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Water Protection Policy.

Our Commitment to Sustainability, Responsibility, and Transparency.

1 Introduction

The Ganahl Group is committed to the sustainable use of water and views the protection of this essential resource as an integral part of our environmental strategy. In view of the global challenges posed by water scarcity and the increasing pressure on natural water reserves, efficient water management is crucial for our company's long-term ecological and economic sustainability.

With this in mind, the Ganahl Group has set itself the goal of reducing the specific water consumption of the paper machine by 10% by 2030, using 2021 as the baseline year. This approach is especially effective, as the paper machine accounts for more than 80% of our company's total water consumption. Therefore, our optimization efforts are strategically focused on this area to achieve significant savings.

2 Our Commitment

We adopt a systematic and sustainable approach to water management, supported by the internationally recognized standards ISO 14001 (environmental management system for the following locations: Frastanz, St. Ruprecht, Budapest, Apahida, Targoviste, Sibiu, Hall in Tirol) and ISO 50001 (energy management system for the Frastanz location). These certifications underscore our commitment to continuous improvement and the highest environmental standards.

2.1 Standards and Obligations

Our water protection standards include:

- **Compliance with laws and regulations:** Adherence to all relevant national requirements for water protection.
- **Efficient water management:** Promoting sustainable water utilization across all production processes, with a particular focus on the paper machine..
- **Transparency and dialogue:** Encouraging open discussions with stakeholders to jointly develop sustainable water management strategies.

3 Measures for Water Efficiency and Resource Protection

To achieve our water protection goals, we implement the following measures:

- **Efficient monitoring:**
 - Deployment of modern systems for continuous monitoring and measurement of water consumption.
 - Identification of inefficient processes and transparent reporting of progress.



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○ **Water-saving technologies:**

- Researching and implementing new technologies to reduce water usage, such as closed-loop systems.
- Facilitating the reuse of water before it is discharged into wastewater systems.

○ **Improved wastewater management:**

- Utilization of advanced filtration and purification systems to meet legal requirements and minimize our environmental impact.
- Reuse of wastewater in production processes to reduce our overall water consumption.

○ **Collaboration with suppliers and partners:**

- Close cooperation to develop water reduction strategies across the value chain.
- Encouraging business partners to adopt environmentally friendly technologies.

○ **Regular water quality checks:**

- Semi-annual groundwater testing at our main consumption site in Frastanz, conducted by an external laboratory specializing in pollutant control.
- Implementation of proactive measures to protect water resources based on the results.

4 Employee Commitment

All employees of the Ganahl Group contribute to the implementation of water protection measures. Through our Continuous Improvement and Suggestion System (CISS), employees are encouraged to actively submit proposals to enhance water efficiency and environmental protection. Every contribution brings us closer to our goal of sustainable water consumption.

5 Accountability and Transparency

Responsibility for water management lies with the management team and the relevant departments. We are committed to:

- **Continuous monitoring, analysis, and optimization of our water protection measures.**
- **Transparent reporting: Providing clear updates on progress and challenges to build trust with our stakeholders.**

6 Long-Term Vision

Through our water protection measures, we aim not only to achieve our environmental goals but also to make a positive contribution to society and the environment. Water is an essential resource, and we consider it our duty to use it responsibly. The Ganahl Group is committed to continuing its investment in innovative solutions to sustainably reduce our water consumption and preserve natural resources for future generations.

Note: For the sake of readability, this document has been formulated using gender-neutral language.