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ESSILOR IN INDIA: MEETING MANUFACTURING NEEDS THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY

In June 2018, Essilor Manufacturing India Limited (EMIL) in Karnataka, India, became the Group's first production site to meet 70% of its energy needs from renewable energy sources thanks to a solar power project.

The “Soura Shakthi” project (Solar Energy in Hindi) began in October 2017 when Essilor set out to reduce its dependency on conventional fossil fuels by increasing its use of renewable energy. A cross-functional team from EMIL worked with government regulators to achieve the different stages required - from an in-depth risk assessment, due diligence to construction and production. The Rays Power Infra Solar Park in Karnataka was inaugurated on July 4th with a “lighting the lamp” ceremony.

EMIL has a strong track record in sustainability achievements, having reduced its energy consumption by 28% per lens produced over the past six years, as well as decrease the amount of water used by over 30%. The “Saura Shakti” initiative will provide 70% of the plant’s total energy requirements through solar power and reduce CO2 emissions by 4,800 metric tonnes per year.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the use of clean energy sources is one of the ways in which manufacturing sites contribute to the Group’s commitments to climate actions and maintaining its position as a low-carbon company. As part of the French Business Climate Pledge, Essilor aims to go further through energy efficiency programs, optimising production and logistics chains and innovating in low-carbon products and services.

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The theme of 2018 World Oceans Day is preventing plastic pollution. Costa Sunglasses has joined forces with Bureo, a company working to prevent discarded fishing nets from polluting oceans and harming marine life. The partnership recycles these discarded nets into sunglass frames.

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