

MECHANICAL RECYCLING SOLUTION BAG-2-BAG FOR HEAVY DUTY BAGS

Annually more than one million plastic bags are made with 50% recycled material to package SABIC's polymer resins, thanks to a new 'closed-loop' collaboration between SABIC, converter Fardem Packaging - subsidiary of Oerlemans Packaging and recycling company Morssinkhof Rymoplast. This is one of the first examples in the industry involving all parties in the value chain actively taking joint responsibility for a major sustainability initiative. The project is recently received 2019 Rethink Award. It is given annually to plastic and rubber products that best meet the sustainability requirements in the Netherlands. The jury recognized a number of important trends in the submissions, aimed at improving the social value of products and solving problems focused on the use of recycled or bio-based raw materials, the redesign of products so that they are more recyclable and value chain cooperation. The Bag-2-Bag project was also a finalist in the Plastics category at the Circular Awards in the Netherlands.

Currently many FFS (Form-Fill-Seal) bags are slitted shortly after filling. As this is a very clean and controlled process, it creates a perfect PE- base material to re-use for FFS bags. In this project, down cycling is avoided, and a higher quality use of a waste stream is generated, with a second life given in the same application. The slitted bags are being collected at a logistic service provider and cleaned in order to get a clean PE-granulate after regrinding. Recycled granulates are used as middle layer in a multi-layer foil (almost 50% of the total thickness). Virgin material is only used for the outer layers that is needed to maintain color and sealing consistency. The Bag-2-Bag foil is currently used for packaging of SABIC's materials that can only be used for non-food packaging and automotive compound applications.



50% RECYCLED CONTENT

OVER 1 MILLION SABIC® POLYMERS PACKAGING BAGS MADE WITH 50% RECYCLED MATERIAL



STRONG MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE

 EXCELLENT MECHANICAL PROPERTIES ENGINEERED TO REDUCE DAMAGE DURING HANDLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION





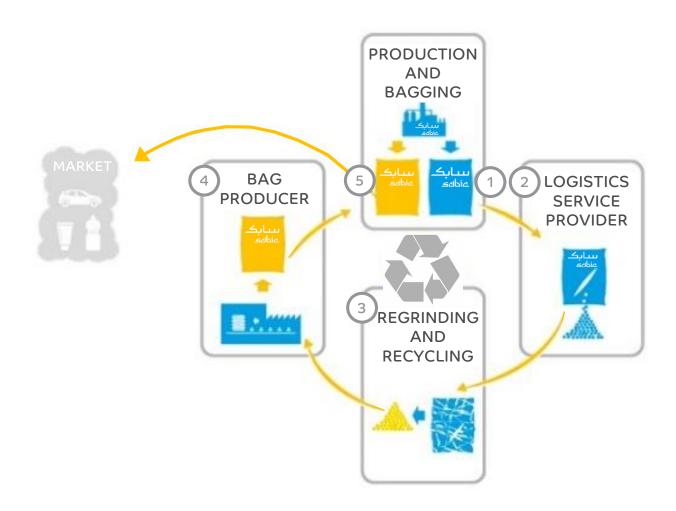
- CLOSE CORPORATION WITH OERLEMANS PACKAGING,
 VALUE CHAIN PARTNERS MORSSINKHOF RYMOPLAST AND
 FARDEM PACKAGING
- PLASTIC WASTE IS DIRECTLY CONVERTED INTO HIGH-QUALITY PACKAGING AND THEREFORE IT'S GIVEN A SECOND LIFE IN THE SAME APPLICATION







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