

Press release

Vetter's Contribution to Climate Protection: Corporate Sites Around the World are CO₂-Neutral *Long-term sustainability strategy of pharmaceutical service provider pays off*

- **Continuous investment in energy-efficient and eco-friendly technology**
- **Purchasing green energy and offering sustainable mobility solutions**
- **Supporting certificated climate protection actions**

Ravensburg, September 21, 2021 – The “[Green Deal](#)” initiated by the European Commission aims at reducing the net emissions of greenhouse gases to zero across the EU by 2050, thereby making the European continent climate-neutral. As a globally operating Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), [Vetter](#) added this topic to its corporate agenda many years ago. Now, the pharmaceutical service provider is making yet another contribution: all Vetter [sites](#) are climate-neutral and no longer have a CO₂ footprint. The company’s production sites and sales offices in Austria, the US, and Asia have followed the example of its sites in Germany, where climate neutrality was already achieved in the past year. This important milestone was made possible by the interaction of many components within the scope of a long-term CO₂ strategy in the company.

Investments in energy-efficient and eco-friendly technology play a key role in this regard. For example, the CDMO relies on in-house cogeneration units, solar panels, and geothermal energy, amongst others. Over approximately the past ten years, the company has successfully implemented more than 100 efficiency projects, thereby saving over 30 million kWh of electricity, natural gas, and biogas. In the past five years alone, Vetter reduced its carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 4,500 tons. New buildings are always constructed according to the latest environmental standards.

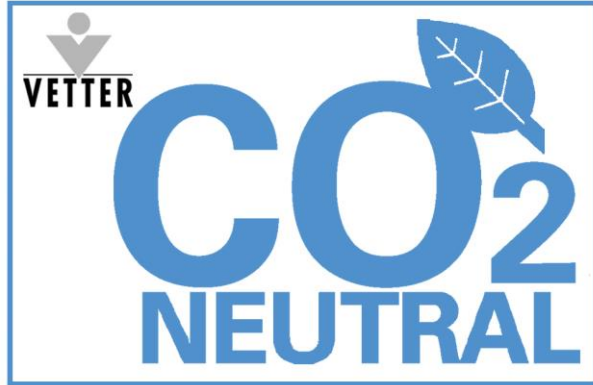
Another important component is the energy supply. Since 2014, all German sites have been operated with green electricity from hydropower. The same is true for the company’s new [Austrian site](#) in Rankweil, which was purchased in 2020.

In addition, Vetter relies on a comprehensive, modular concept for alternative mobility to make switching to sustainable means of transportation as appealing as possible to its staff members. For example, the pharmaceutical service provider has already invested in two highly innovative bicycle parking facilities at its corporate sites in Ravensburg, with more to follow at the other sites. Moreover, the company cooperates with a local energy supplier on leasing bicycles. In this way, staff members can quickly commute between corporate sites while also saving resources. Furthermore, the *JobRad program*, a national bike leasing initiative, offers staff members attractive leasing conditions when acquiring a new bicycle. Employees can also charge their electric vehicles with electricity from hydropower; the infrastructure required for this purpose has been provided at the first sites.

“As a family business committed to sustainability, we take our responsibility towards the environment and climate protection very seriously. Whenever possible, we opt for the solutions that are most eco-friendly,” said Vetter Managing Director Thomas Otto.

However, emissions cannot be eliminated completely when producing drugs in a highly regulated setting. Henryk Badack, Senior Vice President Technical Services/Internal Project Management, stated: “Operating within the pharmaceutical industry, we have to meet numerous regulatory requirements and high standards to enable patients around the world to have access to impeccable, high-quality medication. This results in energy-intensive production operations. Therefore, it is even more important to sensibly compensate for the emissions generated.” CO₂ compensation is one means in this regard, i.e., emissions that cannot be eliminated are compensated for by financing high-quality and certified climate protection actions. The projects supported by Vetter are subject to strict requirements. On the one hand, they must be related purely to the generation of renewable energies; on the other, the systems used for this purpose may not be older than ten years. In addition, the certificates must conform to the standards of the *Kyoto Protocol* or the *Paris Agreement*.

“Despite the milestone of global CO₂-neutrality, which we have now achieved, we maintain our efforts in further driving our environmental initiatives and making our company even greener,” said Vetter Managing Director Peter Soelkner. “As a family business that thinks in generations, we see this as an important component of our social responsibility, as well as for our children and grandchildren.”



Covered and with a lot of space: Highly modern parking facilities for bicycles are only one of the many actions of Vetter's sustainability initiatives.

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Find the Vetter press kit and more background information [here](#).

About Vetter

Headquartered in Ravensburg, Germany, Vetter is a family-owned, global leading contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) with production facilities in Germany, Austria, and the United States. Currently employing more than [5,500 individuals worldwide](#), the company has long-term experience in supporting biotechnology and pharmaceutical customers both large and small. Vetter [services](#) range from early stage development support including [clinical manufacturing](#), to [commercial supply](#) and [numerous packaging solutions](#) for vials, syringes and cartridges. As a leading solution provider, Vetter appreciates its responsibility to support the needs of its customers by developing devices that contribute to increased patient safety, convenience, and enhanced compliance. Great importance is also given to [social responsibility](#), including environmental protection and sustainability. Learn more about Vetter at www.vetter-pharma.com.

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