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## Dow Named to Dow Jones Sustainability Index for Ninth Time

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The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index recently announced its rating of The Dow Chemical Company as one of the top performers in the global chemical industry - marking the ninth time Dow has received this recognition since the launch of the Index a decade ago.

In addition to improving its rating from last year, Dow achieved the highest scores in the sector for operational eco-efficiency, customer relationship management and environmental reporting. The Company's overall score was 86 percent - 32 percentage points higher than the average for the industry group. Dow was one of 10 chemical companies to be recognized in the World Index.

"We are always honored to be recognized by this premier rating organization, which reinforces to the world the great progress we're making in every operation, geography and business," said Dave Kepler, Dow executive vice president and chief sustainability officer. "As a chemical company, our role is particularly vital to solving world challenges, and external validation like this shows that we are rising to the occasion."

"This recognition reflects the fact that Dow's commitment to smart solutions, innovations for tomorrow, responsible operations, and partnering for change delivers results that are good for business and good for the world," said Neil Hawkins, Dow vice president of sustainability and EH&S. "The listing confirms our leadership in advancing all aspects of sustainability, openly collaborating with customers, suppliers, communities, civil society and governments."

Dow's 2015 Goals offer accountability and transparency for its progress toward solving world challenges. They include sustainable chemistry goals that drive product innovation, targets that address climate change and energy, reducing its own footprint, and protecting human health and the environment. More complete information about Dow's Goals, its most recent public reporting and case studies can be found at [www.dow.com/commitments](http://www.dow.com/commitments).

### About the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index

The Index's annual review is based on a thorough analysis of corporate economic, environmental and social performance, assessing issues such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, climate change mitigation, supply chain standards and labor practices. For more information on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, visit [www.sustainability-indexes.com](http://www.sustainability-indexes.com).

### About Dow

Dow is a diversified chemical company that combines the power of science and technology with the "Human Element" to constantly improve what is essential to human progress. The Company delivers a broad range of products and services to customers in approximately 160 countries, connecting chemistry and innovation with the principles of sustainability to help provide everything from fresh water, food and pharmaceuticals to paints, packaging and personal care products. In 2008, Dow had annual sales of \$57.5 billion and employed approximately 46,000 people worldwide. The Company has 150 manufacturing sites in 35 countries and produces approximately 3,300 products. On April 1, 2009, Dow acquired Rohm and Haas Company, a global specialty materials company with sales of \$10 billion in 2008, 98 manufacturing sites in 30 countries and approximately 15,000 employees worldwide.

References to "Dow" or the "Company" mean The Dow Chemical Company and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise expressly noted. More information about Dow can be found at [www.dow.com](http://www.dow.com).

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