Water policy

Lenzing – a sustainable company in every aspect

Water is an essential resource for sustaining Lenzing’s business and for creating value through the use of our products. Along the entire life cycle of our products, ensuring access to affordable, reliable and adequate water supplies is essential to the effectiveness and efficiency of not only Lenzing’s operations, but also those of our suppliers and our downstream customers. The water resources we depend on are shared with the communities where we operate and which our products serve. Globally, we recognize that water stress and quality has—increasingly over time – become a critical issue to the quality of life for millions of individuals. For this reason, Lenzing has designated water stewardship as one of the focus areas of its sustainability strategy, and has committed itself to manage and conserve water resources responsibly for communities, future generations and ourselves.

At Lenzing, the production of dissolving wood pulp and fiber entails water consumption as well as emissions into water supplies, with our operations thereby having a direct impact on water resource and quality in the regions we operate. For this reason, Lenzing is actively engaged in the assessment and management of the water footprint of our operation and products, as well as the associated risks to minimize our direct and indirect impacts. Lenzing has established its internal group wide performance standard on water emissions regardless of site locations. This standard is based on industry best practices, such as the EU Best Available Techniques Reference Documents (BREFs) and Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) standards, and is regularly reviewed and updated.
**Commitments:**

- We recognize and align our efforts to leading practices such as ensuring availability and sustainable water management of water and sanitation for all (SDG 6) as well as the conservation and sustainable utilization of the world’s oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (SDG 14).

- We engage value chain partners and other key stakeholders by fostering wider water stewardship and programmers based on sustainability principles in order to reduce water-related impacts and to benefit all members of communities.

- We commit ourselves to comprehensively monitor, control and report direct and indirect interactions with water resources. We continuously assess the risks and opportunities due to climate change and other global environmental issues, and address them in our business strategy.

- We optimize and improve our performance in water use and product water footprint through alignment with industry best practice and continuous efforts in terms of technology and management innovations.

- We aim to continuously reduce water consumption and water-related emissions above and beyond legal requirements in order to ensure water quality and availability where Lenzing operates, and thereby to meet our stakeholders’ expectations.

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