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[deSter](#) has announced it received a Platinum rating from [EcoVadis](#). Previously, deSter held a Gold rating, but in the last year, the supplier improved its score from 76 to 84 (out of a possible 100 points).

“This great achievement recognizes our efforts in reaching our ESG goals in the past year. On top of that, deSter has been named a ‘leader’ in carbon management, which is the highest level on this topic, presenting us as a company with a strong GHG management system and best-in-class decarbonization commitments, actions and reporting capabilities,” deSter said in a September 16 press release.

“Caring for our planet should be a concern for all of us; we should not wait for others to take action. There is still so much to do to further reduce our impact and to protect our planet and all life on it. I am incredibly proud of our EcoVadis achievement, which is a testament of our commitment to leading our industry and bringing change. I hope it is an inspiration to others,” said Philippe De Naeyer, Director Sustainability at deSter.

deSter was able to raise its score for this Platinum rating, including a 50 percent reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions since 2019 (scope 1, 2 and 3), exceeding its target of 25 percent by 2025, mainly due to progress on product circularity and expansion of local production.

“By focusing on the design and development of circular products, we increased revenue from circular products to 60 percent of our 2023 revenue, with 20 percent being reusable and 40 percent

compostable. We have also been able to reduce the weight of the total number of single-use plastics we sold by 52 percent since 2019 and are continuing to find new ways to lower that number even further,” deSter said.

The company has increased the number of audited suppliers and associated corrective action plans with regard to its sustainable procurement process, also initiating its supplier engagement process on carbon reduction. deSter invested in training and well-being programs and conducted a holistic global employee survey that identified additional areas of growth.

Under the motto “Sustainability is a journey and not a destination,” this is a massive milestone for deSter and a great motivation to continue increasing its commitment to sustainability.