SBT - TOP 20 COMPANIES WITH SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING “GREEN” BRAND

SBT MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS THE ONLY SUGARCANE COMPANY THAT WAS NAMED IN THE TOP 20 STOCKS VNSI20 FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

On July 18th, 2022, the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange (HSX) disclosed the VNSI (Vietnam Sustainability Index) basket – the sustainable development index including 20 stocks of the VN100 with sustainable development. Accordingly, **Thanh Thanh Cong - Bien Hoa Joint Stock Company (TTC Bien Hoa, Ticker: SBT) continues to maintain its position as the only Sugarcane company listed in the VNSI20 index basket.** For this year, the poll takes place in a very special context when the world and Vietnam are in a race to recover damage and boost economic development after 2 years of being heavily affected by the Covid-19 epidemic, which disrupted the global supply chain and had far-reaching effects on all aspects of the economy.

VNSI20 is a set of indexes which has been researched and deployed since July 2017 by the Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange in collaboration with the German International Cooperation Organization (GIZ) and the State Securities Commission. This is one of the indexes which is receiving more and more attention from investors. The continuous inclusion in the VNSI20 index basket shows the serious efforts of SBT in the strategy of comprehensive development of the sustainable value chain.

SUSTAINABILITY BASED ON "GREEN" VALUES FOR "GREEN" CAPITAL INVESTMENT

SBT’s organic raw material area in Laos

As one of the leading agricultural companies in Vietnam with more than 50 years of persistence with "Sugarcane", SBT owns more than 66,000 hectares of agricultural land of Sugarcane in 3 countries Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, providing more than 1 million tons of finished Sugar to the domestic and international market each year.

During the past time, SBT has always been steadfast on the journey of sustainable development when building a "green" business strategy as the foundation for development, creating a competitive position and creating momentum for ambitions to expand international markets. Specifically, the company focuses on developing and perfecting the Sugarcane value chain, converting the farming model to organic direction, optimizing the value of Sugarcane when making the most of the raw materials from the waste by-products in the production process, actively research and apply red-eyed bee solutions to prevent pests from natural enemies, not to cause residues of pesticides on agricultural products,... **all of the above actions are for the purpose of promoting the development of modern agriculture in parallel with protecting the surrounding environment, meeting the ESG (Environment - Society - Governance) criteria.**

It can be said that sustainable investment is trending worldwide, since large investment funds are focusing on prioritizing pouring capital into businesses with high ratings on ESG criteria. A PwC survey found that the total value of ESG-based mutual funds surpassed traditional mutual funds by 9% between 2010 and 2019. According to data provider Morningstar, the assets in ESG funds have grown 53% year-on-year to $2.7 billion by the end of 2021. In early January, Bloomberg Intelligence estimated that global ESG assets could surpass $41 trillion this year and hit $50 trillion by 2025. Increasing awareness on systemic issues such as environment, society, climate change has promoted the trend of sustainable investment under ESG criteria in recent years. In addition, businesses that score high on sustainability also tend to perform better, and attract more capital from investors. The fact that SBT continues to maintain its position in the VNSI20 Index Basket is an important lever that helps SBT to anticipate the trend of ESG investment and access investment capital more easily, especially the foreign capital flows.

Investors favor investment trends based on the evaluation of ESG criteria more day-by-day, especially after the emergence of COVID-19.

Mrs. Dang Huynh Uc My - Vice Chairwoman of SBT's Board of Directors shared, *"With the goal of becoming a leading solution provider for agricultural products with origin and sustainability in the region, as well as always standing firm in the face of challenging "fluctuating" and contributing to a sustainable food system, SBT aims to promote the incorporation of all its activities into the ESG governance framework. Governance activities shall shift the focus on specialized sustainability, will strive for "green" financial indicators, and establish a synchronous and consistent operating system, thereby enhancing the transparency and accuracy in information disclosure to the Stakeholders".*

With the pioneering orientation in the journey to become a high-tech agricultural company, with sustainable development and harmonization of interests with stakeholders, SBT has constantly carried out strongmodernization activities to comprehensively value chain and improve governance efficiency, affirming technology capacity as a leading enterprise in the digital transformation in Vietnam.

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