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PPC Group achieves ISS STOXX Prime Status following ESG Rating Upgrade

- *Overall rating upgraded to "B-" from "C+" in 2025, securing Prime Status*
- *Performance score increased to 50.83 from 47.04*
- *Further strengthening PPC Group's international recognition for its ESG performance*

PPC is now ranked among the world's leading energy companies in ESG performance, having achieved ISS STOXX Prime Status. Its overall performance score increased to 50.83 from 47.04, resulting in an upgrade of its overall rating to **"B-" from "C+"**, further strengthening the Group's international recognition for its ESG performance.

This latest upgrade reflects PPC Group's steady progress in embedding responsible environmental, social and governance practices across the full scope of its operations.

Achieving **Prime Status** represents a major distinction for PPC Group, certifying that it ranks among the companies meeting ISS STOXX's highest sustainability standards for the **Electric Utilities** sector. Within this sector, Prime Status is awarded to companies rated **B**- or higher, a rating now achieved by PPC. This distinction recognizes the effective management of material environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, as well as a company's ability to mitigate related risks and generate positive environmental and social impact.

ISS STOXX, one of the world's leading sustainability research and rating organizations, assesses companies' performance in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters, as well as their ability to identify and manage the related risks and opportunities across their sectors of activity. It is the responsible investment arm of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. and has more than 25 years of expertise in ESG research, assessing more than **8,600 companies** and serving approximately **5,000 clients**, including many of the world's leading institutional investors. The ISS STOXX Corporate Rating is an internationally recognized benchmark for assessing corporate sustainability performance and is widely used by the global investment community to integrate ESG considerations into investment decisions.

PPC: Green investments with sustainability at its core

Over recent years, PPC has been consistently implementing its strategic transformation, focusing on sustainable development and the energy transition, with the complete phase-out of lignite by the end of 2026 remaining a key priority. Under its updated Strategic Plan for the 2026–2030 period, the Group continues to strengthen investments in renewable energy sources (RES), flexible generation, energy storage and modern energy infrastructure, while leveraging innovative and digital technologies across its entire range of activities.

In 2025, **87%** of the Group's total investments of **€2.8 billion** were allocated to RES, flexible generation, and the expansion and modernization of electricity distribution networks, which constitute the core pillars of the Group's strategic transformation. At the same time, the Group is developing innovative value-added energy solutions for its customers, supporting electrification and the digital transition.

The Group's objective is to create shared socio-economic value by considering the needs of all stakeholders while contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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