

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GUIDELINES.

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Basic principle

The task and obligation to protect our environment and climate means that anchoring the sustainability of all business activities in the alignment of each of the company's activities is indispensable in order to enable future generations to enjoy the right to an unrestricted way of life, particularly with regard to quality of life.

Environmental and climate protection as a primary aim of corporate policy

Corporate decisions are examined with regards to their consequences on the environment and on biodiversity. Currently applicable compliance obligations are observed, obligatory and provide the framework for the actions of Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH. As part of this, environmental & climate protection and profitability go hand in hand.

Protecting the natural basis for life

Encroachment and impacts on nature are kept to a minimum when it comes to extending or altering existing facilities.

Conserving resources throughout the production process

When fulfilling obligations to external and internal customers and in awareness of their responsibility towards the company and society, the company and all employees commit to executing their tasks with efficient use and conservation of the available resources.

By constantly improving production processes and developing new methods, the company aims to conserve natural resources and keep interference with these to a minimum.

All options for increasing energy efficiency and improving environmental & climate protection are utilised and continuously developed. Waste and unavoidable residual products are used or, if possible, disposed of without damage to the environment.

Commitment to improve energy performance

It is essential that energy efficiency is included in all technical considerations from the planning phase onward. The company commits to maintain a continuously developing energy efficiency management system which provides the necessary resources within a financially appropriate framework and which reduces energy consumption by as much as possible. The optimisation of energy efficiency is therefore an integral component of all operational procedures. Currently applicable compliance obligations are observed, obligatory and provide the framework for the actions of Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH.

Product responsibility

The graphite produced – in its many product variations – as well as the graphite preparations produced are tested and assessed for any possible impact on the environment, the climate and the conservation of biodiversity.

Graphite is chemically inert and is therefore not generally considered a hazardous material. Graphite is viewed as having a neutral effect on other areas. No environmental impacts are to be expected from using, processing or disposing of pure graphite.

No production waste is produced when graphite is processed. The entire raw material, as well as defective batches, test material and cleaning residues are reused.

Environmental and climate protection as an all-encompassing corporate philosophy

Protecting natural habitats as well as preserving biodiversity and the immediate environment around our business premises is only possible if every individual at the company is constantly aware of the need to protect this common good in their duties and adjust their work accordingly. All employees are therefore regularly trained in general aspects of environmentally friendly, climate friendly and efficient work as well as in any specific aspects for their role within the company.