

The Sustainable Castor Association Announces the First Three Member Companies (Arkema, BASF, and Jayant Agro-Organics Ltd.) Certified According to SuCESS, the World's First Sustainable Castor Supply Chain Code

June 20, 2022: Global chemical leaders Arkema and BASF have been audited and certified to produce sustainable downstream castor derivatives in France and Germany respectively. Jayant Agro-Organics, a leader in castor crushing and manufacture of downstream derivatives is certified in India. All three companies are now in a position to offer certified sustainable castor oil and derivatives originating from SuCESS™ certified farmers.

Created in 2019, the Sustainable Castor Association is the custodian of the SuCESS™ (Sustainable Castor Caring for Environmental and Social Standards) code, the first global code for castor crop. The code itself, available for download at www.castorsuccess.org is based on 11 chapters covering a wide variety of auditable criteria critical to driving improved sustainable farming among the castor community.

The Association has now empaneled six certification bodies to audit and certify the SuCESS™ supply chain standard – Control Union, DNV, Indocert, Intertek, SGS, and TÜV Nord.

Over 6,000 farmers have been trained by the Pragati sustainable castor initiative, the world's first implementation project for the SuCESS™ code, and then certified by third-party certification bodies. Pragati is driven by Arkema, BASF, Jayant Agro-Organics, and Solidaridad, the implementing civil society organization. The project has led so far to strong improvements in yield, and a substantial decrease in water use in the demo plots.

The Sustainable Castor Association now counts the following companies among its growing list of members: Founding members - Arkema, BASF, Jayant Agro Organics Ltd., Solidaridad Network Asia Limited. Ordinary members: International Castor Oil Association Inc., Itoh Oil Chemicals Co. Ltd., Solvay Specialty Polymers, Stéarinerie Dubois, DSM Engineering Materials BV, Croda International Plc, Windmüller GmbH, Kokura Gosei Kogyo Ltd., Mitsui Chemicals Inc.

We would like to thank our members, farmers, certification bodies, and downstream users for their active support and participation. The code is now registered in several countries across the globe, and we are delighted to see such global participation. For more information, please visit www.castorsuccess.org