

## **“Basis for the future: sustainable investments”**

### **Uelzena eG publishes online sustainability report 2018**

**The sustainability report 2018 focuses on a comprehensive investment program, growth in milk volumes and sustainable milk production**

**Uelzen, August 2019** - The Uelzena Group has published its sustainability report 2018 titled, “Basis for the future: sustainable investments”. As in previous years, the report focuses on the five fields of action, namely *company, products, production, employees* and *regional responsibility* and includes a description of progress, measures taken and the most important successes as well as relevant facts and data.

#### **Investments for the future**

Key topics of the 2018 report are the considerable investments into new production plants and the technical modernization efforts scheduled over the next few years. At 120 million euros, these investments are amongst the largest package of measures in the history of the Uelzena Group. The new high-bay warehouse, the new filter and the reconstruction of tower no. 5 are only part of the technical upgrading and modernization projects. With these investments, the Uelzena Group is emphasizing its cooperative mission as a reliable milk customer in the regions while also increasing its efficiency for its customers.

#### **Sustainable milk, animal welfare and more - first interim results**

Sustainable milk production within the scope of the *sustainability module milk* continues to be at the core of reporting. In 2018, the Thünen-Institute evaluated the first results and made these available to the dairies. This enables the dairies to enter into a direct dialogue with their milk producers in order to jointly develop improvement measures. Within the scope of the *sustainability module milk*, the Uelzena Group has appointed a Uelzena Advisory Board, which will in the future supervise the project as a separate body and accompany the continuous improvement process. For more information on the current state, please read the online report 2018 at

<https://www.uelzena.de/en/sustainability/sustainability-module-milk/>

#### **Sustainability strategy of the Uelzena Group and targets achieved in 2018**

The sustainability strategy of the Uelzena Group was developed in 2014; it depicts the ecological, economical and social responsibility of the company. The most important targets have been defined and are documented in the five fields of action, namely *company, products, production, employees* and *regional responsibility*. In 2018, almost all intermediate targets were met. A positive business development, high quality standards, transparency in the supply chain, progress in environmentally conscious production as well as a high satisfaction rate amongst the employees are only some of the achievements of sustainable management.

**Reporting according to GRI Standards: Core Option**

Reporting is exclusively carried out online and is performed annually on the basis of the international GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) standards according to the core option. The GRI-Index 2018 as well as the key performance indicators 2018 are available in a PDF document for download.

**Transparent communication on sustainability**

The sustainability report of the Uelzena Group provides all interested groups with transparent and reliable information on the economic, ecological and social activities of the company and forms the basis for mutual exchange of opinions and goals.

More information on the sustainability report 2018 can be found here:

<https://www.uelzena.de/en/sustainability/>

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