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**CENGİZ HOLDING'S UK FACILITY IN THE TOP 5% AMONG 150 THOUSAND COMPANIES**

**ICoNiChem’s sustainable production earns gold medal from EcoVadis**

**EcoVadis, one of the world’s most trusted provider of business sustainability ratings, awarded a gold medal to ICoNiChem, Cengiz Holding’s UK-based facility producing cobalt and nickel end-products - a roaring success achieved by making it into the top 5 percent among over 150 thousand companies assessed by EcoVadis.**

ICoNiChem, the UK-based facility of Cengiz Holding standing out with significant industrial investments in Türkiye and the world, crowned its success in sustainability with a gold medal awarded by EcoVadis. Assessing more than 150 thousand companies from over 185 countries, EcoVadis announced that ICoNiChem’s score increased to 76, which was 72 in the previous assessment. Thus, ICoNiChem scored higher than 96 percent of the companies assessed by EcoVadis.

**‘A REFLECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES’**

**ICoNiChem General Manager Berk Şengül** emphasized that this success in sustainability is a reflection of the importance they attach to environmental and ethical values. Stating that they take great pride in making it into the top 5 percent among the companies assessed by EcoVadis, Şengül said: “The precious metals found in small amounts in Eti Bakır Küre plant’s byproducts are recovered at Mardin Mazıdağı plant. One of these metals is cobalt. Cobalt is a key metal for both technology and a sustainable future that we ship from Mardin to England, where it is transformed into cobalt end-products and then sold to many countries around the world. Even this alone speaks volumes about the contribution we make to to circular economy.” Stating that ICoNiChem recovers metals also from waste battery dust (black mass), Şengül continued: “We are one of the world’s most important companies in cobalt and nickel salt production. We recover 25 tons of nickel and cobalt by processing 250 tons of waste battery dust every year. We have continued efforts to recover lithium from waste batteries through various collaborations. As a company that puts ‘recycling’ at the center of all its activities, the gold medal we have been awarded by EcoVadis is a great motivation to us. We will work even harder to win the platinum medal by making our emission management even more effective.”

EcoVadis is a system that helps companies manage, measure and improve sustainability performance across their entire value chain. With a solid foundation in environmental management, ICoNiChem has been participating in EcoVadis assessments since 2018. To date, the company has won silver medals three times and gold medals twice. ICoNiChem, which holds ISO 9001 and 14001 certificates, improved its score in sustainability with the contributions of its employees, and thus received yet another gold medal for this achievement. The facility continues to put into effect a series of policies and actions on environment, human rights, ethics, work conditions, sustainable procurement and carbon management to further strengthen its management systems in these areas.