corporate Carbon Footprint (CCF) of all production sites and sales offices. The emissions for 2021 and 2022 were recorded and evaluated, and 2021 was set as the base year for measuring progress.

The scope 1 and scope 2 emissions according to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Standard are always taken into account. They cover the direct activities of the company as well as its energy requirements. In addition, SÜDPACK includes part of the scope 3 emissions since these account for approximately 90% of the total emissions for the manufacturer of high-performance films, particularly in the field of purchased goods and end-of-life disposal.

Within the scope of its NET ZERO aim, SÜDPACK has specifically committed itself to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 76% in scope 1 & 2 by 2030. For indirect emissions, a reduction target of 25% has been set for scope 3 in the “purchased goods and services” category. Building on these targets, SÜDPACK is currently developing its CO2e reduction projects, which will be rolled out for the entire company.

**Concrete projects for target achievement**

When it comes to renewable energy, SÜDPACK is already on the home stretch. For example, all German production sites operate using 100% green electricity, part of which is produced by the company’s own PV systems. Rapid progress is also being made in transitioning the product portfolio to sustainable solutions. The focus is primarily on reducing material use and on developing recyclable monomaterials. In the future, special attention will also be paid to emissions when goods are purchased, for example by using granules made from renewable raw materials.

“To evaluate the environmental impact of a film or packaging concept over its entire life cycle, we developed an LCA tool in 2023 that also takes account of recycling options after the use phase,” added Valeska Haux, Vice President Strategic Marketing & Sustainability at SÜDPACK. In the context of a holistic approach, SÜDPACK is also concentrating on mechanical and chemical recycling in order to recycle existing plastics. “Innovation for a better future” is the maxim. “Our commitment to mechanical material management as well as the future-oriented recycling technology from Carboliq is, in our view, more than just an effective contribution to CO2 reduction. It is also an important impetus for a circular economy in the plastics and packaging industry as well as an essential building block in this necessary process of transformation,” highlighted Haux.

**About SÜDPACK**

SÜDPACK is a leading manufacturer of high-performance films and packaging solutions for the food, non-food and medical goods industries and also of customer-specific compounds for technically demanding applications.

The family business, which was founded by Alfred Remmele in 1964, is headquartered in Ochsenhausen. The production sites in Germany, France, Poland, India, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the USA are equipped with cutting-edge plant technology and manufacture to the highest standards, including the capacity to operate under clean room conditions. The global sales and service network ensures a high degree of proximity to the customer and comprehensive application technology support in more than 70 countries.

With its state-of-the-art Development and Application Center at its headquarters in Ochsenhausen, the innovation-oriented company offers its customers an optimal platform for developing individual and tailor-made solutions and also for performing application tests.

SÜDPACK is committed to sustainable development and fulfills its responsibility as an employer and towards society, the environment and its customers. For its sustainable product developments and consistent commitment to a functioning circular economy in the plastics industry, SÜDPACK has received numerous awards. Further information is available at [www.suedpack.com](http://www.suedpack.com)

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