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## **Grupa Azoty proclaimed CSR leader in the industry**

**Grupa Azoty came first in the 12th edition of the Responsible Company Ranking, in the industrial production category. The Ranking lists Poland's largest companies by the quality of their Corporate Social Responsibility management.**

In the general category, Grupa Azoty ranked 5th, having moved up from the 23rd place. This year, four largest companies of the Grupa Azoty Group, namely of Tarnów, Puławy, Police and Kędzierzyn, had their CSR and sustainable development management practices assessed. The key areas under scrutiny were responsible conduct of business, sustainable development policy, positive impact management, and selected corporate responsibility indicators.

"It is a great distinction and honour to us to see Grupa Azoty recognised as one of the top ten responsible companies in Poland and named the leader in the industrial sector. Responsibility for the quality of our business has been part of our corporate culture for years. As the Group is consolidating, we are increasingly aware that corporate social responsibility is an important part of our relations with market participants. In this respect, we are successfully tightening cooperation between the Group companies, listen to the communities in which we operate, and improve our sustainable development strategy so that it defines our common objective for the future," says Paweł Wochowski, Head of the Corporate Communications Department of Grupa Azoty.

70 organisations present in the Polish market were included in the Responsible Company Ranking. It allows the companies to compare their performance in various areas of corporate social responsibility, and is a valuable educational tool that helps them systematise and develop their CSR strategies.

Since 2018, the ranking has been prepared by Koźmiński Business Hub, with expert patronage of the Responsible Business Forum and Global Compact Network Poland. Verification is performed by Deloitte, and the media partner is Dziennik Gazeta Prawna. The ranking is compiled by professor Bolesław Rok of the Centre for Research on Positive Business Impact of the Koźmiński University and Jarosław Horodecki, a journalist.

The Grupa Azoty Group is the undisputed leader of the fertilizer and chemical market in Poland and one of its key players in Europe. It is the second largest EU-based manufacturer of nitrogen and compound fertilizers, and its other products, including melamine, caprolactam, polyamide, oxo alcohols and titanium white, enjoy an

equally strong standing in the chemical sector, with a wide range of applications in various industries. In May 2017, the Group unveiled its updated strategy until 2020. The key development areas cover completion of the Group's consolidation, reinforcing its leadership in agricultural solutions on the European market, strengthening the second operating pillar through expansion of the non-fertilizer business, as well as generating and implementing innovations to accelerate growth in the chemical sector. The Grupa Azoty Group is the integrator of Poland's chemical industry. By consolidating the plants in Tarnów, Puławy, Police and Kędzierzyn-Koźle, it has ensured that the key chemical companies have remained in Polish hands, while creating a number of cost synergies. By 2017, the consolidation of strategic procurement, production, maintenance, logistics and IT generated savings estimated at no less than PLN 710m. The integration has brought multiple benefits to the Polish economy, the Group as a whole, and its individual plants.