

## DJSI - FTSE4GOOD: 2 major recognitions of Essilor's leadership in sustainability

**(Charenton-Le-Pont, France – 20 September 2017)** - Essilor has again been selected by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index World and Europe for its corporate sustainability leadership, ranked second in the Health Care Equipment and Supplies sector. For the 14th consecutive year Essilor has also been included in the FTSE4Good – a global investment index designed to identify companies that demonstrate strong environmental, social and governance practices.

The inclusion of Essilor International in two leading sustainability indices underlines the Group's position as one of the world's best performing companies in terms of sustainable development.

*"At Essilor we have always considered responsible and sustainable business practices to be fundamental to our mission of improving lives by improving sight. We are proud that the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and FTSE4Good recognise the value that our long-term commitment to sustainable development can bring to the world's visual health today and global prosperity tomorrow,"* said Hubert Sagnières, Chairman and CEO of Essilor International.

In addition to these two important references the Group has also received two awards for its corporate social responsibility in 2017. Essilor won a sustainable business award in Singapore in July for its commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through the Group's mission and sustainability approach across its value chain, Essilor contributes to 13 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. In June, Essilor won the Corporate Social Responsibility Award in the World Procurement Awards for its supplier sustainability program that engages the Group's suppliers in social, ethical, environmental and community-focused initiatives.

With 64,000 employees in 69 countries, 523 production sites on five continents and over 30,000 suppliers, Essilor has a significant global 'footprint'. Across the world, employees at each Group entity contribute to the key priorities of the company's sustainability approach: innovating to improve access to visual health; reducing water and energy consumption; promoting diversity and inclusion; ensuring safe and quality working conditions; and connecting suppliers and customers to its mission.

This year Essilor adopted a set of 2020 targets in key areas of corporate social responsibility – from improving the lives of 50 million individuals at the ‘base of the pyramid’, further reducing the Group’s environmental footprint to ensuring responsible sourcing.

### **About Dow Jones Sustainability Index**

Issued by RobecoSAM, a mainstream investor integrating sustainability performance into its valuation model, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index relies on an in-depth analysis of more than 2,500 global quoted companies’ economic, environmental and social performances and assesses such criteria as corporate governance, risk and crisis management, environmental policy, supply chain regulation, working conditions and philanthropic activities.

### **About FTSE4Good**

The FTSE4Good Index Series is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices.

### **About Essilor**

*The world's leading ophthalmic optics company, Essilor designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of lenses to improve and protect eyesight. Its mission is to improve lives by improving sight. To support this mission, Essilor allocates more than €200 million to research and innovation every year, in a commitment to continuously bring new, more effective products to market. Its flagship brands are Varilux®, Crizal®, Transitions®, Eyezen™, Xperio®, Foster Grant®, Bolon™ and Costa®. It also develops and markets equipment, instruments and services for eyecare professionals.*

*Essilor reported consolidated revenue of more than €7.1 billion in 2016 and employs approximately 64,000 people worldwide. It markets its products in more than 100 countries and has 33 plants, 490 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as 5 research and development centers around the world (as of December 31, 2016). For more information, please visit <https://www.essilor.com>.*

*The Essilor share trades on the Euronext Paris market and is included in the Euro Stoxx 50 and CAC 40 indices. Codes and symbols: ISIN: FR0000121667; Reuters: ESSI.PA; Bloomberg: EI:FP.*

## **CONTACTS**

### **Corporate Communications**

Lucia Dumas

Tel.: +33 (0)1 49 77 45 02

### **Media Relations**

Maïlis Thiercelin

Tel.: +33 (0)1 49 77 45 02