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Corporate goal: Savings of 25% of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2030

## PCI Group presents sustainability measures and goals

**Augsburg, 11.04.2023 – As a leading manufacturer of construction chemical products, the PCI Group is aware of its responsibility for the environment. With sustainable construction chemical products, the company contributes to refurbishing buildings in an environmentally friendly way and to making new buildings more durable. As part of its sustainability strategy, the company communicates the current status of its sustainability activities as well as future measures and goals.**

The construction sector, including the construction chemicals industry, is responsible for a large proportion of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. As a leading manufacturer of construction chemical products, the PCI Group with its two brands PCI and THOMSIT is aware of its responsibility. Sustainability has played an important role in the PCI Group since the company was founded and is now an integral part of all company divisions. As early as 1974, for example, the PCI Group launched the first solvent-free primer based on synthetic resins.

A lot has already been achieved since then. In addition to quality, user-friendliness and reliability, the focus in product development and production is particularly on **low-emission products**. The company ensures the greatest possible transparency through certified eco-labels.

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- Around 98% of all THOMSIT products and 82% of PCI products are already very low in emissions and classified with EC1 and/or EC1 PLUS seals in accordance with GEV-EMICODE. Many of the products have also been awarded the "Blue Angel" (German ecolabel).

From the production to the disposal of its products, the PCI Group focuses on **resource conservation** through the use of renewable raw materials and recycling.

- For example, the resin melts in the dispersion adhesives are based on natural tree resin which is harvested virtually "alive".
- The paper for the paper bags used to pack the powder products consists of 100% renewable raw materials from sustainably managed forests.
- Around 84% of the total waste at the sites is physically recycled.
- 200 tons of the plastic packaging consists of 100% recycled material.

The PCI Group is continuously working on **further reducing the CO2 footprint**. Measures already implemented include for example:

- Addition of lightweight fillers: During transport, the low weight of these products results in CO2 savings of up to 33% per square meter of installation area compared to conventional tile adhesives.
- New technologies: The CO2 footprint of the products is reduced thanks to the patent-pending CSA technology. 35% less CO2 emissions are generated during clinker production, partly due to the lower firing temperature of CSA cement compared to conventional Portland cement.
- Reduction of site-to-site traffic and improved logistics. Since the beginning of 2021, these measures have saved around 8,000 tons per year which corresponds to more than 300 truck transports.

All three PCI Group locations in Germany - Augsburg, Hamm and Wittenberg - including the sales department have successfully passed the recertification of the energy management system and thus verifiably meet the requirements of ISO 50001:2018. This is annually monitored by TÜV-Süd (Technical Inspection Association).

The PCI Group also participates in various projects (e.g. as a partner in the climate pact of the Augsburg economy and the Sentinel Haus Institute) or in events such as the Heinze Climate Festival for the turnaround in the construction industry.

### **Further measures**

Sustainability is viewed holistically within the PCI Group in accordance with the ESG approach (Environment, Social, Governance). The company has set up specialist working groups to develop precise goals and other measures as part of a detailed sustainability strategy. The groups have been working on the subjects of product systems, factories, logistics, the working environment and communications for quite a while. In regular meetings, the groups exchange information on the milestones achieved and determine the next steps.

As a leading manufacturer of high-quality construction chemical products, the company's sustainability focus is on "sustainable product systems" and "sustainable factories" - without neglecting other areas.

The subject of "product systems" is dealing with the aim to further increase the proportion of certified low-emission products, to achieve a further reduction in the CO2 footprint of products by means of sustainable production processes and new technologies, to work continuously on more sustainable packaging, and to increase the recycled content and/or recyclability of plastic packaging.

The subject of "factories" is focusing on reducing the CO2 footprint of the sites through efficient energy-saving measures, whether by switching to modern LED lighting, which is reflected in a saving of 50 tons of CO2, or our own photovoltaic system at the Augsburg site (commissioning in autumn 2023). Thanks to this, around 23% of the total electricity consumption at the Augsburg site can be covered by environmentally friendly and sustainable energy.

With these and other measures, the corporate goal is to save 25% of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2030 (compared with 2022) and to further reduce Scope 3 emissions.

You find more information at [pci-augsburg.eu/en/about-us/sustainability](https://pci-augsburg.eu/en/about-us/sustainability) und [thomsit.de/ueber-thomsit/nachhaltigkeit](https://thomsit.de/ueber-thomsit/nachhaltigkeit).

## Images



PCI Group communicates its sustainability strategy ([Link](#) to high-resolution photo)

#### About PCI

*PCI Augsburg GmbH is part of MBCC Group and leader in the tile laying materials sector for specialist firms in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In addition, the company supplies product systems for waterproofing, concrete protection and repair, as well as a complete product range for the flooring sector. The PCI Group employs a staff of about 1,150 in Europe and generated sales of almost €350 million net in 2022. Further information about PCI on the Internet under [www.pci-augsburg.de](http://www.pci-augsburg.de).*

#### About MBCC Group

*The MBCC Group is one of the leading suppliers of construction chemicals and solutions worldwide and has emerged from the carve-out of the former BASF Construction Chemicals business from BASF Group. We offer innovative and sustainable products and solutions for the construction industry across different sectors, such as buildings, structures, underground construction, new construction, as well as for renovation. Our strong brands Master Builders Solutions®, PCI®, Thermotek®, Wolman®, Fire Protectors®, Colorbiotics®, Watson Bowman Acme®, TPH®, Bluey® and Nautec™ are well established in the marketplace. With our innovations, we address sustainability challenges in the industry. MBCC Group consists of approximately 70 legal entities worldwide and is home to around 7,500 construction experts in over 60 countries.*

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