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Environmental and energy policy of the German plants of the VDM Metals Group

For the VDM Metals Group (VDM for short), environmentally and energy-oriented operational management is not only a contribution to protecting the environment and conserving energy resources, but also an instrument for promoting process orientation and risk-based thinking. This leads to the long-term successful development of the company. The management therefore considers the environmental and energy policy defined here to be an important corporate objective in order to minimize environmental impacts in an ecologically, economically and socially appropriate manner and thus protect the diversity of natural resources. VDM is also developing its circular economy by increasingly using recyclable raw materials and promoting the recycling of waste. VDM aims to mitigate climate change by optimizing energy consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and minimizing water consumption.

VDM is committed to avoiding environmental pollution caused by the company and to continuously improving its energy-related performance. In particular, VDM uses the best available technology from a cost-benefit perspective at all locations to reduce emissions and climate impact. This includes the development of new products and services as well as our operational processes. In design-related activities and in the context of procurement, the impact on energy-related performance is always taken into account. If negative environmental events occur, potential environmental impacts are minimized through safety precautions. This also includes a cooperative and trusting relationship with the authorities.

The binding obligations and statutory provisions are regarded as minimum requirements and are ensured through regular inspections. In this way, VDM guarantees compliance with all air pollution control requirements, such as dust, noise and odor emissions, as well as water and soil protection. In this way, VDM makes a positive contribution to biodiversity. In the interests of a common understanding, VDM strives to ensure shared transparency between employees, customers, suppliers and other contractual partners as well as official institutions, interest groups and the public in the form of an exchange of information.

The necessary information and resources are provided to ensure continuous improvement of the environmental and energy management system and achievement of the targets and measures defined therein. The degree of target achievement is reviewed at regular intervals.

In order to implement this policy, the exchange of information and regular training of employees to strengthen their sense of responsibility and their successful participation are crucial.

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