

GNT advances CO2 reduction goals in latest sustainability report

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GNT has passed the halfway mark in its mission to reduce carbon intensity at its EXBERRY® colour factories by 50 per cent over the current decade.

Based on the volume of products sold, GNT cut carbon emissions at its production sites in the Netherlands, Germany, and the United States by 26 per cent between 2020 and 2024. This achievement is particularly significant in light of the company's growth during the same period.

Global sales for plant-based EXBERRY® colours have increased more than 50 per cent since 2020. Under normal circumstances, such growth would have driven a substantial increase in total carbon emissions due to increased production demands. However, by improving efficiency and investing in sustainable technologies, GNT has been able to keep overall emissions in check.

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Water efficiency at its factories has improved by 30 per cent compared to 2020, which already surpasses the original 20 per cent goal. The company is also committed to ensuring every contract farmer growing fruits, vegetables, and plants for EXBERRY® colours enrolls in sustainable agriculture training programs. By the end of 2024, 80 per cent had achieved the level of FSA (Farm Sustainability Assessment) Silver or Gold.

In addition to its environmental aims, GNT's targets include measures to benefit people throughout the EXBERRY® value chain. In 2024, the lost-time accident rate at the factories fell to 25 per cent below the industry average. The company also

helped organise a three-day leadership training program in Peru as part of its commitment to supporting social livelihood projects in its sourcing areas.

Hendrik Hoeck, CEO at GNT Group, said: “We are proud to say that we are still delivering on our ambitious plans to protect people and the planet while achieving significant global growth. Our 2024 report underlines our continued determination to lead the food colouring industry on sustainability and ensure that GNT is in a position to thrive for generations to come.”