

**Media Release**

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## **Borealis demonstrates commitment to the highest sustainability standards with ISCC PLUS certification for Ecoplast site**

- **Ecoplast site becomes the first ISCC PLUS-certified polyolefin mechanical recycler in Austria**
- **The certification is evidence of Borealis' commitment to upholding the highest sustainability standards**
- **In the spirit of EverMinds™, this represents another step by Borealis towards achieving its ambitious circular economy targets**

Borealis is pleased to announce that its subsidiary [Ecoplast Kunststoffrecycling GmbH](#), a polyolefin mechanical recycler based in Wildon, Austria, has received the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC PLUS). ISCC PLUS is a global certification that covers the entire supply chain, from raw material to final product, guaranteeing compliance with highest standards for ecological and social sustainability, greenhouse gas emissions savings, and traceability. Ecoplast is the first polyolefin mechanical recycler in Austria to gain the certification.

Ecoplast processes around 40,000 tonnes of post-consumer plastic waste from households and industrial consumers every year, turning them into high-quality LDPE and HDPE recyclates, primarily for the plastic film market. It now joins a number of Borealis' European sites that have received the ISCC PLUS accreditation, including Porvoo (Finland), Schwechat (Austria), Kallo and Beringen (Belgium), Stenungsund (Sweden) and Burghausen (Germany).

### **A commitment to the highest sustainability standards**

The certification represents further progress towards the circular transformation of the plastics industry. With demand for circular plastics steadily growing, it provides Borealis' customers even more confidence in the traceability of Ecoplast recyclates, supporting them to meet their sustainability targets.

As Chris McArdle, Borealis Vice President Circular Economy Solutions & New Business Development, explains, "The ISCC PLUS certification is a standard that is well-recognised by all stakeholders. With Ecoplast becoming one of the first ISCC PLUS-certified mechanical recyclers in Europe, complementing its already high safety and quality standards, we're pleased to be able to stay ahead of our customers' demands for high-performance, sustainability-assured circular solutions."

### **Another step towards closing the loop on plastics waste**

Reaffirming Borealis' position as a market leader in circular plastics solutions, the certification will also support Borealis to meet its own ambitious circular economy goals. Mechanical recycling as carried out at the Ecoplast site is a key component of the [circular cascade](#) model, which reflects Borealis' integrated approach to closing the loop on plastic waste.

By 2025, Borealis targets a six-fold increase in its share of circular products and solutions, or 600 kilotons. By 2030, the volume of circular products and solutions is set to reach 1.8 million tons globally, turning today's plastic waste into a valuable resource.

Lucrèce Foufopoulos, Borealis Executive Vice President of Polyolefins, Circular Economy Solutions and Innovation & Technology, comments: "Driving progress on plastics circularity is our number one priority. The certification of our asset park is yet another important step to reshape the plastics ecosystem and, jointly with our clients, reinvent essentials for sustainable living."



Photo: The Ecoplast site becomes the first ISCC PLUS-certified polyolefin mechanical recycler in Austria  
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**About Borealis**

Borealis is one of the world's leading providers of advanced and sustainable polyolefin solutions and a European front-runner in polyolefins recycling. In Europe, we are a market leader in base chemicals and fertilizers. We leverage our polymer expertise and decades of experience to offer value adding, innovative and circular material solutions for key industries such as consumer products, energy, healthcare, infrastructure and mobility.

In re-inventing essentials for sustainable living, we build on our commitment to safety, our people, innovation and technology, and performance excellence. We are accelerating the transformation to a circular economy of polyolefins and expanding our geographical footprint to better serve our customers around the globe.

With head offices in Vienna, Austria, we employ 6,900 employees and operate in over 120 countries. In 2021, we generated total sales of EUR 12.3 billion and a net profit of EUR 1,396 million. OMV, the Austria-based international oil and gas company, owns 75% of our shares, while the remaining 25% is owned by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, or ADNOC, based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). We supply services and products to customers around the globe through Borealis and two important joint ventures: Borouge (with ADNOC, headquartered in the UAE); and Baystar™ (with TotalEnergies, based in the US).  
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**About Borealis EverMinds**

Launched in 2018, EverMinds™ is an umbrella brand uniting the wide range of Borealis activities and initiatives aimed at making plastics more circular. As a dedicated platform, EverMinds promotes a circular mind-set among all Borealis stakeholders. The platform encompasses proprietary Borealis technologies as well as established brands such as Purpolen™ and Dipolen™. It facilitates deeper collaboration between Borealis and its partners in

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order to develop innovative and sustainable polyolefins solutions based on the circular model of recycling, re-use and design for circularity. EverMinds also extends to pioneering corporate programmes such as Project STOP, and engagement in industry initiatives like the the Polyolefins Circular Economy Platform (PCEP), and Project CEFLEX.  
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**About Ecoplast**

Ecoplast Kunststoffrecycling GmbH, which is located in Wildon, Styria/Austria, processes both waste from pre-sorted municipal (household) waste and post-industrial waste into top quality LDPE and HDPE recyclates. Ecoplast became a member of the Borealis Group in August 2018.  
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