

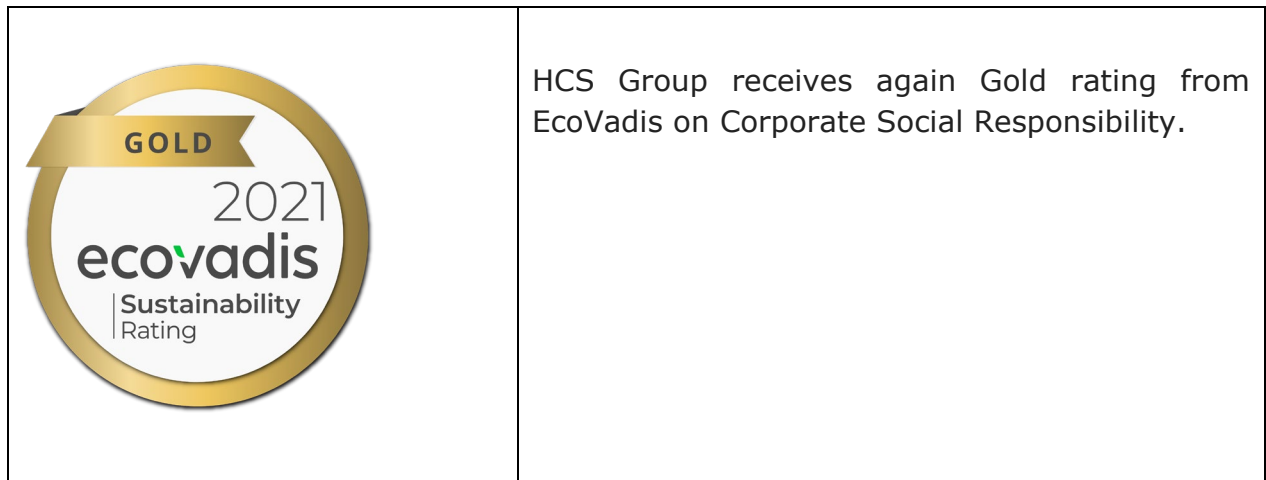
Media Release

HCS Group again receives EcoVadis Gold rating for sustainability

Frankfurt a. M., Germany, May 4 2021 – HCS Group, a leading international supplier of solutions for high-value hydrocarbon specialties, announced today that it has been again awarded Gold status by the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agency EcoVadis. The company enhanced its' previous performance and scored 68 out of 100 possible points, which places HCS Group in the top five percent of all companies assessed by EcoVadis.

“We are very proud that HCS Group has been awarded Gold status by EcoVadis for the second time in succession”, says **Henrik Krüpper, CEO HCS Group**, and adds: “The recognition rewards our strong commitment to sustainable business practices across our value chains and it assures our customers and partners of the continuous improvement measures we take to be a most trustful and responsible global supplier.”

EcoVadis is specialised in assessing the sustainability performance of companies. The methodology is built on international CSR standards including the Global Reporting Initiative, the United Nations Global Compact, and the ISO 26000 covering the four main areas: environment, labour and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. Annually, EcoVadis examines around 75,000 suppliers from 160 countries and 200 purchasing categories.

Photo:**About HCS Group**

HCS Group is a leading international supplier of solutions for high-value hydrocarbon specialties. The Group includes the brands Haltermann Carless, ETS Racing Fuels and EOS. HCS Group has about 500 employees and is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The company belongs to H.I.G. Europe, a subsidiary of the US private equity company H.I.G. Capital. More information: www.h-c-s-group.com

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