

## Royal DSM's statement on climate change and response to the decision of the USA to withdraw from the Paris Climate Treaty.

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*Climate change is a real issue, as confirmed by the overwhelming majority of scientists. The scientific debate is over. Almost 200 Heads of State who signed the Paris Agreement and many large and small companies worldwide agree: action is needed.*

*Climate change is already impacting the lives of many today. We need to address it by working together across the world. Governments, companies, scientists, and NGOs, all have a role to play. No one can do this in isolation. Where governments -rightly so- have the mandate to define the policy context via laws and regulations, business can help delivering on the Paris Agreement ambitions with innovations that will generate jobs while ensuring low-carbon prosperity.*

*DSM will continue its efforts to address climate change and stay the course, together with other companies as well as with governments. We believe putting a price on carbon will help to facilitate the needed transition to a low-carbon economy. It will anchor real climate action incentives into our economic system, benefiting people today and generations to come.*

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