

Environment

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R&M and environment

A strong sense of responsibility towards staff, market partners, suppliers and the environment is a characteristic of our corporate management and is an essential element of R&M's corporate principles. A responsible management of resources is an integral part of both our mission statement and quality management system in accordance with ISO 9001:2008. This of course means that environmental protection is integrated in every process in our company, securing long-term effectiveness.

R&M's environmental management bases on national and international guidelines and standards as well as all applicable laws, particularly the Swiss environmental law (USG).

By defining environmental protection as a corporate principle, R&M makes it an executive responsibility. Therefore, management and staff are bound to implement this principle in all operations and levels of the company.

The following points are of particular importance:

Developing new products

- Use of environmentally compatible material (RoHS, REACH, GG 813 and GVV 813.39 on prohibited toxic substances)
- Use of halogen-free products in acc. with DIN/VDE 0472, Part 815
- Use of renewable and/or biodegradable natural resources
- Material labelling on products for later recycling or disposal
- Use of recyclable, ecologically sound packing material

Purchasing

- Dealing with suppliers who actively protect the environment (preferably ISO 14001 certified)
- Short transports

Product planning/production

- Ecologically compatible means of productions and environmentally sound manufacturing processes

Disposal

- Sorted collection of waste and environmentally compatible disposal (acc. to the Swiss environmental law and other regulations)

Safety (for people and the environment)

- Observance of CE-guidelines and the EKAS Guideline No. 6508, ArG, UVG and others, within our safety management.

With the here presented and further measures we make sure that our products and processes are environmentally compatible and that any negative effect on the environment caused by our company can be safely ruled out.

As an additional action we will implement the ISO14001 in 2013 and the certification will be completed in June 2014.

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