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L&R: Strong sales growth in regional and international markets a testament to sustainable company management

The L&R Group grew in 2016 by 5.5% and publishes its first sustainability report

Rengsdorf/Vienna, 6 June 2017 – Lohmann & Rauscher International GmbH & Co. KG (L&R Group) is a leading international company specialising in medical devices and hygiene products. With 4,600 employees and 44 corporate subsidiaries around the world, the group achieved annual sales worldwide in 2016 of €589.7 million and grew by 5.5 percent compared to the previous year.

As a solution provider that meets the complex requirements of patient care and treatment, the company develops, manufactures and markets products primarily across three core business areas: wound care / negative pressure therapy, dressings and bandages as well as set systems and hygiene. L&R was formed after the merger of the German and Austrian family businesses Lohmann and Rauscher. The L&R headquarters are now in Rengsdorf and Vienna.

L&R 2015-2016 Sustainability Report

“There is a long tradition of sustainable actions and corporate responsibility in the L&R Group. Based on our brand values and the three pillars of sustainability, we balance commercial success with our responsibility to the environment, our employees and society,” said Wolfgang Süßle, CEO of the L&R Group.

“Although we are not obliged to document our commitment to sustainability, we would like to make transparent to our external and internal target groups and contacts the diverse projects that we systematically implement, in some cases over many years. The L&R Sustainability Report helps to document our commitment to economic, environmental and social sustainability using systematically recorded data,” explained Wolfgang Süßle.

In nine countries and at 12 sites, the company manufactures medical devices for regional and international markets. During product and process development, environmentally

friendly and energy saving considerations are systematically taken into account early on in the process. The environmental goals are defined and reviewed each year: They include reducing fuel consumption, increasing recycling, waste separation and implementing programmes for saving energy.

As a company in the healthcare sector, L&R must operate in accordance with particularly stringent standards and industry regulations. This refers on the one hand to safety aspects for users and patients and on the other hand to environmental aspects such as raw materials, sewage / water, ventilation / air conditioning, energy, environmentally relevant materials and waste / disposal.

Being Active Counts

“Of course L&R complies with all the legal requirements in those markets in which we operate. DIN ISO standards 14001 and 50001 are a high priority for the L&R Group and L&R also undergoes regular reviews as part of audits. The company was awarded the EcoVadis certificate in bronze in 2015, for example,” according to Thomas Menitz, COO and the person responsible for environmental sustainability at L&R.

L&R operates on the basis of the internationally recognised and certified ISO 9001/13485 quality management system. The company works in accordance with defined standards with tested raw materials, purchased parts, components and services. The stringent requirements also apply to suppliers and distributors.

L&R is also committed in the long term to social sustainability. L&R employees are involved in the corporate social responsibility programme, “L&R charity – we connect”, to support projects around the world that link different generations. L&R also collaborates with recognised and globally active aid organisations and regularly donates products for crisis regions.

Lohmann & Rauscher

Lohmann & Rauscher (L&R) is a leading international supplier of high-quality premium medical devices and hygiene products ranging from conventional dressing material to modern treatment and nursing systems. Created in 1998 through the merger of Lohmann (founded in 1851) and Rauscher (founded in 1899), L&R has more than 160 years' expertise as a reliable solution supplier for its customers. With 4,600 employees, 44 corporate subsidiaries and holdings and more than 130 selected partners, the company is active in all of the world's key markets. It generated sales volumes of €589.7 million in 2016. The L&R headquarters are located at the Rengsdorf (Germany) and Vienna (Austria) sites.

Further information on Lohmann & Rauscher (L&R) can be found at:

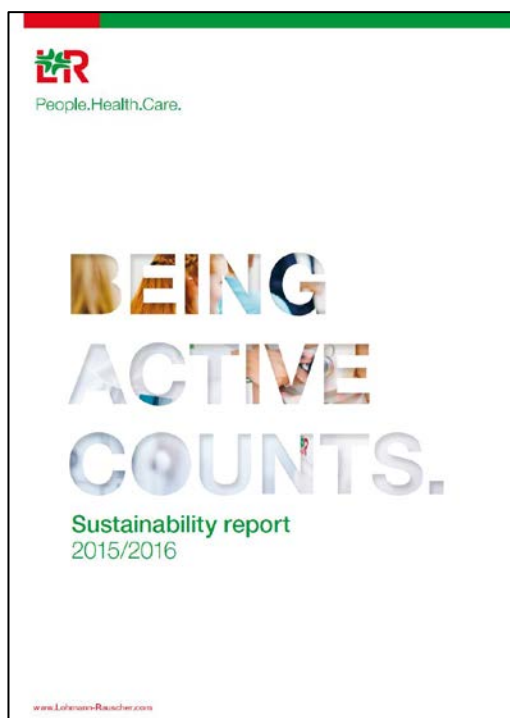
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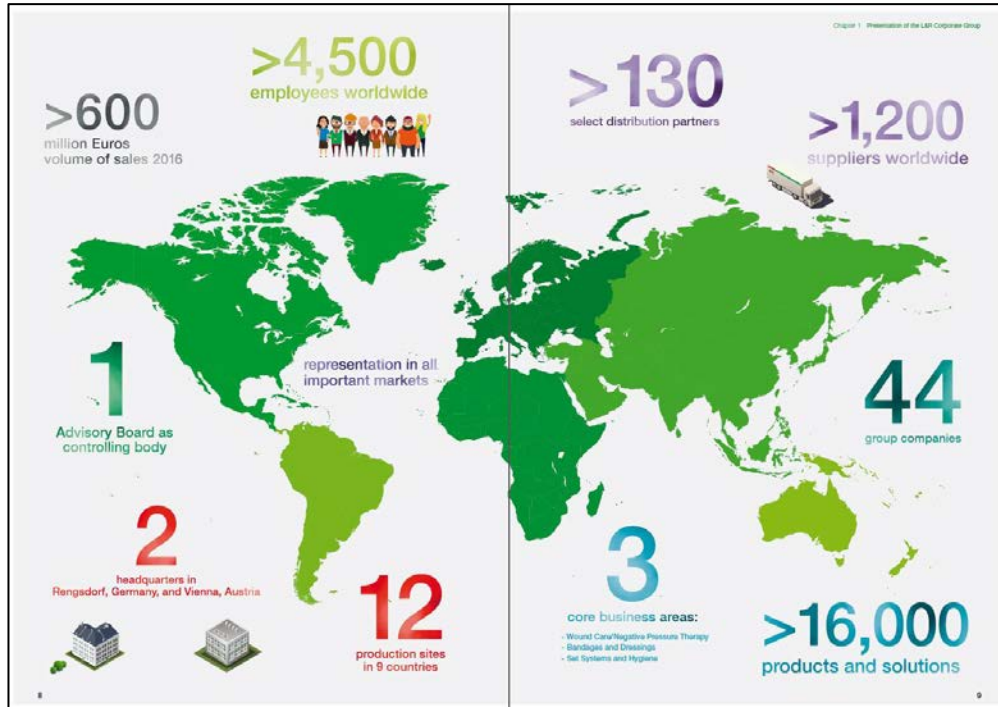
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Caption: “Being Active Counts” – the first sustainability report from the L&R Group.



Caption: Wolfgang Süßle, CEO of the L&R Group.



Caption: The global commitment of the L&R Group to sustainability has been clearly and attractively documented in its Sustainability Report.



Caption: A look inside the first sustainability report published by the L&R Group.