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Mercedes-Benz Group Water Policy

Preamble

Water is an essential element for life on earth and it is a basic resource for the Mercedes-Benz Group as one of the leading global suppliers of premium and luxury cars. We are aware of the importance of fresh water as a resource, its increasing scarcity and also climate change inflicted risks such as flooding and drought. We recognize that water is a shared natural resource and is critically important to our operations, employees, customers, our supply chain, and to the communities where we operate. In the scope of our activities, we identified three strategic elements for our water policy,

- conservation of fresh water, incl. reduction of consumption, appropriate processing, recycling, and use of treated waste water,
- avoidance of soil and groundwater impacts and
- flood protection

Mercedes-Benz Group Water Policy:

The Mercedes-Benz Group Water Policy strives for corporate water leadership, defining goals, implementing actions, and monitoring results.

- We are aware of the importance of water as a resource and its increasing scarcity. We adhere to water-related risk assessment tools, standards, regulations, and disclosures, including CDP Water, WWF Water Risk Filter, and ISO 14001 Environmental Management.
- We optimize our water supply, scrutinize the relevant processes, and have comprehensive monitoring activities in place. Specific targets for saving water with defined measures are set.
- We optimize our waste water quantity and quality. Our waste water treatment is state-of-the-art, we promote industrial closed-loop water processes.
- We systematically protect soil and groundwater as valuable assets through technical and organizational measures preventing the release of water-polluting substances.
- Water-related aspects are incorporated into our supplier contracts and we encourage upstream value chain initiatives.
- We are taking holistic measures to protect the environment and our sites as we are aware of the dangers of flooding due to heavy rain caused by climate change.
- We raise awareness, providing access to safe drinking water, clean and functioning water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities for all employees.
- We measure and monitor the water risk and stress, applying internationally accepted methodologies and mitigate risks through efficient water management, conservation and protection.
- It is our ambition to find sustainable solutions to current and future water challenges.

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