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ABMI members act to tackle climate change as they subscribe to Science Based Targets Initiative and start a Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative

The global warming is posing a serious threat to the very survival of our planet. At ABMI, member companies believe that everyone should play its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, moving away from single use, linear economy model. Therefore, ABMI members decided to subscribe to Science Based Targets Initiative and start a global Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative to ensure Sustainability of the total beverages' machinery supply chain.

"We are convinced that the moment to act is now: actions to prevent climate change effects cannot be delayed any further" says **Sam Strömerstén, President at ABMI**. "The Circular Economy Action Plan issued by the European commission will reduce pressure on natural resources and will create sustainable growth and jobs. As Association of European manufacturers of beverage machinery active in Europe, we feel the need to join forces and align on a common vision of how our industry should promote and advocate the shift to a circular economy. We want to take responsibility on ensuring we reduce our emissions in line with the latest climate science. We also believe that this cannot be decoupled from an in-depth investigation of our total supply chain, with the objective to lead it towards sustainable practices" declares Mr. Sam Strömerstén.

ABMI will issue recommendations to member companies on what to commit to in the contexts of different SBTi scenarios.

ABMI members decided to submit their carbon emission reduction targets to Science Based Targets Initiative.

Every ABMI member will be required to establish a greenhouse gas inventory, under the Association guidance.

Adherence to SBTi is a pivotal step in ABMI members' intention to contribute to Circular Economy communication, establishment and expansion with their know-how and technical solutions. They subscribed a newly defined Sustainability Charta, clearly indicating ABMI members vision and mission, and defined a common glossary encompassing sustainability terms and their meaning.

ABMI has also signed an agreement with EcoVadis to set up s Sustainability Supply Chain Initiative, which consists in assessing the suppliers of the various ABMI members on four sustainability themes: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement.

This will allow all members to enhance the sustainability of their suppliers thanks to the ability to benchmark and offer guidance for improvement.

ABMI members will also be welcome to join EcoVadis global network of over 90,000 rated companies and get rated themselves.

More information about SBTi (Science Based Targets Initiative):

The SBTi is a partnership between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The SBTi call to action is one of the We Mean Business Coalition commitments.

Science-based targets show companies and financial institutions how much and how quickly they need to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to prevent the worst effects of climate change.

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi):

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- Defines and promotes best practice in emissions reductions and net-zero targets in line with climate science.
- Provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies who set science-based targets in line with the latest climate science.
- Brings together a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets.
- The SBTi is the lead partner of the Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign - an urgent call to action from a global coalition of UN agencies, business and industry leaders, mobilizing companies to set net-zero science-based targets in line with a 1.5°C future.

More information about EcoVadis Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative:

EcoVadis has grown to become the world's largest and most trusted provider of business sustainability since the founding in 2007. The EcoVadis sustainability assessment methodology is an evaluation of how well a company has integrated the principles of Sustainability/CSR into their business and management system and is based on seven founding principles. EcoVadis assessments are based on international standards including the United Nations Global Compact, conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the ISO 26000 (social responsibility) standard. More details can be found on [EcoVadis website](#).

More information about ABMI charta:

<https://www.abm-industry.org/sustainability/abmi-charta.html>

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The Association is composed of European manufacturers of beverage machinery active in Europe. The purpose of this Association is to provide an exchange point for communication and cooperation within the manufacturing industry in the areas of quality, security, elaboration of recommendations etc. This will benefit the whole industry and the end consumers.

In essence, the Association's purpose is:

- the promotion of higher quality standards;
- the promotion of security and safety at the workplace;
- the promotion of development and improvement of ecological material and production methods;
- the cooperation with standardization authorities;
- the cooperation with scientific research institutions and the assistance to science and research in the field of the beverage packaging industry for the benefit of consumers and the environment;
- the increased accessibility to safe beverages by more consumers worldwide.

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