

Group Instruction, Environmental Management

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1. Background and purpose

This Group Instruction specifies how to follow the overall requirements for the environmental management system that SSAB uses to enhance its environmental performance. This Group Instruction is intended to manage our environmental responsibilities in a systematic manner that contributes to the environmental pillar of sustainability.

This Group Instruction helps us achieve the intended outcomes of our environmental management system, which provide value for the environment, the organization itself and interested parties.

SSAB assures continuous development by monitoring environmental performance against environmental targets and the environmental management system.

2. Applicability

This Instruction is mandatory and applies to all divisions, companies and employees in the SSAB Group.

3. Instruction statement

When conducting the business the ISO 14001 Environmental Policy requirements will be met and in addition the following will apply:

- SSAB will promote sustainability and will commit to continual improvement.
- SSAB will strive to integrate sustainability into its operations including the evaluation of environmental risks.

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- SSAB high-strength steels and products will come with added value, which contributes to environmentally responsible and sustainable materials for our customers' products and solutions. By using high-strength steels SSAB customers can reduce their steel consumption, and with stronger, lighter and more sustainable products, further reduce energy consumption and environmental footprints throughout their life cycle.
- SSAB employees will work in a systematic, goal-oriented and proactive manner to reduce the impact to the environment including pollution prevention and waste minimization.
- SSAB will commit to interacting with stakeholders and evaluating stakeholder concerns, both internally and externally.
- SSAB operations are subject to ongoing environmental audits. The company will regularly establish and review environmental objectives and targets. Environmental reports will routinely be provided to Senior Management.
- SSAB will implement and maintain environmental management systems covering policies, practices and procedures at each operating location, and will be committed to meeting or exceeding its compliance obligations, and will be certified to the ISO 14001 standard, where applicable.

These statements may be used by divisions, subsidiaries and sites as an Environmental Policy, and if an alternative policy is to be used the statements in this Group Instruction are to be seen as a minimum and no conflicting statements are allowed.

Divisions, subsidiaries and sites are responsible for putting environmental protection into practice.

Whether a specific part of the organization is certified to the ISO 14001 standard or not, the ISO 14001 standard should always be used in addition to this Group Instruction as a guiding document for the operational management of environmental issues.

4. Associated documents

Group Directive regarding environmental management.

5. Changes compared to last revision

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