

## Press Release

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# “The Fragrance of Forests” continues sustainably Symrise confirms FSC<sup>®</sup> Chain of Custody certification

- **2021 FSC<sup>®</sup> Chain of Custody audit accomplished successfully**
- **First and only producer in its industry to achieve the certification (FSC-139971)**
- **Reflects renewable and sustainable raw material source for the certified ingredients**
- **Supports growing customer demand for FSC<sup>®</sup> certified products from responsible sources**

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**Symrise continues with its commitments to sustainable development and responsible resource management and has successfully maintained the FSC<sup>®</sup> Chain of Custody certification. The process involves tracing the path of products from forests through the supply chain, verifying that it identifies FSC<sup>®</sup> certified material throughout the supply chain.**

The highly respected certification program FSC<sup>®</sup> has re-evaluated and confirmed the contribution of Symrise to the responsible management of the world's forests. Working closely with FSC<sup>®</sup> for several years, Symrise has dedicated itself to build and maintain a robust framework upon which consumers can feel confident when they are using fragrances and flavors derived from sustainable sources. Confirming the FSC<sup>®</sup> Chain of Custody certification reinforces the achievements of Symrise in its efforts towards transparent and sustainable sourcing based on precise principles and standards.

“We consider it important to set sustainability goals and make commitments. In addition, holding ourselves accountable to those goals advances us and our customers”, says Dr. Norbert Richter, Global President, Aroma Molecules Division. “We have implemented an annual process to review the effectiveness of our sustainability policy, chain of custody and responsible sourcing programs to continually improve the management systems and environmental performance.”

When it comes to product development and manufacturing processes, Symrise focuses on ensuring eco-friendly production, and uses chemicals in an environmentally compatible way to conserve resources, minimize waste, reuse byproducts and develop new packaging solutions. A product sustainability scorecard makes it possible to choose eco-friendly product alternatives and helps avoiding considerable amounts of wastewater each year. These achievements have contributed to the fact that Symrise has become the first company ever to receive an FSC<sup>®</sup> certification for a liquid raw material from pine trees: the raw sulfate turpentine oil, a by-product from the paper industry that goes into numerous fragrant mixtures. Turpentine-based ingredients, such as citronellol, geraniol, dihydromyrcenol or linalool, play a fundamental role in the perfumer's palette.

### **Firmly entrenched sustainability values**

As a responsible company, Symrise shares the same values as the FSC<sup>®</sup> in protecting forests for future generations. “We commit to ensure zero deforestation within our supply chains as well as ethical sourcing of natural raw materials, including those linked to forests”, says Bernhard Kott, Chief Sustainability Officer at Symrise. “We play our part in tackling the global forest challenge by contributing to conservation and sustainable use of forest ecosystems and biodiversity at all relevant scales extending to the whole supply chain.”

By the end of 2020, Symrise had rated 67 % of its main suppliers based on 80 % of purchasing volume according to sustainability criteria. Symrise has also started to increase the proportion of its sustainably-sourced strategic agricultural raw materials to 100 % by 2025.

#### **About The Forest Stewardship Council®**

*FSC works to take care of the forests and those who rely on them: by protecting plant and animal species, Indigenous Peoples rights, forest workers' safety, and much more.*

*It achieves this through FSC certification, ensuring forests around the world are responsibly managed. Since the official birth of FSC in 1994, a lot has been accomplished. Currently, over 190 million hectares of forest are FSC certified, in over 80 countries worldwide.*

*And as part of the FSC Global Strategic Plan 2015-2020, FSC has set itself a bold goal to more than double its share of global forest-based trade to 20 percent.*

<https://www.fsc.org/>

#### **About Symrise:**

*Symrise is a global supplier of fragrances, flavors, food, nutrition and cosmetic ingredients. Its clients include manufacturers of perfumes, cosmetics, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals and producers of nutritional supplements and pet food.*

*Its sales of € 3.5 billion in the 2020 fiscal year make Symrise a leading global provider. Headquartered in Holzminden, Germany, the Group is represented by more than 100 locations in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, the United States and Latin America.*

*Symrise works with its clients to develop new ideas and market-ready concepts for products that form an integral part of everyday life. Economic success and corporate responsibility are inextricably linked as part of this process. Symrise – always inspiring more ...*

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