



## Summary of Company

Société des Eaux de Volvic® (SEV) is a subsidiary of Danone S.A., a global food & beverage company with the mission of bringing health through food to as many people as possible.

SEV manufactures Volvic® mineral water, which comes from Auvergne, a region in France at the heart of the Chaîne des Puys-Limagne Fault that is recorded in the 2018 UNESCO World Heritage Natural list.

### **Société des Eaux de Volvic® (SEV) practices**

#### Water Access

Volvic® owns the land in the immediate proximity of its water source. Volvic® mineral water comes from Auvergne, a region in France known for its volcanic geology with the Chaîne de Puys Limagne Fault.

Companies working in the natural mineral water sector in France are required by law to pay taxes based on the volume drawn from the ground, in order to be able to access the water resource. Pursuant to French regulations, the proceeds of these taxes go both to the local municipalities and to the state. Volvic® mineral water's bottling site complies fully with this requirement.

#### Sustainable Usage

Volvic® is committed to operating in a sustainable way and always seeks to take action to protect the environment. Volvic® carefully respects the natural water cycle, never collecting more than what nature replenishes in accordance with European and French regulations, in order to preserve the resource and its unique volcanic composition. 100% of Volvic® mineral water volume comes from several natural spring boreholes, where expert hydrogeologists play a key role in operating sustainable management of the resources and report directly to the French authorities.

Volvic® uses Danone's proprietary SPRING (Sustainable Protection and Resource ManagING) evaluation method, which is designed to optimally manage the water resource. In their most recent SPRING report, Volvic®'s facilities scored 96%, with the goal of achieving 98% by 2023.

Volvic® engagement with the planet goes further than the preservation of the water source. In order to reduce their carbon footprint throughout the bottle life cycle, they are increasing recycled materials rate in their packaging and switching to 100% renewable energy in their plain water bottling site in 2020.

In 2006, Volvic® created a public-private partnership with four municipalities from the catchment area and local stakeholders, called the Environmental Committee for the Protection of the Impluvium of Volvic® (CEPIV). CEPIV's mission is to implement actions that reconcile local development and the preservation of the catchment area and biodiversity and to protect and maintain the ecology of the waterways.

## Waste Management

In terms of product packaging, Volvic® uses a combination of virgin plastic and recycled plastic (rPET)<sup>1</sup> across its various bottles. By using PET and/or rPET, they preserve the qualities of Volvic® mineral water from source to consumer. Since 1992 every Volvic bottle has been made from material that is 100% recyclable.

Volvic® is committed to accelerating the transition to sustainable packaging by defining a roadmap to switch to 100% recycled material across its full range worldwide by 2025. Currently the rPET average across the Volvic® brand is 22%, with plans to increase this to at least 43% by the end of 2020. They also plan to move to 100% recycled material bottles for all small formats of plain water in France and its full range in Germany and Switzerland.

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<sup>1</sup> In Germany, bio-based PET is also used (a bio/plant-sourced in plastic).