

Environment and Safety: Mission Statement of the Rieter Group

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As an industrial group operating on a global scale, we in the Rieter Group face important environmental challenges.

We are therefore dedicated to sustainable development which enables us to generate long-term added value for customers, employees and shareholders. Environmental protection together with safety of persons, manufacturing operations and products, are part of an integral corporate policy.

We are committed to conserving natural resources and demonstrate this in the choice of raw material, the optimisation of material and energy consumption, and the systematic integration of environmental and safety aspects in research and development, production, use and disposal.

In order to achieve our environmental and safety objectives, we work closely with suppliers and customers, and advise and support them in their efforts, so that we all play our role in minimising the environmental impact from our products for their entire service lives.

We proactively address environmental and safety challenges to ensure environmental impact is minimal and safety standards are met or exceeded. We comply with relevant legislation and regulations in respect to environmental protection and safety at all our plants and units.

We regularly verify the status of environmental compatibility and safety so that weaknesses can be identified and remedied in a process of continuous improvements.

We communicate openly on environmental issues and safety inside and outside the group, and maintain regular contact with authorities and personnel. Public concerns are taken seriously. We promote environmentally compatible and safe behaviour through information, training and education of personnel at all levels.

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