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## **South Pole Group wins three categories in Environmental Finance's 2016 Market Awards and places second in another five**

**Zurich, Switzerland, 7 June, 2016** - South Pole Group has won multiple categories in the **2016 Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market Rankings**. For the third year running, the Zurich-based company came first in: **Best Trading Company, Best Project Developer – Renewable Energy** and Best Wholesaler. This prestigious peer-voted industry ranking recognises the Group's results-based initiatives and project development approach that drive innovation and impacts in the field of climate change adaptation & mitigation.

*"We are very honored by this recognition. For us this is an invaluable endorsement from our clients and partners for our inclusive, results-based approach," says **Renat Heuberger, CEO at South Pole Group**. "We believe it's all about initiating real, measurable action on the ground, and I could not be prouder of [the impacts](#) that our efforts - along with those of our partnering clients - have had on the commerce and communities of the world during the **past decade**."*

During the last year, South Pole Group has expanded its renewable energy offering to include high-quality renewable energy certificates (RECs) such as International RECs (I-RECs), US RECs and Guarantees of Origin in addition to GoldPower.

*"Companies are increasingly demanding electricity from renewable energy sources. Nonetheless the options to source renewable energy at a lucrative price - and to also transparently trace the source of power - are not available everywhere," says **Natalia Gorina, Sales Director Carbon & Renewables at South Pole Group**. "We want to provide premium products that both support new renewable energy projects, but also help our clients better engage with stakeholders and increase the speed in which they integrate renewables into their energy mix."*

Voters also awarded South Pole Group the titles of **Best Wholesaler & Best Trading Company**.

*"This nomination is especially motivating as it recognises our ongoing work in providing tailored solutions to over 80 carbon credit retailers and over 35 suppliers around the world," says **Marco Magini, Head of Project Portfolio Management, South Pole Group**.*

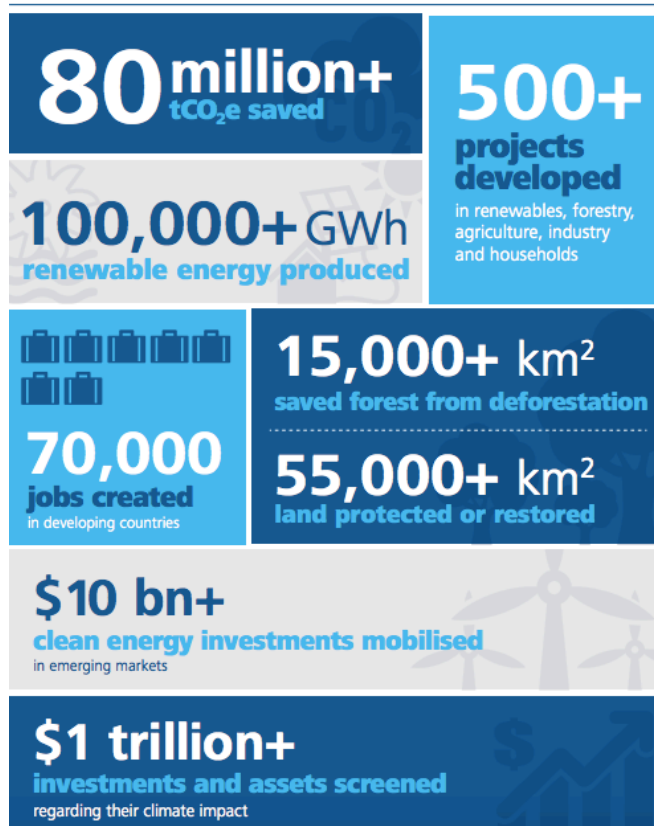
South Pole Group was furthermore given notable recognition as **Project Developer** in the categories of **Overall Project Development, Energy Efficiency** and **Public Health**, substantiating its expertise across key areas of sustainability. In addition to this, the company,

along with its Australian subsidiary **Climate Friendly**, continued to strengthen its position in global **Forestry**, placing second in this category.

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year, South Pole Group looks ahead: with the inking of the Paris Agreement at the COP21 climate conference, the Group is ever more determined to turn climate change into an enormous opportunity for businesses and organisations alike. South Pole Group's global team has been further strengthened by recent hires of seasoned sustainability experts and a new high-level Board, ensuring that the company's solutions continue to create shared value at the crossroads of the environment, local communities, public policy initiatives, corporate operations, and civil society.

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## About South Pole Group

**South Pole Group** is a leading provider of global sustainability solutions, helping public and private sector organisations alike develop climate-proven policies and strategies. Areas of expertise cover key sustainability-related areas of climate change, including but not limited to: forests & land use, water, sustainable cities & buildings, green finance, as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency. A pioneer in emission reduction and renewable energy projects, the South Pole Group's portfolio is at present the largest available on the market. For more information, visit [www.thesouthpolegroup.com](http://www.thesouthpolegroup.com) or follow the company [@southpolegroup](https://twitter.com/southpolegroup).