

Water Security Policy

At Çolakoğlu® Metalurji A.Ş., in line with our “Future-Ready Steel” strategy, we regard water as far more than an input to our production processes: it is a shared and finite asset of the river basins, ecosystems and communities in which we operate. Guided by this understanding, we aim to adopt sustainable practices for the protection, efficient use and intergenerational stewardship of water resources; to continuously improve our water management performance; and, through our work in the field of water security, to assume a pioneering role in our sector.

In pursuit of this aim, we adopt the following as our guiding principles:

- Conducting our operations in alignment with Goal 6 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, “Clean Water and Sanitation”;
- Treating full compliance with applicable water legislation as a minimum threshold, setting voluntary targets that go beyond our legal obligations, and applying best available techniques;
- Ensuring the sustainable management of water resources so as to reduce our water consumption and water withdrawal, continuously improve water efficiency and lower our water footprint;
- Evaluating technologies and practices that increase the reuse and recycling of water in our production processes;
- Preventing, controlling and reducing water pollution and, wherever possible, eliminating it;
- Supporting the conservation of freshwater ecosystems, assessing the impacts of our activities on water resources and biodiversity, and taking the necessary measures;
- Reducing the use of hazardous substances, substituting them wherever possible, and implementing effective control mechanisms to prevent their potential adverse effects on the aquatic environment;
- Integrating the interlinkages between water, energy, climate change, biodiversity and the circular economy into our decision-making processes, and assessing environmental gains alongside potential trade-offs through a holistic approach;
- Regularly monitoring water-related physical and transition risks, implementing measures that strengthen our business continuity, and supporting climate change adaptation efforts;
- Maintaining regular dialogue with our employees, contractors, suppliers and local communities; supporting the provision of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene conditions; and raising environmental awareness through training and capacity-building programmes;
- Recognising that water security is a responsibility extending beyond our facility boundaries to the basin scale, and developing water governance and collective action partnerships with public institutions, industry stakeholders, neighbouring industrial enterprises and civil society;
- Expecting our suppliers to comply with minimum water-related standards, mapping the water risks in our upstream value chain and encouraging the dissemination of good practice;
- Monitoring our water performance against measurable targets and disclosing it transparently to the public in line with national and international reporting standards.

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