

Press Release

Argor-Heraeus in Mendrisio joins B Lab Switzerland's B Ecosystem as STI Leader, Reinforces Commitment to Responsibility in Precious Metals

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Argor-Heraeus, a global leader in precious metals, has been admitted to the B Ecosystem and is now part of the Swiss Triple Impact Leaders, a milestone that underscores the company's long-standing commitment to sustainability, social responsibility, and responsible sourcing.

Five Bold Pledges for a Sustainable Future

Through the STI engagement program, and as part of its journey in responsibility in precious metals, Argor-Heraeus has committed to five pledges aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. **Climate Action (SDG 13):** Achieve net-zero Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2033 and reduce Scope 3 emissions by 50% compared to 2020.
2. **Water Stewardship (SDG 6):** Cut drinking water withdrawal per kilogram of refined metal by 30% by 2028 compared to 2023.
3. **Responsible Sourcing (SDGs 8, 12, 6):** Double annual sourcing of gold from Artisanal and Small-Scale Mines (ASM) to at least 4 tons by 2030.
4. **Employee Well-being (SDGs 3, 8):** Reach 85% satisfaction and well-being rate among employees by 2028, with 90% participation.
5. **Inclusive Workforce (SDGs 10, 8):** Ensure at least 5% of the workforce comes from underserved communities by 2030.

Driving responsibility throughout the Supply Chain

Among these pledges, Argor-Heraeus is especially proud of its commitment to responsible sourcing from Artisanal and Small-Scale Mines (ASM). By paying fair premiums to ASM programs that reinvest in mining communities, the company ensures that artisanal gold enters responsible markets, fostering long-term social and environmental impact.

A Culture of Engagement and Innovation

The Swiss Triple Impact journey has revealed the strength of Argor-Heraeus's internal culture. Voluntary employee participation in workshops, open dialogue across hierarchies, and the unlocking of individual potential have all contributed to shaping a shared vision for sustainability.

A Step Toward Industry Transformation

“Being listed in the STI program Directory is an important step on the road to becoming the most responsible precious metal company in the world,” said Angelo Rizzella, Head of Sustainability at Argor-Heraeus. “Engaging with a recognized entity such as B Lab Switzerland has helped us improve our practices, manifest our commitment to the public, and contribute to building a more inclusive and equitable economic system for all.”

For more information, visit

<https://blab-switzerland.ch/swiss-triple-impact/>

and

<https://www.argor-heraeus.com/en/responsibility/>

ABOUT ARGOR-HERAEUS

Founded in 1951 and headquartered in Mendrisio, Argor-Heraeus specializes in the refining and processing of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium. Its key role as a comprehensive solution provider allows Argor-Heraeus to offer 360° precious metal services including refining, assaying, minting and semi-finished or finished products for the high-end jewellery and watchmaking industry. With a legacy of Swiss precision and innovative craftsmanship, the company continues to set industry standards for responsible and sustainable practices across the entire precious metals value chain.

ABOUT SWISS TRIPLE IMPACT

The Swiss Triple Impact (STI) is a solution-oriented sustainability program for businesses of all sizes and sectors developed by B Lab Switzerland, one of the leading non-profit organizations in systems change, working to transform the global economy to benefit all people, communities, and the planet. In three steps, the STI program helps Swiss businesses to become future-fit by creating an impactful sustainability strategy aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the GRI Standards. Participating companies get access to interactive workshops, practical tools, events as well as a supportive community. Once pledges have been taken, companies join the STI Directory as STI Leaders, which aims to become the largest list of Swiss organizations that have committed to bold and concrete actions to contribute to a more sustainable and resilient business world.