



Statement on responsible water management

"EP-BELT" DOO LOZNICA uses water in its operations and manages waste and atmospheric waste water. Fresh water from the city water supply is used:

- for drinking
- in production where minimal quantities are included in the composition of the finished product,
- as technical water
- for maintenance and as sanitary water,
- in the fire protection system.

"EP-BELT" DOO LOZNICA manages water responsibly, respecting the following principles:

- 1) **The principle of sustainable development** - water management must be carried out in such a way that the needs of current generations are met in a way that does not jeopardize the ability of future generations to meet their needs, i.e. the use of water must be ensured based on the long-term protection of available water resources, in terms of quantity and quality;
- 2) **The principle of integrity** - processes in nature, whose important component is water, as well as the connection and interdependence of aquatic and coastal ecosystems, must be respected;
- 3) **The principle of the unity of the water system** - water management within a single water area must be carried out in accordance with the development of the Republic of Serbia, in order to achieve maximum economic and social effects in a fair way and with respect for international agreements;
- 4) **The principle of ensuring protection from the harmful effects of water** - the population and its property must be protected from water, while respecting the legality of natural processes and the protection of natural values, as well as the economic justification of this protection;
- 5) **The "user pays" principle** - anyone who uses a water resource and a water facility, i.e. water the system, as a good of general interest, is obliged to pay a real price for its use;
- 6) **The "polluter pays" principle** - anyone who causes water pollution through their activities is obliged to bear the costs of measures to remove the pollution;
- 7) **The principle of public participation** - the public has the right to information about the water condition and operation competent authorities in the field of water, as well as involvement in the processes of preparation and adoption of water management plans and control of their execution;
- 8) **The principle of respect for the best available techniques** - in water management, the best known and available techniques, which represent the most advanced achievements in certain areas, must be applied.

"EP-BELT" DOO LOZNICA owns and obtains a water permit for all facilities and works. The water permit determines the manner, conditions and scope of water use, the manner, conditions and scope of wastewater discharge, storage and discharge of hazardous and other substances that can pollute water, as well as conditions for other works affecting the water regime. We develop goals and measures to use water responsibly and reduce potential negative impacts. The efficiency of the measures is constantly checked and, if necessary, they are improved. We transparently report on the success or failure of measures.

Applying various measures:

- we contribute to the responsible use of fresh water, we reduce and reduce the consumption of fresh water,
- we develop smart innovations and interventions to reduce water consumption and
- had less negative impact on the environment,
- we actively find solutions to: reduce, recycle and reuse water.
- we set clearly defined goals,

We include all employees and other stakeholders in water management,

- we conduct trainings and "awareness" programs,
- we control water management in the supply chain
- we responsibly choose the operators and purchasers of waste water with whom we cooperate
- we have established control of the water we use in terms of convenience for use, and generated waste water in terms of possible negative impact on the environment (regular control by accredited laboratories),
- we reduce the amount of waste water generated,
- we manage waste water responsibly (it is handed over to authorized operators for further treatment and recycling),
- we manage atmospheric wastewater responsibly
- we organize and participate in actions that have a positive impact on the environment (arrangement and cleaning actions, reforestation...)

Our assessment of risks related to water shows that water is an important resource, that water consumption in the Company is negligible and that waste water is managed in accordance with regulations.

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