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Alcantara publishes its 13th Annual Sustainability Report

- 13th annual certified Sustainability Report as an act of certified transparency (<https://sustainabilityreport.alcantara.com/>).
- 13 years in a row of Carbon Neutrality certification, by TÜV SÜD, an authoritative independent international certification body.
- 50 Certified and Verified Offsetting projects aimed at producing social and environmental benefits in the poorest and most disadvantaged areas of the world in the past 13 years.
- Introduction of new product line deriving from certified post-consumer recycled polyester, covered by Recycled Claim Standard (RCS) certification.

17 October 2022 - The newly published Alcantara Sustainability Report, now in its 13th year, is prepared on a voluntary basis and a record of fundamental importance as well as an indispensable part of the engagement for the people, suppliers and business partners. It is an act of certified transparency and at the same time a valid self-assessment tool, voluntarily disclosing all initiatives that Alcantara has undertaken and all its plans for the future.

In line with the sustainability and circular economy plans prepared, Alcantara accelerated its serious path towards special versions of material mated with increasing amount of bio-based polymers and post-consumer, certified, recycled polyester.*

The aim of the Company is to progressively increase the use of bio-based and recycled post-consumer polymers while also reducing the consumption of polymers derived from fossil fuels. The special version, deriving from certified post – consumer recycled polyester, is entirely produced by certified and traceable recycled polyester, produced in Europe, through a mechanical process, from post-consumers scraps. Recycled polymers, are obtained from recycling waste material, thus

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preventing the plastic being sent to landfill, incinerated, or discharged into the ocean, giving non-biodegradable materials a second life.

For this special version, Alcantara has obtained from ICEA the Recycled Claim Standard (RCS) certification, an international standard that set requirements for third-party certification of recycled input and chain of custody.

The report, personalized using such a special version of Alcantara material, shows all initiatives of the company with a fact-based approach, certifying each one of its steps towards sustainability while seeking maximum transparency and staying away from any possible declarations.

In fact, Alcantara was the first Italian industrial company, and among the very few in the world, to achieve Carbon Neutral status, since 2009, certified by TÜV SÜD. With the 'cradle-to-grave' approach that defines and summarizes the action Alcantara designed to manage the fight against climate change; the Company, in fact, measures all CO₂ emissions including every phase of product life cycle, from raw materials to the production process, up to the use and end of life, putting in place measures for their reduction and offsetting the residual emissions.

The Certified and Verified Offsetting Projects Alcantara participates in, to offset its residual emissions, are all aimed at expanding the use of the renewable energy resources and producing social and environmental benefits, improving social conditions in the poorest and most disadvantaged areas of the world, while avoiding or removing greenhouse gases emissions. In the past 13 years, in particular, Alcantara supported a total of 50 projects (e.g. hydroelectric, photovoltaic, wind power, biomass) in more than 20 different countries (e.g. India, Uganda, Turkey, Ghana).

For the Fiscal Year 2022, the offset emissions amounted to 42,461 tons of CO₂ emissions, while the company was able to avoid 15,272 tons of CO₂ thanks to cogeneration and trigeneration plants.

Moreover, 49% of waste are allocated for recovery and 419,000 m³ of industrial water at the plant are retaken.

„We wish to underline that sustainability is the most critical issue of our times. That's why it is a core value deeply rooted in our corporate culture and an important growth driver of our business strategy development. Sustainability is a purpose that should be embraced on a global scale: there is no other way”, declares Andrea Boragno, Chairman and CEO of Alcantara S.p.A. in the Chairman's Letter to Stakeholders in the 2022 Sustainability Report.

*The actual content of partially bio-based polyester and/or recycled polyester is indicated in the technical specifications of each product and is documented by internal evidences.

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