



Press Release

Hochland achieves validation of climate targets through the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)

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Hochland Deutschland GmbH achieves science-based validation of CO₂e emissions targets through the Science Based Targets Initiative. This is a milestone for the cheese manufacturer just two years after joining, as the reduction path has been validated by the internationally recognised standard and is in line with the targets of the international Paris Climate Agreement. Hochland's climate targets are to be achieved by 2030.

In November 2020, Hochland Deutschland GmbH, as a subsidiary of the Hochland Group, joined the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) with the commitment to reduce the CO₂e footprint by 2030 to a level that can be proven to limit global warming to as close to 1.5 degrees Celsius as possible compared to pre-industrial levels. At the time of joining, Hochland was the first company in the German dairy industry to do so.

The voluntary commitment to reduce CO₂e emissions is a consistent step for Hochland on the way to decarbonisation. In this context, it is important for sustainability management to systematically control the complex and multi-layered processes. "Joining the SBTi sets ambitious goals for Hochland's sustainable development," says Karsten Roth, Head of Sustainability Management at Hochland Deutschland GmbH. For direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions Scope 1 and 2, the company has set itself the target of reducing 42% in absolute terms by 2030, and 21% per tonne of product sold for Scope 3. The base year in each case is 2020. "With the decision to join, the course was set early on to be a future-oriented and sustainable producer as an international cheese manufacturer. This is becoming increasingly relevant as trading partners and system caterers extend their own climate targets to the supply chain," confirms Volker Brütting, General Manager of Hochland Deutschland GmbH.

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