

Environmental Goals

We have adopted a set of environmental sustainability goals to help position our company to succeed in an increasingly resource-constrained world.

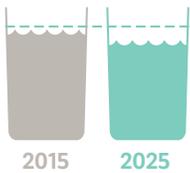
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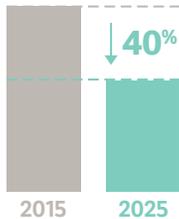
GOALS	2018 PROGRESS	INDICATOR
Green & Sustainable Science By 2020, at least 90% of our new human health active pharmaceutical ingredient processes will meet internal sustainability targets at launch.	On track	● ● ○
Materials & Packaging 100% of the packaging for our new human health products will be reviewed for environmental impact and improvement.	100%	● ● ●

Water



GOALS	2018 PROGRESS	INDICATOR
By 2020, we will develop water conservation plans for sites in "high water risk" locations.	On track	● ● ○
By 2025, we will maintain global water use at or below 2015 levels.	3.5 million m ³ below 2015 levels (15% reduction)	● ● ○

Climate



GOALS	2018 PROGRESS	INDICATOR
GHG Emissions By 2025, we will reduce global Scope 1 and market-based Scope 2 GHG emissions by at least 40% from 2015 levels.	19.6% reduction	● ● ○
Renewable Energy By 2025, at least 50% of our purchased electricity will come from renewable sources. By 2040, 100% of our purchased electricity will come from renewable sources. ¹	14.1%	● ● ○

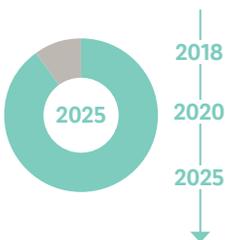
¹ We have defined "purchased electricity" as electricity sourced from external suppliers, as well as renewable electricity that was generated and utilized onsite where we retained the renewable attributes or where we have obtained renewable attributes through contract.

Waste



GOALS	2018 PROGRESS	INDICATOR
By 2025, no more than 20% of our global operational waste will be sent to landfills and incinerators.	33%	● ● ○
By 2025, at least 50% of sites will send zero waste to landfill.	38%	● ● ○

Supply Chain



GOALS	2018 PROGRESS	INDICATOR
By 2018, we will collect GHG emissions and water use data from at least 90% of our strategic suppliers with the highest environmental impact.	93%	● ● ●
By 2020, we will engage with those suppliers and request them to identify GHG emission and water use reduction opportunities.	On track	● ● ○
By 2025, at least 90% of our strategic suppliers with the highest environmental impacts will set their own GHG emission and water use reduction targets.	On track	● ● ○

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