

Bel Group publishes first GRI G4 "Core" Sustainability Report

After several years of continuous improvement of its CSR Program, Bel Group has decided to concentrate its communication on progress on material aspects by publishing its first GRI G4 "Core" CSR Report.

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Report highlights:

Material aspects reviewed in the 2014 CSR report include:

- Business Ethics: 414 Bel's suppliers – representing 57% of total purchases (collected milk excluded) – have been evaluated on their CSR performance since 2011;
- Quality, safety and traceability: 85% of Bel's products produced in 2014 came from GFSI certified sites and 86 suppliers as well as 11 subcontractors were audited in 2014;
- Social model: 94% of the 10,984 Bel employees benefit from at least 3 weeks of vacation per year and 90% of them from health insurance coverage;
- Commitment to communities and to a sustainable dairy production: Bel has solid relationships with over 3,200 dairy producers and the Bel Foundation supported over 150 projects since 2008;
- Nutritional balance and natural qualities: since 2010 over 70 recipes have been reformulated for nutritional and natural purposes;
- Environmental footprint: Bel's water consumption per ton of product was 26% lower in 2014 compared with the level of 2008. The use of electricity per ton of product fell by 8% during the same period and by 26% for the oil and gas;
- Food waste: 75% of consumers state that they never throw out in individual portions and for 58% of consumers, it is the format the least likely to be wasted;
- Information about the products: a simple, visual marking system has been defined to simplify the reading of packaging.

In 2014, Bel Group renewed its commitment to the ten principles of the Global Compact and submitted its Communication on Progress at the "Advanced" level for the second year.

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Bel Group is a world leader in branded cheese and the global leader in individual cheese portions. With five universal core brands, including The Laughing Cow®, Kiri®, Leerdammer®, Boursin® and Mini Babybel®, and over 25 local brands, Bel generated sales of €2.8 billion in 2014. Nearly 11,000 employees in some 30 subsidiaries around the world contribute to the Group's success. Bel products are prepared at 28 production sites and sold in 130 countries.

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