

Quality and Environment Policy

at Thyssen Duro Metall GmbH

Thyssen Duro Metall GmbH is a service company whose prime objectives are customer proximity, customer satisfaction and continuously improving its environmental protection work. The quality of our products and services consolidate our customers' trust in our company. Our goals are to ensure that this is the case, demonstrate flexibility, fulfil customer requirements and ensure that we can supply our partners. This is realised by developing and improving processes, optimising procedures and investing in forward-looking production systems and testing equipment. The continuous improvements and financial results that are achieved in this way also safeguard the future of our company.

We develop the skills that our employees require for their work by providing proper training and further education, and encourage them to act in a quality-conscious and environmentally aware way.

Compliance with legal regulations concerning the environment is a matter of course within our company. We evaluate the environmental effects of our work, production processes and products before they are introduced in our daily working procedures. In situations where impact on the environment is unavoidable, we reduce the impact using state-of-the-art technology. We use energy, water, auxiliary materials and operating materials as sparingly as possible. We strive to continuously improve our environmental protection measures and define organisational and technical measures in order to prevent substances or energy from being released and ensure that we operate correctly at all times.

Our company's objectives as a member of the quality and environmental management group of ThyssenKrupp Steel AG are achieved using a

Quality and Environmental Management System in compliance with DIN EN ISO 9001 – 2000 and DIN EN ISO 14001 – 1996.

The implementation thereof is every employee's duty and obligation. The regulations and definitions in the quality and environment management manual and other working documents and regulations are mandatory to all employees.

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