INTRODUCTION

Vandemoortele is strongly committed to Sustainable Palm Oil. In 2014, we published our Palm Oil Sourcing Charter, with ambitious targets for zero-deforestation and zero-exploitation palm oil sourcing. This report summarizes the progress we made in 2016 towards compliance with our Charter.
OUR 2016 OBJECTIVES AND RESULTS

RSPO CERTIFIED PALM OIL

Maintain 100% sourcing of RSPO certified palm oil for our customer brands.

IN 2016, WE USED 42,400 TONS OF PALM OIL in our consumer-branded products.

100% of the palm oil for these products is certified sustainable. We make use of three systems: Book & Claim, Mass Balance and Segregated.

PALM OIL TRACEABILITY

Maintain 100% traceability up to the mill level¹ in our palm oil supply chain. In Q4 2015, we achieved 94.10% traceability back to mill.

IN 2016, WE ACHIEVED 93.4% TRACEABILITY BACK TO MILL

Traceability to mill level still requires improvement of the tier2 suppliers that source palm oil from Asia and Africa.

¹. We consider mill traceability if we have the following information about the mill: mill parent company, mill name, mill coordinates and mill RSPO status.
Our supply base consists of 1521 mills, located in several countries:

- Brazil
- Honduras
- Gabon
- Colombia
- Ghana
- Ecuador
- Indonesia
- Guatemala
- Papua New Guinea & Solomon Islands
- Malaysia
- Ivory Coast
- Costa Rica

1. Mills supplying Vandemoortele at the end of the year 2016

Engagement and monitoring of our supply chain

In 2016, we continued to engage with our suppliers in order to further improve our traceability figures and to work towards transformation in the supply chain. We put particular focus on our strategic suppliers, closely following their progress against our commitment. We also continued to follow up on any sustainability issues our direct suppliers were involved in. Direct and regular dialogue is maintained to monitor how our suppliers are managing and closing these issues.

Participation in external initiatives

As part of its commitment, Vandemoortele participates in several initiatives that contribute to the transformation of the European market towards sustainable palm oil, such as the French, Belgian and Dutch Alliances for Sustainable Palm Oil and the European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group.

Through these initiatives, we aim to support the uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe and to communicate scientific and objective facts and figures on environmental, nutritional and functional aspects of palm oil.
OUTLOOK 2017 AND BEYOND

We will continue to work towards achieving 100% traceability back to mill.

We will contribute to the transformation on the ground by co-financing field assessments in Indonesia or Malaysia.

OUTLOOK 2020

Our aim remains to achieve a deforestation-free & exploitation-free palm oil supply chain.

We will maintain 100% sourcing of RSPO-certified palm oil for our consumer brands.

We will also support and participate in new initiatives that support the uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe.
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