

Strength from nature

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## Salus joins the Science Based Targets Initiative

What does the 1.5 °C target from the Paris Climate Agreement actually mean for manufacturing companies like Salus? This is the question addressed by the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTI)\*. It makes use of scientific findings to define how many emissions a company must reduce in order that this goal can be achieved. The Salus Group has joined this initiative committing voluntarily to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 42% by 2030 compared to the base year 2020.

In 2015, 195 countries declared in the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 °C by 2050. This is a giant global project to which every individual must make a contribution. Salus set out on this path many decades ago. Since 2020, the company's production at both sites has been climate-neutral, and yet Salus continues to set itself ambitious goals by joining the SBTI. This initiative defines on a scientific sound basis how many emissions a company must reduce, depending on its size and the



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environmental impact of its core business, in order to still achieve the 1.5 °C goal.

### Percentage reduction in emissions

The SBTI commits companies to a percentage reduction in emissions - regardless of the level of climate impact at the date of accession. Saving an additional 42% at the Salus Group's production sites, which already have such low emission levels, is therefore a challenge.

The largest proportion of emissions that cannot be avoided currently comes from the supply of heat by natural gas at the Bruckmühl site. This is precisely where a new construction project comes in: with Salus' own biomass heating plant, around 1,500 t of  $CO_2$  can be saved annually. The fossil natural gas is replaced by the renewable raw material wood. For this purpose, the company uses, for example, waste wood that can no longer be used elsewhere or screenings from a regional composting plant.



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### Ground-breaking ceremony for the new biomass heating plant



Equipped with helmet and spade, Salus shareholder Katrin Greither-Block and Managing Director Dr. Florian Block recently gave the starting signal for the construction project at the ground-breaking ceremony. The building scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, and the facility should be ready for use as early as in 2024. If everything goes as planned, Salus will reach the SBTI targets already in 2025 - which is five years earlier than required.

From left:

Thomas Günther (Technical Operations Manager at Salus), Thomas Maier (architect), Katrin Greither-Block (Salus shareholder), Dr. Florian Block (Managing Director at Salus), Ferdinand Theinert (architect) und Thomas Reiß (Technical Project Manager at Salus)

\* The Science Based Targets Initiative is an international alliance of the non-profit organizations and environmental and climate associations Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), United Nations Global Compact, Word Resources Institute (WRI) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

#### **About SALUS**

"Strength from nature". This principle expresses what Salus has been passionate about for more than 100 years: finding natural ways to be healthy. Only a few know how to use the healing treasures of nature for people as well as the company from Bruckmühl in Upper Bavaria.

In the perfect symbiosis of valuable experience and state-of-the-art production technology, Salus develops innovative formulas whose health benefits have been scientifically proven. Carefully selected and gently processed raw materials are used to create beneficial products of the best organic quality, which are tested in state-of-the-art laboratories beyond the legal requirements. This care applies to each and every one of the many hundreds of products - from tonics to teas, from drops to tablets. The natural medicines meet the highest pharmaceutical standards and are available in pharmacies, health food stores and organic grocery stores.

The now in its 4<sup>th</sup> generation family-run company has always been closely connected with nature. That is why the approximately 500 employees throughout the Salus Group are passionately committed to conserving natural resources and making all areas of the company climate-neutral.