

FOOD GRADE RECYCLING IN BRAZIL

Valgroup thinks circular and goes big with viscoSTAR 350



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For over 45 years in the market, Valgroup has become one of the largest producers, processors, and recyclers of plastic, with operations in the United States of America, Brazil, Spain, Italy, Mexico, and Uruguay, employing over 6,500 collaborators across 40 plants.

With great influence comes great responsibility, which the multinational company has clearly articulated in ambitious goals for the protection of nature and people. Valgroup's purpose is to improve the quality of life through the development of innovative and sustainable solutions. With this mission, the group aims to lead the plastic packaging market in the Americas and strives to be recognized as a reference in the circular economy.

The increasing demand for recycled PET around the globe drives the need for larger recycling plants. In response to this trend towards large plants and big capacities, viscotec started building new and bigger models of the Solid State Polycondensation (SSP) reactor. Valgroup is the first organization to operate a viscoSTAR 350, the biggest SSP currently available, at one of its production sites in Brazil. It is used after a recycling extruder and produces up to 3.5 tons of decontaminated and iv-increased pellets per hour.

„The viscoSTAR SSP equipment is a mature technology which allows us to have reliability in the process.“

Valgroup wants to keep investing in the mechanical recycling in order to meet the needs of their clients. They know that the quality exigences will rise in the future, so it is important for them to have the best technology.

NET ZERO by 2040
Valgroup in a Circular Economy
The group has a strong Environmental Social Governance (ESG) positioning, with a goal in the environmental sphere to be NET ZERO by 2040, by neutralizing carbon emissions and recycling the equivalent of 100% of the amount of packaging produced. This is how Valgroup will effectively contribute to the circular economy by removing plastic waste from the environment.

“For over 45 years in the market, we have become one of the largest producers and recyclers of plastic, committed to the environment and society by operating ethically and transparently.“, tells Eduardo Berkovitz, Director of Institutional Relations & Compliance at Valgroup, talks about



Valgroup's long-standing efforts to align all of its decisions and actions with a circular economy. „Innovation with disruptive technologies is part of a journey that started many years ago, in a company that has always had sustainability in its DNA.“