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### **Climate protection confirmed: SBTi validates Group greenhouse gas reduction targets**

- Validation at overall Salzgitter AG Group level
- Net zero by 2050 at the latest
- Ambitious plan with decarbonization measures adopted

**Dortmund, August 12, 2024 – Binding targets for and holistic commitment to climate protection: together with Group parent Salzgitter AG the KHS Group pledges to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. The results of the now completed validation by the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) confirm that the Dortmund systems supplier is on the right course.**

The independent climate protection organization SBTi develops standards, tools and guidelines which enable companies to set concrete greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. These are transparently validated in a recognized audit procedure. At the end of last year, together with all other Salzgitter AG companies and through the overall Group KHS submitted binding short-term and long-term targets for science-based CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. The results that are also based on the Paris Climate Agreement and are in accordance with the 1.5°C target have now been validated by the SBTi. Compared to base year 2021, in the short term the KHS Group will cut its greenhouse gas emissions generated directly by combustion (scope 1) and indirectly by the use of purchased electricity (scope 2) by around 36% at all of its sites by 2028. Furthermore, in the same period the greenhouse gas

emissions from the company's upstream and downstream value chain (scope 3) will be lowered by 20%. "Alongside the long-term and science-based Group target of net zero by 2050 at the latest, our short-term goals for 2028, approved by the SBTi, are just as ambitious, as important measures such as the switch to green electricity at our German plants were already fully implemented before base year 2021. We're now concentrating on further energy efficiency measures and our international facilities. These act within very different energy markets," explains Kai Acker, CEO of KHS GmbH.

### **KHS adopts ambitious plan**

"We only have a few years in which to achieve our intermediate goal," Acker continues. "We thus put the time up until validation to good use and have adopted a number of specific decarbonization measures. The first steps will now be initiated in the near future. Our ambitious plan is both an incentive and an obligation. We're also showing our customers that we act responsibly and with transparency when it comes to protecting our climate," Acker concludes.

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The results of validation by the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) are now known: together with Group parent Salzgitter AG the KHS Group pledges to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **Kai Acker** (source: Frank Reinhold)

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### About the KHS Group

The KHS Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of filling and packaging systems for the beverage and liquid food industries. Besides the parent company (KHS GmbH) the group includes various subsidiaries outside Germany, with production sites in Ahmedabad (India), Waukesha (USA), Zinacantepec (Mexico), São Paulo (Brazil) and Kunshan (China). It also operates numerous sales and service centers worldwide. KHS manufactures modern filling and packaging systems for the high-capacity range at its headquarters in Dortmund, Germany, and at its factories in Bad Kreuznach, Kleve, Worms and Hamburg. The KHS Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of the SDAX-listed Salzgitter AG corporation. In 2023 the KHS Group and its 5,400 employees achieved a turnover of around €1.517 billion.

### About the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

The Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a climate protection organization that enables companies and financial institutions worldwide to play their part in combating the climate crisis. It develops standards, tools and guidelines which enable companies to set greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that meet requirements and are necessary to limit the global rise in temperature to 1.5°C. The SBTi is a charitable organization with a subsidiary that hosts its target validation services. Its partners are CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the We Mean Business Coalition, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

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