

Sustainability – Responsibility and Obligation Towards Future Generations

We understand sustainability as the development of the needs of the current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

After successfully implementing the ISO standards according to DIN EN ISO 14001 (Environmental Management) and DIN EN ISO 50001 (Energy Management) for many years, we have come to the conclusion that these are not necessary from our perspective to achieve our environmental and energy goals and to promote and maintain sustainable practices within the company.

We have decided to temporarily suspend external certifications according to the standards of DIN EN ISO 14001 and DIN EN ISO 50001. However, we will continue to have these standards monitored continuously by external service providers.

Compliance with ISO standards often requires a standardized approach that does not always align perfectly with the development of the individual needs and processes within our corporate group. By saving financial resources that were previously used for compliance with these ISO standards, we can invest more in the development and adaptation of our own processes. This allows us to create solutions that are better tailored to our specific requirements while simultaneously increasing efficiency and competitiveness.

Furthermore, we believe that promoting sustainability is crucial as there are environmental impacts, including energy consumption, waste generation and emissions, which have a significant impact on resource conservation and waste in our organisation.

Therefore, we will continue to maintain and continuously improve the following approaches to promote sustainability:

- Improving energy efficiency
- Utilizing renewable energy sources
- Minimizing waste and enhancing recycling
- Optimizing water management
- Using environmentally friendly materials
- · Reducing air and noise emissions
- Training and raising awareness
- Assessing the carbon footprint
- Conducting internal audits

These approaches help to minimize environmental impacts, use resources more efficiently, and achieve long-term ecological and economic benefits.

Our target remains the implementation and maintenance of established processes, allowing us to continue progressing towards ecological, social, and economic sustainability. To achieve this, effective and efficient internal processes are being developed to ensure and guarantee successful environmental and energy management programmes even without formal certification.

We improve environmental performance and implement energy efficiency measures through internal guidelines, training and regular internal reviews.

Sustainability measures are planned and implemented with minimal effort or use of resources in order to achieve a specific and intended effect on the desired targets..

All of this is done while considering legal requirements that obligate us to implement environmental and energy management practices.

We will continue to apply our implemented environmental and energy management methods to our business partners in order to maintain our credibility and transparency with regard to sustainability.

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