

Press release

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Bucher Industries thinks and acts for the long term

Bucher Industries develops and manufactures machinery and equipment which combine long service life with high energy efficiency. Consciously making responsible use of natural resources is part of the business activities. The Sustainability Report 2016 published today describes the Group's sustainability strategy and how it is put into practice in daily business.

Success thanks to long-term perspective For 210 years Bucher Industries' success has been built on a corporate strategy with long-term orientation. The Group develops and manufactures acclaimed economical, state-of-the-art and environmentally sustainable machinery and equipment. The objective in defining a sustainability strategy is to ensure that this long-term perspective remains an active element of the core business of Bucher Industries in the future.

Sustainability strategy As part of its sustainability strategy the Group was already working with stakeholder groups such as employees, customers and shareholder representatives in 2015 to define various key topics as focal points in the area of sustainability. On this basis, four key issues were identified in 2016 as priorities for the core business. Specific sustainability goals for 2017 and 2018 were derived from the key issues.

Sustainability goals The Group and divisions attach great importance to the Code of Conduct. At Group level, prevention of corruption and compliance with competition laws have been targets for many years now. The divisions concentrate on goals in two of the following three priority areas:

- Customer health and safety
- Impact of our machinery and systems on the environment
- Attracting and retaining diverse and highly qualified employees

The concrete activities and objectives of the Group and divisions are detailed in the attached Sustainability Report 2016.

Sustainability embedded in core business Aspects of sustainability are taken into account in product development, infrastructure, and purchasing, as well as with regard to the general behaviour of employees. Kuhn Group, for example, as a manufacturer of agricultural sprayers for crop protection, focuses on responsible use of protectants. New technology leads to a nine-fold reduction of section overlap, thus preserving crops, soil and groundwater. The efficiency of the valves that Bucher Hydraulics integrates into electrically powered farm loaders effectively extends the vehicles' operating time. Bucher Municipal transformed the sweeper market with a vehicle that operates with zero CO₂ emissions and saves energy. As a manufacturer of glass-forming and inspection machinery, Bucher Emhart Glass focused on transferring its employees' expertise to younger colleagues. Bucher Unipektin, a business unit of the Bucher Specials division, invested in improved safety for customers operating its fruit juice processing equipment.

Sustainability Report 2016



The Sustainability Report 2016 can be accessed via the following links or the Bucher Industries website. It shows how aspects of sustainability are put into practice in the Group's day-to-day business:

- [Sustainability Report 2016](#)
- [Sustainability stories](#)

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