

SOFIDEL FURTHER IMPROVES ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IN THE CARBON DISCLOSURE REPORT 2018

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Porcari (LU), Italy. February 13, 2019 – Sofidel, one of the global leading manufacturers of tissue paper for hygienic and domestic use, has further improved its performance within the CDP Report 2018, a global disclosure system that enables companies, cities, states and regions to measure and manage their environmental impacts. The Group – particularly well-known for its Regina brand – has been **awarded an A-rating in the Climate Change category and an A- rating in the Forests Timber category**, in both cases earning a place in the highest (**Leadership**) scoring echelons of the report.

In its sector, **Paper & Forestry**, Sofidel ranked **among the top businesses in the Climate Change category**, above the sector average at global (C) and European (B-) level, **and among the top businesses in the Forests Timber category**, above the sector average at global (B-) and European (B-) level.

CDP, formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, is an international not-for-profit organisation present in 50 countries providing a global disclosure system that enables companies, cities, states and regions to measure, disclose, manage and share vital environmental information, guaranteeing to investors data that can be used in decision-making processes. CDP serves more than **650 institutional investors** with **US\$ 87 trillion** in assets. In 2018, over 7,000 companies across the world disclosed through CDP. For further information, the report can be consulted at this [link](#).

In 2016, the Sofidel Group had already been awarded **Best Voluntary Responder Italy** by CDP for having obtained the B rating among the businesses that voluntarily participated in the **CDP Italy Climate Change Report 2016** programme, disclosing data and performance regarding action against climate change. In 2017, the Group obtained the B rating in the same Climate Change and Forests Timber categories.

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The Sofidel Group **places strategic importance on sustainability for development and growth**, with the clear aim in sight of reducing to a minimum the impact its business has on the environment and of boosting the benefits it produces for society. The final objective is to **manufacture products with an ever more reduced ecological footprint and at the same time an increasingly high level of efficiency**, which contain ever lower levels of natural capital.

The first Italian manufacturing company and the first tissue paper manufacturer in the world to join the **WWF Climate Savers** project, to date **Sofidel has reduced its direct emissions of CO₂ into the atmosphere by 20.6%** (carbon intensity reduction, 2009-2017) thanks to investments in **energy efficiency**, and to the use of **cogeneration plants** and renewable energy sources. Another fundamental area of action is the **sourcing of certified pulp from independent third parties with forest certification schemes** (FSC®, FSC Controlled Wood, SFI®, PEFC™) which has now reached **100%**.

The Sofidel Group

The Sofidel Group is one of the leading manufacturer of paper for hygienic and domestic use worldwide. Established in 1966, the Group has subsidiaries in 13 countries – Italy, Spain, the UK, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Romania, Turkey and the USA - with more than 6,000 employees, net sales of 1,724 million Euros (2017) and a production capacity of over one million tonnes per year (1,098,000 tonnes in 2017). “Regina”, its most well-known brand, is present on almost all the reference markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalín, Thirst Pockets, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Yumy, Volare, Lycke, Forest, Nicky, Papernet. A member of the UN Global Compact and the international WWF Climate Savers program, the Sofidel Group considers sustainability a strategic factor with regards to growth and is committed to promoting socially and environmentally responsible development.

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