CDP Rating Confirms Continental’s Commitment to Climate Action

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Hanover, February 17, 2026. Continental ranks among the companies demonstrating strong commitment and a high level of transparency when it comes to mitigating climate change and managing supply chains, according to the latest CDP rating. The independent environmental disclosure organization CDP awarded Continental an “A-” rating, recognizing the company’s approach to mitigating climate change, its progress in reducing CO_2 emissions, and its comprehensive transparency along the supply chain. The company also performed well in the water management category, achieving a “B” rating for the second year in a row. The scores awarded by CDP – previously known under its full name Carbon Disclosure Project – provide important validation of Continental’s commitment to climate action, including using renewable electricity and switching to low-emission fuels like biomass.

> We constantly optimize production, products and processes through all phases of a tire’s life cycle – from raw-material sourcing and manufacturing to use and end-of-life management. We are committed to climate action in our own operations and through close collaboration with our suppliers,

says Jorge Almeida, head of Sustainability at Continental Tires.

CDP assesses the measures a company takes to address climate change. Transparency in reducing CO_2 emissions is rated in categories such as

> emissions reduction initiatives", "low-carbon products" and "environmental policies" on a scale ranging from "A" (leadership) to "D

(disclosure). The rating also takes into account the positive influence a company has on the sustainability efforts of its suppliers. Its purpose is to help investors and stakeholders understand the environmental impacts of corporate activities and to drive further action to reduce carbon footprints.

Energy, water, raw materials: how Continental conserves vital resources

For many years, Continental has focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving resources. Since 2020, the company has been sourcing green electricity as part of its participation in the RE100 initiative. Continental uses electricity generated by its own on-site photovoltaic systems as well as power secured through regional and over-the-grid power purchase agreements (PPAs). These long-term agreements provide Continental with stable and predictable electricity prices, ensure a reliable supply of renewable energy, and support the development of new regional wind and solar projects. In this way, Continental is specifically reducing its Scope 2 emissions. Additional energy-efficiency measures – including improved insulation of thermal production facilities, the installation of LED lighting, and the early detection and repair of leaks – further reduce the company's energy consumption and CO_2 emissions.

Another key focus is the efficient use of water, which is used in tire production for heating, cooling and cleaning processes. Between 2020 and 2025, Continental reduced water withdrawal per metric ton of product by more than ten percent across all production sites, saving a total of 197 million liters of water. That's enough to fill 79 Olympic-size swimming pools. These reductions were for example achieved through more efficient water use, as well as water treatment and reuse.

Traceable and transparent raw-material supply chains are essential

for mitigating climate change. Continental recognized this early on and has implemented a wide range of measures, from enforcing strict sourcing policies and engaging locally – such as training smallholder farmers in responsibly sourced natural rubber – to deploying advanced digital technologies. At the same time, the company continues to research alternative raw materials to further reduce its environmental footprint. Examples include silica derived from rice husk ash, bio-based by-products from the paper industry such as tall oil, and polyester fibers made from recycled PET bottles sourced exclusively from regions without established closed-loop bottle recycling systems.

Ratings such as those from CDP provide an external and independent assessment of Continental's climate and sustainability performance, demonstrating the company's commitment in these areas. Continental has been participating in CDP assessments for 15 years. CDP is a non-profit organization that operates a system for disclosing environmental data. Using an independent assessment method, it measures the progress of companies and cities in the areas of climate change, forest protection, and water security.

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