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Trending this month:

Elon Musk Calls ESG 'An Outrageous Scam' After Tesla Was Removed From Index



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Exxon is rated top ten best in world for environment, social & governance (ESG) by S&P 500, while Tesla didn't make the list!

ESG is a scam. It has been weaponized by phony social justice warriors.

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S&P Dow Jones Indices recently removed the Tesla and several other companies from its ESG index as part of its yearly rebalancing. In an explanation of the move, the index operator said Tesla lagged its peers for a variety of reasons including its carbon strategy, working conditions and handling of a regulatory investigation.

“While Tesla may be playing its part in taking fuel-powered cars off the road, it has fallen behind its peers when examined through a wider ESG lens,” S&P said in a blog post detailing the index changes.



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Why Tesla was removed from the ESG Index?

According to Margaret Dorn, Head of ESG Indices, Tesla's S&P DJI ESG Score hasn't actually deteriorated. In fact, it has increased on average and has remained "fairly stable year-over-year." But while Tesla's score in this field increased at one, stable pace, the score of Tesla's industry competitors, as well as the industry group as a whole, have both improved more quickly, pushing Tesla to the bottom 25% of its industry group (automobiles and components).

The decline in Tesla's codes of business conduct, according to the S&P's Media and Stakeholder Analysis, "a process that seeks to identify a company's current and potential future exposure to risks stemming from its involvement in a controversial incident," is rooted in claims of racial discrimination and poor working conditions in Tesla's factories.

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Is Tesla Sustainable? How Does Tesla Perform on ESG Ratings?

Tesla is far from having great ESG ratings and scores. Tesla produces highly-efficient EVs, but it has several sustainability issues, including the environmental impact of its batteries, poor working conditions and the eccentric and unusual governance of Elon Musk.

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8 Best ESG Rating Agencies – Who Gets to Grade?

ESG scores are a great way to make sure that you're investing in companies with the best environmental, social, and governance practices. But how do you know which ESG rating agency is right for you?

The best ESG ratings providers are ones that provide a fair and accurate assessment of the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities associated with an investment or transaction.

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SARAWAK FIRST STATE TO REQUIRE A LICENCE FOR FOREST CARBON ACTIVITIES

In May 2022, Sarawak has passed amendments to its Forests Ordinance, making it the first state in Malaysia to grant licenses for forest carbon activities, in line with efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change. Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan said the amendments would empower the state forests director to issue licences for forest carbon activity over state land, permanent forests and alienated land that would lead to the reduction of carbon emissions. He said license holders would be granted legal and beneficial titles to the carbon or greenhouse gas stocks associated with the forest carbon activity and carbon credit units for emission reductions issued by a carbon standard.

Awang Tengah said the licensing of forest carbon activity was a strategy of removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through carbon sequestration and storing it within the forests. He noted that Sarawak had six million hectares of permanent forests and one million hectares of totally protected forests. "From these forested areas, carbon sequestration can be carried out to form carbon stocks and carbon credit units can be derived," he said. Through forest carbon activity, he added, Sarawak was expected to have a new source of revenue estimated at RM315mil annually.



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