

Who made CDP's Water A List: South Pole Group Acts as Scoring Partner in CDP's Newly Launched Global Water Report 2015

Zurich, Switzerland, 22 October 2015 - CDP, the global non-profit group running the disclosure system that shows how companies manage their environmental impacts, published the first global assessment of corporate efforts in tackling water security today. The new global water report, '*Accelerating action*', highlights the companies achieving an A rating for their actions to address water security.

Over 400 companies operating in the most water dependent or vulnerable industry sectors have been evaluated on their disclosed water management practices by **CDP** and **South Pole Group**. Drawing on the most comprehensive dataset of publicly available corporate water information collected on behalf of investors, the evaluation has considered each company's water risk assessments and response strategies, and how these are factored into business planning.

According to the report, more than half (53%) of companies are failing to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment – a basic first step for any company seeking to ensure business resilience against water issues. The industries most exposed to water risk are consumer staples (82%) and utilities (75%) - also due to the close links between water and climate change. Other sectors evaluated in the report included consumer discretionary, energy, healthcare, industrials, information technology and materials.

*"Acting as CDP's scoring partner has offered us unique insights to the current global state of corporate water management", says **Renat Heuberger, CEO at South Pole Group**. "Building on both our long-standing knowledge in climate change mitigation interventions and close work with CDP, we can firmly conclude that a water stewardship approach offers clear benefits to companies, especially to those most at risk. It is now up to companies to capitalise on these opportunities and get ready for a water-scarce future."*

CDP has included eight businesses from four sectors in the CDP Water A List based on their approach to water management. The A List emphasises those companies that are making progress to manage water resources in a sustainable way. These eight companies take action to mitigate corporate water risk and realise opportunities in ways that not only reduce their own impacts, but critically improve water security for the environment and other water users.

The report highlights how businesses pursuing robust water stewardship are able to identify and mitigate water risks, whether they are physical, regulatory or reputational. No fewer than 73% of the responding companies outlined that water offers operational, strategic, and/or market opportunities, with many sectors showing significant business opportunities to be realised in the next three years.

This dataset and CDP's global water report can be found [here](#).

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The eight companies on the CDP Water A List in 2015 are:

- **Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd (Japan)**
- **Colgate Palmolive, (US)**
- **Ford Motor Company, (US)**
- **Harmony Gold Mining Co.Ltd, (South Africa)**

- **Kumba Iron Ore, (South Africa)**
- **Metsä Board, (Finland)**
- **Rohm Co., Ltd, (Japan)**
- **Toyota Motor Corporation, (Japan)**

About South Pole Group

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