

Press release

Liebherr's domestic appliances division publishes its third Corporate Responsibility Report

As a family business operating around the world, Liebherr has a great responsibility towards society and the environment. On 102 pages, the 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report documents the responsible and sustainable action of the domestic appliances division.

Ochsenhausen (Germany), 10th November 2020 – The third Corporate Responsibility Report, published in 2019, documents the activities, performance, progress and goals of the domestic appliances division with regard to sustainable economic, ecological and social development. The report was prepared in orientation on the international guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). It records activities at the division's three European plants in Ochsenhausen, Germany, in Lienz, Austria, and in Radinovo, Bulgaria, for the years 2018 and 2019.

For the first time, the domestic appliances division's report highlights its contribution to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The domestic appliances division is able to make a significant contribution to eight of these SDGs and has set itself the goal to increase these contributions in the coming years together with its stakeholders. It makes particularly significant contributions towards goals numbers 12 (sustainable consumption and production), 11 (sustainable cities and municipalities) and 13 (climate protection measures).

The domestic appliances division and its products further reduce CO₂ emissions

Climate protection is one of the most urgent problems of our time, as emphasised by the European Union's "Green Deal" with its target of climate neutrality by 2050. The domestic appliances division has set itself ambitious goals and already achieved a great deal. For example, it has reduced CO₂ emissions at its European sites by more than 60 percent in the last two years. From 2022, green electricity will be used at all European production sites. This will cut CO₂ emissions by around 80 percent compared to 2017. The plan is to achieve climate neutrality in Scopes 1 and 2 at the European production sites by 2030 at the latest.

If we consider the ecological footprint of a highly energy-efficient refrigerator-freezer over its entire service life (materials used, production, use, recycling), two thirds of the emissions are generated while it is in use. For less energy-efficient appliances this proportion is significantly higher. The energy efficiency of appliances therefore offers the greatest leverage for effectively contributing to climate protection. By consistently using modern and resource-efficient technologies, Liebherr has ensured that 88 percent of its domestic appliances are in the top energy efficiency classes A+++ and A++.

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. In combination with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, it sets the course for a global transition towards sustainable and low-emission living and economic practices. For the domestic appliances division, it is clear that businesses and industry must make a decisive contribution to implementing the sustainability agenda – this is the only way we can create the basis for a society worth living in.

The 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report and the 2019 Corporate Responsibility Fact Sheet can be downloaded from the Liebherr domestic appliances website: home.liebherr.com > Why Liebherr? > Good Reasons > A focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility

About Liebherr-Hausgeräte GmbH

Liebherr-Hausgeräte GmbH is one of eleven divisional controlling companies of the Liebherr Group. The domestic appliances division employs more than 6,200 staff and develops and produces a wide range of high-quality fridges and freezers for the household and commercial sectors at its headquarters in Ochsenhausen (Germany) and in Lienz (Austria), Marica (Bulgaria), Kluang (Malaysia) and Aurangabad (India).

About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-owned technology company with a broad and diverse range of products. The company is one of the biggest manufacturers of construction equipment in the world, but also offers high-quality, user-oriented products and services in many other areas. Today, the corporate group comprises over 140 companies on all continents and employs more than 48,000 staff members, and in 2019 generated consolidated total sales of over €11.7 billion. Since it was established in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in southern Germany, Liebherr's goal has been to win over its customers with sophisticated solutions and contributing to technological progress.

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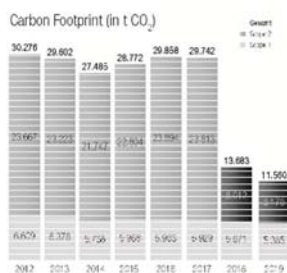
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For Liebherr-Appliances a trusting relationship with business partners is the base for long-term cooperation.



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In the last two years, CO₂ emissions at the European production sites have been reduced by almost two thirds (62%). The customer centre of Liebherr-Hausgeräte GmbH at the Ochsenhausen site is also powered by green electricity.



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Liebherr-Appliances has continuously reduced its CO₂ emissions in recent years. According to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Scope 1 refers to direct CO₂ emissions, e.g. from fossil fuels, and Scope 2 to indirect CO₂ emissions, e.g. from purchased electricity.

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