ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

In 2017, we announced a new set of environmental sustainability goals to help position our company to succeed in an increasingly resource-constrained world.

DESIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

GREEN & SUSTAINABLE SCIENCE

By 2020, at least 90% of our new human health active pharmaceutical ingredient processes will meet internal sustainability targets at launch.

2017 PROGRESS On track

PACKAGING

100% of the packaging for our new human health products will be reviewed for environmental impact and improvement.

2017 PROGRESS 100%

WATER

By 2020, we will develop water conservation plans for sites in “high water risk” locations.

2017 PROGRESS On track

By 2025, we will maintain global water use at or below 2019 levels.

2017 PROGRESS 4.4 million cubic meters below 2015 levels (18% reduction)

2015 2025

2017 PROGRESS

CLIMATE

GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS

By 2025, we will reduce global Scope 1 and market-based Scope 2 GHG emissions by at least 40% from 2015 levels.

2017 PROGRESS 13% reduction

2015 2025

2017 PROGRESS

RENEWABLE ENERGY

By 2025, at least 50% of our purchased electricity will come from renewable sources.

By 2040, 100% of our purchased electricity will come from renewable sources.

2017 PROGRESS 4.9%

1. We have defined “purchased electricity” as electricity sourced from external suppliers, as well as renewable electricity that was generated and utilized on-site where we retained the renewable attributes or where we have obtained renewable attributes through contract.

SUPPLY CHAIN

By 2018, we will collect GHG emissions and water use data from at least 90% of our strategic suppliers with the highest environmental impact.

2017 PROGRESS On track

By 2020, we will engage with those suppliers and request them to identify GHG emission and water use reduction opportunities.

2017 PROGRESS On track

By 2025, at least 90% of our strategic suppliers with the highest environmental impact will set their own GHG emission and water use reduction targets.

2017 PROGRESS On track

2015 2025

2018 2020 2025

2017 PROGRESS

WASTE

By 2025, 20% or less of our global operational waste will be sent to landfills and incinerators.

2017 PROGRESS 29%

By 2025, at least 50% of sites will send zero waste to landfill.

2017 PROGRESS 42%
FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT

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