

Essilor enters Dow Jones Sustainability Index

(Charenton-le-Pont, France - September 13, 2016) –Essilor International enters the extra-financial international reference Dow Jones Sustainability Index, World and Europe. This ranks Essilor among the world’s best performing companies in terms of sustainable development.

«We are very proud to be recognized by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for Essilor’s long term commitment to position sustainable development at the heart of everything we do as a business. This commitment to sustainability underlies both our strategy and our mission of improving lives by improving sight » said Hubert Sagnières, CEO of Essilor International.

Entering DJSI places Essilor among the companies considered to be the most sustainable in the «Health Care Equipment & Supplies » sector worldwide, and acknowledges the Company’s continuous efforts in terms of social, societal and environmental responsibility.

Essilor is in particular recognized for its performance in terms of innovation and product quality, combined with the acceleration of its activities to improve access to visual health for underserved populations, namely through its inclusive business and strategic giving initiatives. The Company’s human capital development policy and its environmental approach are further strong assets underlined by DJSI.

With 61,000 employees in 63 countries, nearly 540 production sites on five continents and more than \$2.4 billion (€2 billion) in purchasing, Essilor has a global and diverse “footprint”. The Company’s significant growth in recent years, along with changes in regulations and stakeholders’ expectations, have led Essilor to raise the bar in terms of its corporate and social responsibilities. Its focus is to engage employees and partners worldwide in a continuous improvement approach in areas such as innovation, developing talents, reducing water consumption and aligning suppliers and customers with the Company’s mission.

Issued by RobecoSAM, a mainstream investor integrating sustainability performance into its valuation model, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index is the most well-known index which recognizes the best performing companies in terms of sustainability.

The DJSI index relies on an in-depth analysis of more than 2,500 global quoted companies’ economic, environmental and social performances and assesses such criteria as corporate governance, risk and crisis management, environmental policy, supply chain regulation, working conditions and philanthropic activities.

About Essilor

The world's leading ophthalmic optics company, Essilor designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of lenses to improve and protect eyesight. Its mission is to improve lives by improving sight. To support this mission, Essilor allocates more than €200 million to research and innovation every year, in a commitment to continuously bring new, more effective products to market. Its flagship brands are Varilux[®], Crizal[®], Transitions[®], Eyezen[™], Xperio[®], Foster Grant[®], Bolon[™] and Costa[®]. It also develops and markets equipment, instruments and services for eyecare professionals.

Essilor reported consolidated revenue of more than €6.7 billion in 2015 and employs 61,000 people worldwide. It markets its products in more than 100 countries and has 32 plants, 490 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as five research and development centers around the world. For more information, please visit www.essilor.com.

The Essilor share trades on the Euronext Paris market and is included in the Euro Stoxx 50 and CAC 40 indices.

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