

# Cases of Packaging Materials Recycling



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SPARKLE Inc.

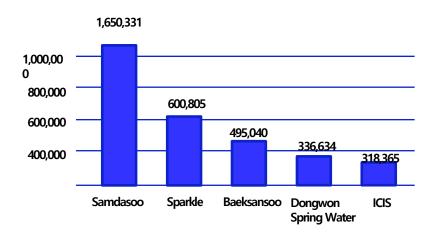


## A Company Specializing in Bottled Water (from manufacturing to delivery)

- More than 70% of sales are online

2<sup>nd</sup> in Brand Reputation Index





Source: Korea Corporate Reputation Research Institute (July 2023)

Customer Satisfaction (Price / 4.8 out of 5Quality / Delivery)



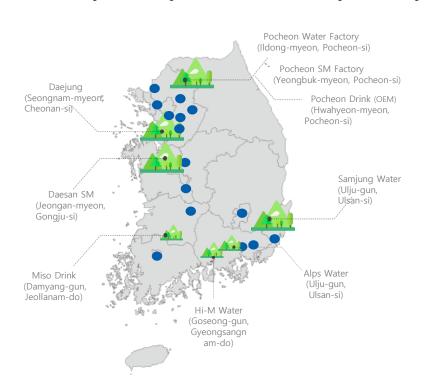


#### **Delivery System (Order today! Receive tomorrow!)**



We established the best delivery system with a **97% direct delivery system nationwide** and a systematic supply chain of 5 in-house water sources (factories), 6 OEM water sources, **21 logistics centers, and around 700 distributors**.

Order now and you will be linked in real-time to the distributor delivery app, enabling 40% same-day delivery and 95% next-day delivery of orders.



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Siheung, Gimpo, Gyeyang, Incheon, Gangnam, Namyangju, Byeollae, Yongin, Seobusan, Dongbusan, Sambusan, Ulsan, Gwangju, Ilsan, Gunpo, Dongdaegu, Seodaegu, North Cheona, Cheongju, Daejeon, Changwon

Distributor Direct Delivery



Household and Office Clients

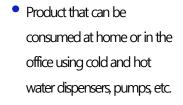


### **Product Introduction**



#### 100% Natural Mineral Water from an average depth of 200 meters underground (Natural Mineral Water)







- Environmentally friendly products with labels removed Sparkling water with lime flavor added Very easy to separate and recycle
- Won the Best Package Design Award



Refreshing and cool







## Reversed Collection of Water Bottles and Plastic Reduction



### Summary of Activities



- Sparkle is a leading participant in establishing the Ministry of Environment's resource circulation system.
- Agreement on the production of label-free transparent PET bottles (MOE, Feb. 23, 2021)
- Started label-free production immediately after the announcement of the MOE in December, 2020.
- Agreement on the production of high-quality recycled materials (Chungcheongnam-do, Sparkle-BLACKYAK, Apr. 26, 2021)
- **Reversed collection of water bottles (Oct. 2019–July 2023)**
- A total accumulated collection of 2,030 tons (equivalent to 224 million of 500ml bottles, 47,040 km in length)

- Earth's circumference: 40,075 km

■ Plastic reduction: 892 tons in total

Label-free water (Dec. 2020-June 2023)

- Label: 480 tons of plastic reduced (1.04 billion bottles produced)



## Background of Introducing Resource Circulation Activities



In response to the government's resource circulation policy and a commitment to fulfill our social responsibility.

- ◆ In response to the government's resource circulation policy and growing consumer interest in bottle recycling.
- ◆ The reality of importing waste plastics from countries like Japan and Taiwan.
- Increased willingness to replace imported high-purity r-PET with domestically produced alternatives.
- ◆ Possibility of applying Sparkle's empty bottle collection system to a "water bottle reversed collection system."
- ◆ High commitment from CFO and partners (consumers

## Progress of Introducing Sparkle Water Bottle Reversed Collection System

- 1) May 2018, Review of implementing reversed collection system
  - Gathered initial opinions from consumers and distributors.
- 2) August 2018, Pilot launch of "reversed collection service" (1 item of 5-pack of 2 liters)
  - Addressed issues through consumer engagement and distributor services.
  - Enhanced service by upgrading distributor vehicles to TOP cars.
- 3) January to August 2019, Preparation for the introduction of the service to all products
- Gathered secondary opinions from consumers and recycled plastic materials suppliers.
- Gathered opinions and held resolution meetings by region to involve every distributor.
- 4) September 25, 2019, Proclamation of "Water Bottle Reversed Collection System" and launch ceremony



## Negotiations to Introduce a Water Bottle Reversed Collection System

Gathering opinions from distributors across the country on the introduction of the service

- Consumers: Increase their pride in participating in environmental protection activities
- Distributors: Build the infrastructure for their future mineral water businesses

- Social Value: Sparkle contributes to maintaining a clean global

environment!!







## Launching Ceremony of Reversed Collection Service

Service September 25 (Wed), 2019, Kick-Off

Participants: Sparkle, TK Chemical, Mother's, and online distributors





## PET Bottle Material Recycling Collaboration System



## **Bottled Water Manufacturer**

Prod Sale Con coll sum ection ptio

Sorting, Pressin g PET Material Supplier

**Flake** 

r-Pet Chip Yarn

**Bottle** 

## Collaboration with manufacturers, delivery agents, and consumers

- Sparkle company-wide campaigns
- 700+ nationwide delivery agents participation
- Consumer participation
- Logistics centers handling

Global company producing products using r-PET

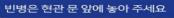
- Manufacture of container materials using domestic ecoyarn
- Hyundai Livart, Amorepacific,
   Nike, Adidas, etc.
- Replacement of highlyimported Japanese r-PET with



#### **Developing Consumer Participation Strategies**

Inserting promotional flyers inside the product and

providing bottle collection baskets





#### 스파클 빈병 회수 서비스

현재 플라스틱 재활용률은 50% 미만! 여러 종류의 플라스틱이 섞여 있으면 재활용이 어렵기 때문에 스파클에서 100% 재활용될 수 있도록 깨끗한 빈병만 모아서 회수합니다.

#### 참여방법

스파클 빈병을 모아서 (2L 24병 또는 500ml 40병 이상) 재주문 시 배송 메세지에 '페트병회수' 라고 적어주시고 문 앞에 놔주시면 대리점에서 수거 후 사은품 2L 1병(600원 상당)을 증정해드립니다.

- '페트병회수' 를 입력하지 않아도 수거는 하지만 사은품 증정은 어렵습니다.
- 재주문시 수거합니다. 별도 수거 요청은 받지 않습니다.
- 2L 1병 중정 이벤트는 스파를 사정에 의해 사전 고지 없이 종료 또는 변경될 수 있습니다.
- ② 생수병으로 재사용되나요? 회수된 빈병은 생수병이 아닌 에코의류업체를 통해 100% 재활용
- 다른 생수병도 수거하나요?
  깨끗한생수병이면 라벨 제거 후함께 주셔도 됩니다.
- 깨끗한 생수병이면 라벨 제거 후 함께 주셔도 됩니다. •일반 쓰레기는 배출하지 마세요 수거하지 않습니다.
- ② 24병 이상 모으면 사은품을 더 주나요? 환경을 보호하는 취지로 시행하는 캠페인이기 때문에 24병 이상 모아주셔도 최대 1병까지만 증정해드립니다.
- ② 반드시 회수해야 하나요? 빈병 회수는 선택사항으로 집 앞에 분리수거하셔도 됩니다.











SPARKLE Water is a low-carbon product certified by the Ministry of Environment that cares a lot about the environment by reducing carbon emissions.

It is an environmentally-friendly Grade 1 product leading in PET bottle recycling enorts















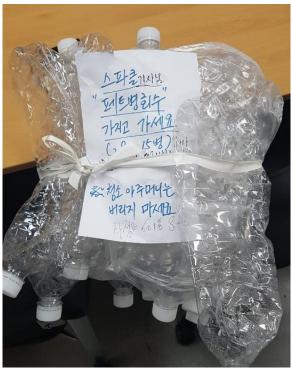
## Running 21 Logistics Centers Nationwide Simultaneously



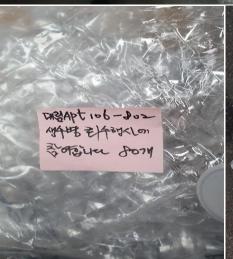


## Household Consumers Participation













## Household, Restaurant, and Karaoke Customers participation







## Restaurant, Karaoke, and Accommodation Customers Participation











### Collecting Empty Bottles with Delivery Vehicles





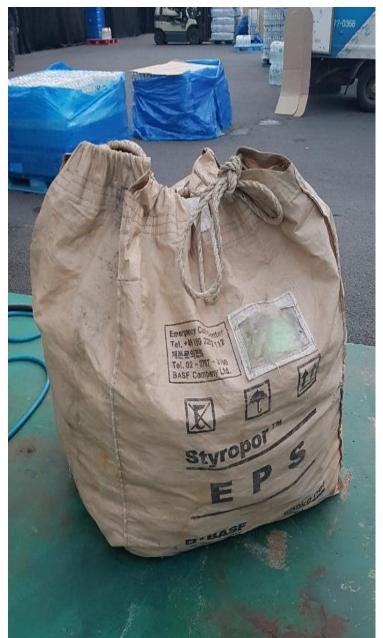




### **Logistics Centers Empty Bottles Treatment**









#### Burlap Bags for Collecting Empty Bottles and Pressed Bales











# Water Bottle Reversed Collection Process

#### **Factory**

Production of highquality water with onestop production system

Water Bottle



#### Logistics C e n t e r

Swift delivery through 21 centers nationvide

#### Distributor

Arrival within 2 days of ordering

#### Consumer

Consumption







#### **Factory**

Production of sorting & and pressed bale Transport to r-PET material supplier



#### Logistics Center

Transport empty bottles to the factory in burlap bags



#### **Distributor**

Reverse collect clean empty bottles



#### Consumer

Place empty bottles in front of house



## Plastic Reduction: Label-free Production

Swiftly decided to produce label-free products after the announcement on December 4, 2020!

- Initial consumer reactions: "Why is there no label? Is this a SPARKLE product? Is it mineral water?"
- Inserting promotional flyers inside products, explaining the intention of label-free and requesting cooperation

- Later consumer reactions: "Why? Why does it have a label? I only want label-free

now!!"

95% label-free



라벨분리가 필요없는 스파클생수

스파클은 95% 이상 무리벨로 배송됩니다





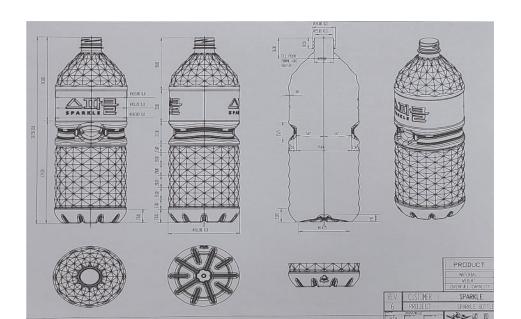


## Plastic Reduction: 412 tons of Container Lightweighting

Starting from May 2021, we initiated a review of lightweighting for the 2-liter containers.

From March 2022 to January 2023, we completed implementing lightweighting to 6 factories.

- Goal: Current 37.3g → 32g, 33g, 34g, 35g
- Progress: Preform and molding conditions improvement
- Result: Considering consumer convenience, we are planning to reduce the weight firstly by 34.6g, and secondly by 33g by early 2024.





### Recycle Goal & Vision

## Goal

(Collection Rate)

❖ Year 3 20%

❖ Year 5 35%

❖ Year 7 70%

❖ Year 10 90%

### Vision

Higher pride for workers

(short-term)

Increased consumer

environmental awareness

(mid-term)





### **Proposal**

We propose establishing a strategic collaboration with major water companies in "water bottle reversed collection" activities for the advancement of sustainable resource circulation and the bottled water industry.

Bottled Water = Eco-friendly Packaging





## Thank You