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SODEXO TO DIVERT MORE THAN 75 TONNES OF FOOD WASTE

Australia, 15 October 2020 - Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Life services, has pledged to purchase at least 75 tonnes of surplus food by August 2021, through Yume's surplus food online marketplace, as part of its ongoing efforts to lead the charge in corporate sustainability.

Yume’s online marketplace allows suppliers and buyers to connect with each other to prevent high quality, edible food from going to waste.

Yume food purchases are made by a number of Sodexo’s mining villages sites across the country, including Cloudbreak, Degrussa and Karntama in Western Australia, Olympic Dam in South Australia and Tanami in Northern Territory.

Sodexo and Yume first partnered in mid-2018 and Sodexo was the first corporate buyer to make a Yume pledge for future food purchases. Since, Sodexo has purchased more than 115 tonnes of surplus produce through Yume.

Katy Barfield, Founder & CEO, Yume: “7.3 million tonnes of food is wasted every year in Australia, of which 4.1 million tonnes is from the commercial food sector. Through the purchase of top-quality surplus food through Yume, Sodexo has become a leader in sustainable procurement and given hundreds of businesses a lifeline.”

Sodexo’s Tanami Village alone has purchased 8,123kg of surplus food through Sodexo’s supply chain.

Following a successful trial, Sodexo’s team at Tanami now purchases salmon, export quality pork, diced beef, chicken and more, ordering in bulk and building the products into their quarterly menus.

Tristan Allen, Tanami Site Manager, Sodexo Australia: “We were surprised at how much food would normally have gone to waste. We now purchase almost a tonne of poultry every six to eight
weeks that would have otherwise gone to waste. With Yume part of our main supply chain, we’re looking at how we can incorporate even more products as we review our menu each quarter.”

Sodexo’s mission to reduce waste extends across its operations in Australia.

The company recently announced it helped reduce the production of regular plastics by 156 tonnes and offset 1,122 tonnes of carbon, as part of its partnership with packaging provider BioPak.

Sodexo has also announced the deployment of its data-driven food waste prevention program, WasteWatch powered by Leanpath, at 140 food service locations across Asia-Pacific, including Australia, by January of 2021.

The WasteWatch program will enable sites to capture food waste data, identify opportunities to reduce waste and drive operational and behavioural changes.

**Mark Chalmers, CFO & Country President, Sodexo Australia:** “Collectively, corporate Australia still has a long way to go to achieve environmentally-conscious operations and supply chains. By partnering with providers like Yume, BioPak, and Leanpath we’re taking steps towards a more sustainable future. Our work with our sustainability partners serves as a reminder of the capacity of corporates to contribute to the fight against waste.”

Sodexo’s work to reduce waste and stop hunger forms part of its Better Tomorrow 2025 corporate responsibility roadmap.

About Yume

Yume enables food suppliers, such as manufacturers, primary producers and importers to sell their quality surplus products at a discount to commercial buyers in the food service industry such as caterers, wholesalers, restaurants, hotels and event centres through its online marketplace. Already, Yume - which works with hundreds of leading food manufacturers, such as Unilever and Kellogg’s and food service giants like Sodexo and Accor Hotels - has sold over 2,087 tonnes of quality surplus food, returning over $6.9 million to Australian farmers and manufacturers.

In doing so, the award-winning social enterprise - one of only three companies globally using technology to offer an innovative market for surplus food - has saved 144 million litres of water and prevented 4,180 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being released.

About Sodexo in Australia

Sodexo in Australia employs a diverse workforce of over 5,000 employees. Sodexo delivers a unique array of over 100 integrated services lines including: catering, facilities management, concierge services, security, asset maintenance and hospitality services in the following segments: Corporate, Healthcare & Seniors, Education, Government & Justice Services and Energy & Resources both on and offshore.

About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 67 countries, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits & Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programs fostering employees’ engagement to solutions that simplify and optimize their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, child care centers and concierge services. Sodexo’s success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 470,000 employees throughout the world.

Sodexo is included in the CAC 40, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.
Key figures (as of August 31, 2019)

- 22.0 billion euro in consolidated revenues
- 470,000 employees
- 19th largest private employer worldwide
- 67 countries
- 100 million consumers served daily
- 9.7 billion euro in market capitalization (as of September 10, 2020)