

The Sourcing Team Reconfirm Their Green, Sustainable and Ethical Credentials

London July, 2016. The Sourcing Team, leading specialists in ethical, sustainable and compliant global sourcing and procurement, have once again reconfirmed their green, sustainable and ethical credentials with the latest Gold recognition for their CSR rating from EcoVadis, the international supplier sustainability ratings organisation for environmental and social practices within the global supply chain. This excellent result puts The Sourcing Team within the top global 5% companies that have been assessed by EcoVadis during 2016.

The EcoVadis recognition is the second high-scoring rating received by The Sourcing Team in recent months. They have achieved similar impressive results in their latest rating on the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS) Sustainability Index. In fact, in 2016 they managed to improve their already high scores to achieve a near perfect score across the three categories of Economic, Environmental and Social Scores.

In a year of celebrations and achievements, The Sourcing Team, who have just celebrated their 20th Anniversary, are justifiably proud of their green and sustainable track record. As a company, they believe in “doing the right thing” and over the years, they have played a leading role in raising the bar in sustainability, ethicability and transparency within the supply chain, while working with their global suppliers and partners to uphold ethical business practices and ensure fully compliant merchandise.

As Gill Thorpe, The Sourcing Team CEO and Founder said, “We are delighted with our results, from both EcoVadis and CIPS. Making constant improvements to improve performance year-on-year involves a lot of dedication, time and effort. As a company, we take our responsibilities very seriously and are fully committed to constantly looking for ways to improve.”

She continued, “We are members of international organisations such as EcoVadis, CIPS and Sedex AB. As one team, we honour our pledge to the UN Global Compact (UNGC) Goals 2016 to continue improving our efforts in sustainability and in looking after the environment. Year after year, we have taken on this challenge, and year-on-year, we have succeeded in raising our game in a remarkable fashion. Our CSR efforts are led by Sharon Childs, our Financial Director & Head of Sustainability and supported by the Green Team, Sadie Norfolk and Abigail Blake.”

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EcoVadis operates a collaborative global platform that provides Supplier Sustainable Ratings for global supply chains. It aims to improve the environmental and social practices of companies by leveraging the influence of businesses operating within the global supply chains. Over 20,000 multinationals and businesses worldwide use EcoVadis to reduce risk, drive innovation and foster transparency and trust between trading partners. Similarly, the CIPS Sustainability Index was developed to create a consistent sustainability measurement to support purchasing and, in doing so, create significant time and cost efficiencies.

The Sourcing Team is located in Wallington, Surrey and provides a portfolio of services that include merchandise planning (including corporate, private, public sector, not-for-profit, campaign or fundraising); fully bespoke offering, from product design to packaging solutions; tailored turnkey solutions sourced globally; strategic planning for local and global needs; digital/e-stores for internal, cross market or popup markets – both business to business and business to consumer; on and offline design and artwork; global logistics, stock management, packaging and distribution. Their clients include corporates, businesses and charities across industries worldwide.

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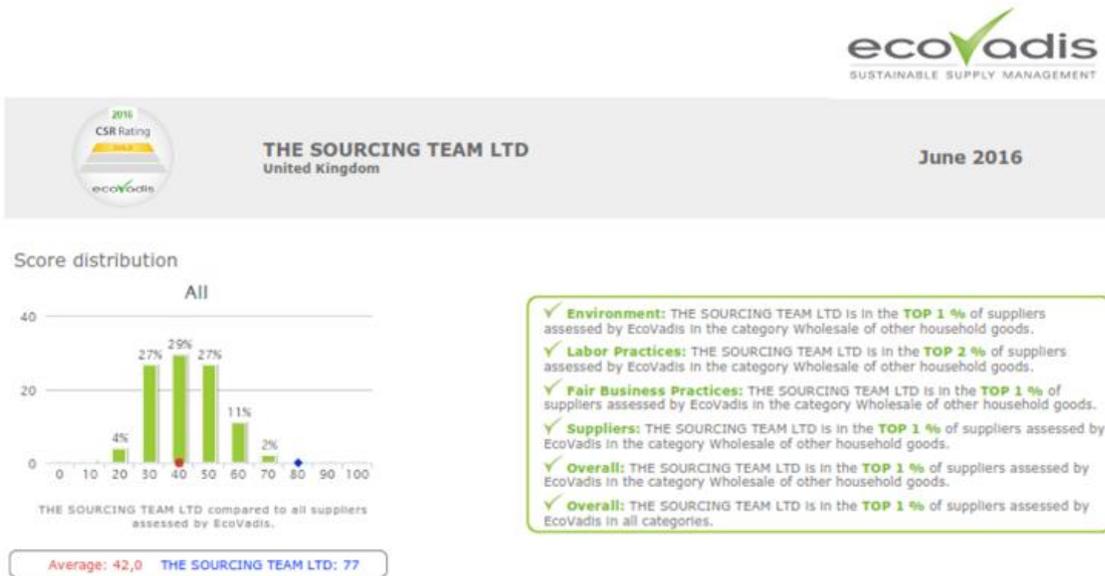
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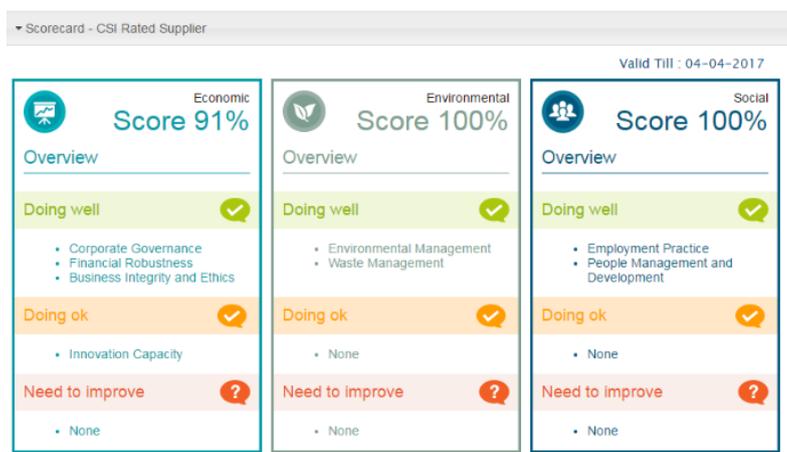
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A: EcoVadis scores for The Sourcing Team 2016



B: CIPS scores for The Sourcing Team 2016



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Note to Editor

The Sourcing Team is a leading specialist in ethical, sustainable and compliant global sourcing and procurement of promotional materials. Established in 1996, their dynamic and highly-skilled team design, source & create creative promotional products for their global corporate clients. As a company, the team prides itself on its **enthusiastic** can-do attitude and is committed to core values in ethicability, product compliance and sustainability.

Gill Thorpe, CEO and founder has been an active supporter of the industry for 25 years. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) and a Lifetime Fellow of the British Promotional Merchandise Association (BPMA), where she previously served as chair, president and board member.

The Sourcing Team is qualified in supply chain management and has 28 years of expertise in managing reputational risk. It is an established member of key international trade associations in the UK, Europe and the US: BPMA, PSI and PPAI. They are proud holders of robust green credentials which include ISO140001, EcoVadis - Gold CSR, CIPS Sustainability Index Rating - Gold; AB Membership of SEDEX and signatories of The UN Global Compact.

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CIPS

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EcoVadis

EcoVadis is the first collaborative platform providing supplier sustainability ratings for global supply chains. It is the trusted partner for procurement organisations in more than 120 leading multinationals worldwide.

<http://www.EcoVadis.com>

UN Global Compact

The United Nations Global Compact is a voluntary initiative based on CEO commitments to implement universal sustainability principles and to take steps to support of UN goals. www.unglobalcompact.org