

World-class sustainability reporting recognition

Our sustainability reporting

We model our world-class sustainability reporting on international standards such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project). Our reporting is recognized by EcoVadis, the leading sustainability rating agency. We have received a Platinum rating, placing us within the top 1% of companies rated by EcoVadis. Through our parent company, Aditya Birla Group, we are involved with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), a place where we can share best practices. Through our reporting we highlight our efforts to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Bending towards circularity

Circular thinking is as important to us as our customers. Although a completely closed loop may not be possible for carbon black, there are areas where we are moving in the direction of circularity. We have aligned with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to assess the circularity of our business by utilizing their Circulytics tool. In 2020, we received our first ever score and feedback from the Circulytics Method to measure our circularity against their three guiding principles:



Find out more at sustainability.birlacarbon.com



Design out waste and pollution



Keep products and materials in use



Regenerate natural systems

Our reporting highlights



EcoVadis

We partner with EcoVadis to screen our critical suppliers, as defined by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) 16949 standard, to ensure sustainable procurement.



GRI

We regularly evaluate the scope and boundaries of our material issues to guarantee our reporting achieves GRI principles of completeness.



CDP

Since FY2015, we have worked with the CDP to disclose our performance on carbon emissions and natural resource use.



WBCSD

To assess the water stress level at each of our manufacturing sites, we've partnered with the WBCSD and the World Resources Institute since FY2015.



UNGC

We are signatories of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), committing to share the positive impact of our business with society.

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Platinum-rated in EcoVadis independent assessment



In FY2022, Birla Carbon was recognized by EcoVadis with a Platinum rating for advanced sustainable practices following Gold ratings for five consecutive years. This recognition confirms Birla Carbon's position as an industry leader in advanced sustainability practices and places us in the top 1% of companies rated by EcoVadis.

Our score on Sustainable Procurement has room for improvement and we are continuing to increase focus on this. However, this score also indicates the improvements that Birla Carbon has achieved as we mature over the years.

We believe that this success has come through dedication, hard work and perseverance; the Gold rating is recognition of the success of our Sustainable Operational Excellence strategy.



We are extremely proud to receive the platinum rating this year by EcoVadis. This is a reflection of our focus on sustainability and Circularity, especially with the launch of Continua™ SCM, our Net Zero aspirations, and the Sustainability Linked Loan, among other sustainability initiatives. A platinum rating is a noteworthy achievement, but it would not be possible without all of our employees' consistent and committed efforts. I want to thank the entire Birla Carbon team for their continuous dedication to our Purpose to 'Share the Strength', for it is through that collaboration we are able to be the preferred partner to our customers, a good neighbor in our communities, and a safe home for our employees.

JOHN LOUDERMILK
Chief Executive Officer

Addressing our FY2022 achievements

Leadership

position in carbon black production capacity

\$81M

in capital investments

52%

of employees receive Code of Ethics training

\$750M

sustainability linked loan secured

71.6%

absolute energy conversion efficiency

100%

of our sites use recycled process water and/or rain water in their operations

67%

of waste produced in our facilities is re-purposed

12

environmental releases

0.52

Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR), an industry-leading achievement

62

Net Promoter Score®, demonstrating our customers' high satisfaction

100%

of our facilities participate in community engagement

1st

Carbon black multinational to receive IATF 16949 certification across all manufacturing sites

