

# Footprints:

## Your responsible investing newsletter

Be part of the solution!

### RGP Investments planted trees around the world



20 074

Number of trees planted



963 552

lbs of CO2 absorbed per year

### One more step towards a better future



- Haiti
- Amazon Rainforest
- Indonesia
- British Columbia

### Innovative Company of the Quarter

#### Schneider Electric <sup>(1)</sup>

When you invest in GreenWise portfolios, you are holding units in companies that have a real impact on the planet.

##### HEAD OFFICE



Hauts-de-Seine, France

##### INDUSTRY



Industrial - Specialized industrial machinery & electrical equipments

##### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ✓ The company's solutions and services have helped customers save and avoid **440 million tons of CO2** since 2018
- ✓ One of the first companies in the world to have its **Net-Zero objectives validated** for its entire value chain **by the Science Based Targets Initiative**
- ✓ Present for **the 12th year on the CDP A-list for climate change**, and included in the Dow Jones Sustainability and Euronext ESG indices
- ✓ The company has committed millions of dollars to a more inclusive economy for the benefit of the most vulnerable people and communities **through numerous impact investment initiatives**
- ✓ 45% of all the company's packaging is now made **without single-use plastic** and uses recycled cardboard, compared with 21% in 2021

[Learn more about their commitments](#)

##### POSITIVE THEMES



Energy transition

##### RELATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### Impact Project



#### Darling Ingredients Sustainable Bond

By investing in GreenWise portfolios, you are helping to develop projects that support responsible investing criteria (ESG).

##### LOCATION OF THE ISSUER



Irving, Texas

##### INDUSTRY



Consumer Non-Cyclical - food products

##### RELATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



##### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ✓ The company, which operates worldwide, collects and converts food residues into essential ingredients for nutrition and bioenergy.

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### Shareholder Engagement

#### LENDERS URGED TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

On April 5, 2023, more than 26% of RBC shareholders supported a proposal asking the bank to inquire of its clients whether they have obtained the free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) of the indigenous peoples affected by their projects. While recognizing the bank's commitments and efforts in the area of fundamental aboriginal rights, they made it clear that RBC must be more vigilant in ensuring that these rights are respected in its project financing activities, which is to its advantage. Indeed, there are many examples where lack of consideration for these rights has led to project delays and disruptions, if not outright failure. Conversely, respecting these rights increases the legitimacy and social acceptability of projects, and reduces the risk of conflict. The FPIC, not to be confused with a veto, is at the heart of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It should be noted that Canada and British Columbia have begun the process of bringing their laws into line with this declaration, thereby increasing the risks for companies that fail to respect these rights, and for those who finance their projects.



### ESG News Highlights

#### News #1 : Climate inequality report 2023, Fair taxes for a sustainable future in the global South

The *World Inequality Lab* has published the Climate Inequality Report 2023 with the aim of exposing the very unequal effects of climate change on populations and suggesting pathways to solutions such as development cooperation and transformative tax and social policies. The report reminds us that the top 10% of emitters generate 48% of emissions, with the top 1% being responsible for more emissions than the entire bottom 50% of the world's population.

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#### News #2 : Is green hydrogen the future of transport ?

Currently, 99% of trains in North America run on diesel. If Canada is to meet its target of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, it's high time to consider alternatives.

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