

Doing Good Together

Sustainability edition

Dutch Companies in Brazil

Doing Green Together

This month, a special content from our Dutch companies in Brazil on Sustainability. Let's have a look on their "green" initiatives and how we keep doing good together caring for our environment.

Because it feels good when doing good together!



Boskalis

Innovations for Sustainability



"Sustainability and ecology play an important role in all Boskalis activities. We try to reduce our carbon footprint and protect local ecosystems on every project. We use the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations to guide us. The UN goals are designed to preserve the world for future generations and, here at Boskalis, we want to make a meaningful contribution.

We have developed numerous innovative applications, for example in the field of Building with Nature and Building with Soft Materials, but also for transplanting coral and seagrass. We are continuing to look for creative ways of establishing the conditions where nature can do its job. That often cuts both ways because many ecological innovations allow us to execute projects that wouldn't be possible otherwise: government agencies will grant permits only for projects if environmental risks are properly mitigated or accounted for, and clients will be able to get funding for projects if they meet certain sustainability requirements.

If we can develop an alternative approach for a potential client that is sustainable, we create a win-win situation." says Sander Steenbrink, General Manager Research & Development at Boskalis.



DSM

The sustainability of vitamin E



In being committed with society to the development of innovative solutions for nutrition, health and sustainable life, Royal DSM's purpose is to assure brighter lives for everyone, which includes its responsibility to the environment to further reduce CO₂ emissions through initiatives that bolster both our planet's and humanity's sustainability.

One of the clearest examples of this commitment is its production of vitamin E. According to internal data and the official calculator developed by the USA's Environmental Protection Agency, 100 tons of vitamin E sold by DSM can prevent 3.200 tons of CO₂ emissions, which is the equivalent to all the carbon dioxide sequestered by 82.000 tree seedlings grown for 10 years. The company has the smallest carbon footprint in the production process of this ingredient, providing a 23% reduction in the emissions of CO₂ into the environment when compared to the market. It is worth stressing the reduction of up to 85% in the emission of particulate matter and dust in the air, as well as 60% less renewable energy used in the development process, so contributing to a lower environmental impact.

Vitamin E's versatility is enormous, and it is widely used in the Personal Care industry, with 40% of all skin products containing the active ingredient, as it has proven antioxidant effects in improving moisture and strengthening the skin's barrier.



FrieslandCampina

Sustainability and cooperative thinking is in their DNA



FrieslandCampina is an almost 150 years old cooperative of farmers. Their span of control includes the entire dairy chain from grass to glass. This gives them an unique position to work on key sustainability themes within their own organization, such as their Carbon Footprint, Biodiversity, Clean Water and Energy, Animal Health & Welfare and Better Nutrition.

Their first and main priority is to feed the growing global population with healthy nutrients, however, delivering nutritional solutions can have an impact on the environment, which is why they have made the following as their core priorities:

- Reducing their GHG emissions is central to their sustainability programme and they are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2050, including a 2.4% reduction per year in CO₂ emissions – the most ambitious target in the industry;
- Sustainable sourcing: to ensure that they are minimizing their impact on the environment throughout their entire supply chain;
- Cooperative sustainability: They are also working alongside key industry players to help them achieve their goals, but also to support their customers' sustainability goals. Their supply chain includes companies and people downstream of them, of course.



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