



News Release

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Sustainable corporate financing: 1.5 billion euros 'green' credit facility

Henkel first German company to conclude a syndicated 'Green Loan'

Düsseldorf – Henkel pursues innovative ways in financing: The company concluded a so called 'Green Loan' – as the first corporate in Germany and as the first company within its sector. The credit facility has a total volume of 1.5 billion euros and replaces the existing 700 million and 800 million revolving credit facilities. It has a maturity of up to seven years. The interest rate of the new credit facility is linked to Henkel's performance in three independent sustainability ratings.

“When reorganizing our syndicated credit lines, we deliberately opted for the concept of the 'green loan'. We are proud to be the first German company concluding a credit facility with its terms linked to the sustainability performance. We are convinced that sustainability is becoming increasingly important for the financial markets and investors,” said Henkel CFO Carsten Knobel. “The agreement underlines our leading position in sustainability and at the same time emphasizes our ambition to improve further our very good rating positions in this area.”

The interest rate of the credit facility will be adjusted according to a change in Henkel's sustainability performance based on the ratings of [Sustainalytics](#), [EcoVadis](#) and [ISS-oekom](#), which are among the leading providers of sustainability assessments globally. The three different sustainability rating agencies were included to ensure a balanced and comprehensive assessment of Henkel's sustainability performance.

A total of 15 national and international banks participated, reflecting the global reach of Henkel's activities. Banco Santander and UniCredit coordinated the transaction and acted as Active Bookrunners. Bank of America, BNP Paribas, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, ING, J.P. Morgan, Royal Bank of Scotland, Société Générale and Standard Chartered Bank acted as Bookrunners. BayernLB, Commerzbank and Goldman Sachs participated as Lead Arrangers.

No further financial details of the transaction were disclosed.

About Henkel

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2017, Henkel reported sales of 20 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 3.5 billion euros. Combined sales of the respective top brands of the three business units – Loctite, Schwarzkopf and Persil – amounted to 6.4 billion euros. Henkel employs more than 53,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose to create sustainable value, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit www.henkel.com.

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