

## **EVN environmental policy statement**

### **Minimisation of environmental impact**

We seek to minimise the environmental impact of our activities and thus make an important contribution to the maintenance of the general ecological balance.

### **Sustainable development**

We feel an obligation to the principle of sustainability and adopt a responsible approach to the resources entrusted to us. Our aim is to secure the long-term quality of the environment for future generations. We make every effort to allocate equal attention to ecological, economic and social objectives.

### **Improved environmental performance**

EVN ensures compliance with all statutory requirements through the use of the very latest technology. In addition, the company is committed to constant improvements in the standard of its environmental performance. Accordingly, plants causing emissions are mainly accredited according to EMAS and ISO 14001 and subjected to annual external audits.

### **State-of-the-art environmental engineering**

All of EVN's energy generation plants are of state-of-the-art design. In this connection, the environmental upgrading of existing capacity and installation of new plants at established locations are of special importance. At the same time, the company endeavours to husband resources through the highest possible efficiency levels and further the development of innovative, environmental protection technologies.

### **Resource conservation and climate protection**

Resource conservation constitutes a yardstick for our activities. Through increased efficiency, the forced expansion of renewable energy sources and waste treatment, we want to make a valuable contribution to the climate protection targets of the EU, the Austrian Republic and the federal province of Lower Austria. EVN employs a flexible generation mix comprised of energy from water, heat and renewable sources. The expansion of electricity and heat generation from alternative sources is priority for EVN. Electricity generation from thermal energy sources will continue to make an important contribution to security of supply as well as network stability and will be conducive to the integration of renewable sources in the systems.

### **Landscape conservation**

In the course of its energy production and transmission activities, EVN pays close attention to landscape conservation. Local network cabling projects and optimum line routing are two examples of this policy.

### **Waste management**

The flows of material within our company are carefully monitored and controlled, facilitating waste prevention, recycling and correct disposal, in that order. The company also applies ecological criteria when selecting its material and equipment suppliers, and waste disposal contractors.

### **Energy consulting**

Efficient, customer-oriented energy consulting is a matter of key importance to EVN. In addition to economic considerations, this also involves ecological aspects. "Energy saving" is one of the core principles of EVN consulting.

### **Employee motivation**

The comprehensive range of tasks for an ecologically oriented company is so wide, that only well-informed and motivated employees can accomplish it. Therefore, EVN regards staff training and identification with the company's ecological policy as a major priority.