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Title: Sicut wins second Deutsche Bahn tender for the supply of its composite railway sleepers

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[London, United Kingdom] - Sicut Enterprises Limited, the market leading supplier of composite railway sleepers manufactured from recycled plastic, is delighted to announce that it has successfully won a second Deutsche Bahn (DB) tender for the supply of composite railway sleepers. The tender followed unprecedented demand for the Sicut sleeper in 2022, necessitating a new tender 12 months earlier than originally planned. Sicut receiving the highest Q1 rating in Deutsche Bahn's manufacturer-related product qualification for quality and reliability has been a further mark of success for Sicut in Germany in 2022.

Not only have DB identified the significant savings that the Sicut sleeper offers when compared to hardwood, due to greatly reduced maintenance and renewal interventions during the track asset lifetime, but also by installing thousands of Sicut sleepers during 2022, Deutsche Bahn has saved up to 1,500,000 kg CO₂e, utilised 1.3 million tonnes of plastic waste in an almost perfect circular economy model and saved several thousand tropical hardwood trees from unnecessary felling.

With its new framework agreement with Sicut for 2023, DB expects these savings and wider environmental benefits to increase significantly.

The installation of Sicut sleepers, rather than tropical hardwood, aligns perfectly with DB's Green Transformation Agenda, which targets to achieve climate neutrality by reducing CO₂ emissions and implementing a full circular economy by 2040. The impending 2024 German creosote ban and expected cessation of the use hardwood timber for sleepers has hastened the need to identify suitable alternatives. DB, like several other railways, including Network Rail in the UK, have chosen Sicut.

Sicut's independent EPD certification of its products, in line with EN15804, enables rail track asset managers to properly quantify the environmental benefits they will deliver by using Sicut's sleepers.

Anil Aggarwal, Sales Director at Sicut, said: "We are absolutely delighted Deutsche Bahn has chosen Sicut once again as its composite sleeper supplier. DB continues to recognise that Sicut sleepers offer the best long-term value for its infrastructure as well as delivering significant carbon reduction to help achieve its circular economy targets by 2040. By accelerating its purchase of recycled plastic composite sleepers, now so well proven in its track infrastructure, instead of tropical hardwood, DB is setting a clear and positive example right across Europe."



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About Sicut Enterprises Ltd:

Sicut is the market leader in the manufacture and supply of recycled plastic composite railways sleepers and S&C bearers, which have, over the past two decades, been successfully installed in heavy haul, mainline and transit networks across more than 20 countries around the world. Sicut has manufacturing facilities in both the UK and the USA.

Sicut believes its products deliver track asset managers improved track performance and asset life, enhanced safety and improved sustainability, without the need to compromise on best value.

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