

# News Release

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Nichirei Foods Inc.

# Nichirei do Brasil Agricola Ltda Acquires its First Platinum Sustainability Rating from EcoVadis, for 2023 Placing It in the Top 1% of All Companies



Nichirei Foods Inc. (head office: Tokyo, Japan; Representative Director, President: Masahiko Takenaga) announced today that Nichirei do Brasil Agricola Ltda (head office: Recife, Brazil; president: Ivan Marques Leal; hereafter, "Niagro"), its subsidiary operating in Brazil's acerola industry, has acquired a Platinum Sustainability Rating from EcoVadis SAS, which awards Platinum only to the top 1% of all companies it evaluates.

Based in France, EcoVadis is a world-leading supply chain sustainability rating company that assesses over 100,000 organizations and companies operating in about 200 industries in 175 countries (As of June 2023). Its sustainability assessments are used to comprehensively evaluate companies across four categories: Environment, Labor & Human Rights, Ethics, and Sustainable Procurement.

In each of those categories, Niagro has been actively carrying out various initiatives for many years, and has been recognized for its efforts with a Silver rating for five consecutive years since 2016, followed by two consecutive Gold ratings in 2021 and 2022.

In 2023, Niagro received the highest rating of Platinum for the first time in recognition of its ongoing efforts for labor and human rights.

On the momentum of this success, the Nichirei Group will continue working to help build a sustainable world through all of its business activities.

# **Examples of Niagro's Sustainability Initiatives**

# Environment



Support for classes on healthy eating for local children is provided (including fresh acerola juice)

# Labor & Human Rights



Training on labor and human rights issues is provided to employees

#### **Ethics**



Training on ethical conduct is provided to employees

#### Sustainable Procurement



CSR training for farmers

#### **Inquiry**

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