

# Press release

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## Starlinger presents first sustainability report

*The Vienna-based machine manufacturer and world market leader in the field of woven plastic bag production plants has presented the first sustainability report for the year 2022. It provides information about the CSR policy that Starlinger has included in its corporate strategy, and measures the company has already implemented. The sustainability report is available in German and English.*

Starlinger & Co Gesellschaft m.b.H. is an Austrian family company with around 720 employees and 11 branches worldwide. Consisting of the divisions Starlinger textile packaging, Starlinger recycling technology and Starlinger viscotec, the company has an export rate of 99% and generated sales of 356 million euros in the 2021/22 financial year.

Clarissa Graf has been responsible for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Starlinger since 2019. Together with her team, she defines CSR measures and ensures their implementation as part of the corporate strategy. "Starlinger's first sustainability report can be seen as a summary of where we currently stand," explained Graf. "It sets out the CSR policy that we have defined for our company with regard to environment and society, and provides an overview of measures which have already been taken in various areas such as resource and energy management, procurement, training and professional development, or health and safety."

Sustainability has been a topic at Starlinger for decades. The first Starlinger recycling lines were built back in 1987 with the idea of making full use of the production waste in woven bag manufacture. Today, machines for the recycling and refining of a wide range of plastics are managed under separate business units and form an important pillar of the company.

Starlinger applies an economical use of resources and energy efficiency both in the technical development of the systems and in their manufacture. Measures recorded in the Sustainability Report 2022 and already implemented in the company include the use of renewable energies, a waste management system, sustainable procurement from local and regional suppliers, or the reduction of business trips through the increased use of video conferences and VR glasses for remote support in solving technical problems.

Starlinger considers its employees in Austria and abroad as an important basis for the company's success. They are offered attractive jobs with flexible working hours, training and professional development opportunities – in particular the promotion of youth employment through apprenticeship training and holiday internships – as well as regular events that enable employees from all areas of the company to meet and promote good working relationships. In addition to health care – such as regular check-ups by the company doctor or vaccinations – Starlinger also values diversity and inclusion.

In 2020, the company applied for membership of respACT, Austria's leading corporate platform for responsible business. Since March 2022, Starlinger has also been one of the



signatory companies of the UN Global Compact, a global pact between the United Nations and over 16,000 business members who work together for a sustainable future.

Click here for the Starlinger sustainability report in English:  
[www.starlinger.com/Company/CSR/Sustainability\\_Report\\_en](http://www.starlinger.com/Company/CSR/Sustainability_Report_en)

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*Starlinger Sustainability Report 2022.jpg: For decades, sustainability has been an important topic at Starlinger. Already in 1987 the world market leader for woven plastic packaging plants supplied the first recycling lines to reuse the production waste during woven plastic sack production. ©Starlinger*

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**About Starlinger & Co Ges.m.b.H.:**

Starlinger is an Austrian machine manufacturing company based in Vienna with production sites in Weissenbach and St. Martin, as well as in Schwerin, Germany and Taicang, China. As the world's leading supplier of machines and complete systems for the production of woven plastic bags, as well as systems for plastics recycling, PET extrusion and finishing, the Starlinger brand is synonymous with quality and technological leadership in more than 130 countries. Founded in 1835, the family-owned company has been exporting its products around the world for more than 50 years and achieves an export quota of over 99.5%. The company has its own sales and service centres in Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, the United States and Uzbekistan, each of them guaranteeing swift and professional technical service.

Starlinger is a participant of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, and adheres to the principles for responsible business set out therein.

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