



**Press Release** 

## SOFIDEL HAS RECEIVED CDP AWARD FOR THE BEST NON-LISTED ITALIAN COMPANY FOR ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Carbon Disclosure Project is an international not-for-profit organisation that provides companies and cities with the only global disclosure system for measuring, disclosing, managing and sharing information relating to environmental impact. It serves 827 institutional investors, representing assets in excess of US\$100 trillion.

Sofidel, the tissue paper production Group renowned in Italy above all for its Regina brand, received the award from CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) for **Best Voluntary Responder Italy** during the event **CDP Italy Climate Leadership Awards & Report Launch**, held yesterday in Milan.

The award recognises the Italian company to obtain the highest score among those that participated voluntarily in the **CDP Italy Climate Change Report 2016** programme, disclosing data and performance regarding action against climate change.

The Lucca-based tissue paper manufacturing Group obtained a **B** rating on the basis of parameters including commitment to transparency of disclosed information, the development of relationships based on mutual trust, endeavours to facilitate dialogue and the commitment to action against climate change.

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Thus, Sofidel is once again recognised for its commitment to **environmental sustainability**, considered a **strategic and competitive development lever**.

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As regards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, Sofidel was the first company in the global tissue industry to sign up to the WWF Climate Savers programme. Between **2009 and 2015**, thanks to investments in **energy efficiency**, the use of **cogeneration plants** and renewable energy sources, **the company reduced direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions into the atmosphere by 17.8%**.

As part of the policy of reducing corporate environmental impact, Sofidel also pays **great attention** to safeguarding forest resources, with 99.97% of **cellulose used derived from certified or controlled sources** (FSC, PEFC, SFI), and **to safeguarding water resources**.

The objective is to manufacture products with an increasingly reduced ecological footprint that are nonetheless increasingly effective; products that contain less natural capital, yet offer superior functional qualities.

Porcari (Lucca), 26 October 2016

## 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 5,500 employees, a consolidated turnover of 1,809 million Euros (2015) and a production capacity of over one million tonnes per year (1,058,000 tonnes in 2015). "Regina", its most well-known brand, is present on almost all the reference markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalin, Nouvelle, Thirst Pockets, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Yumy, Soft & Easy, Volare, Onda, Lycke, Nicky, Papernet, Heavenly Soft. A member of UN Global Compact and the international WWF Climate Savers programme, 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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