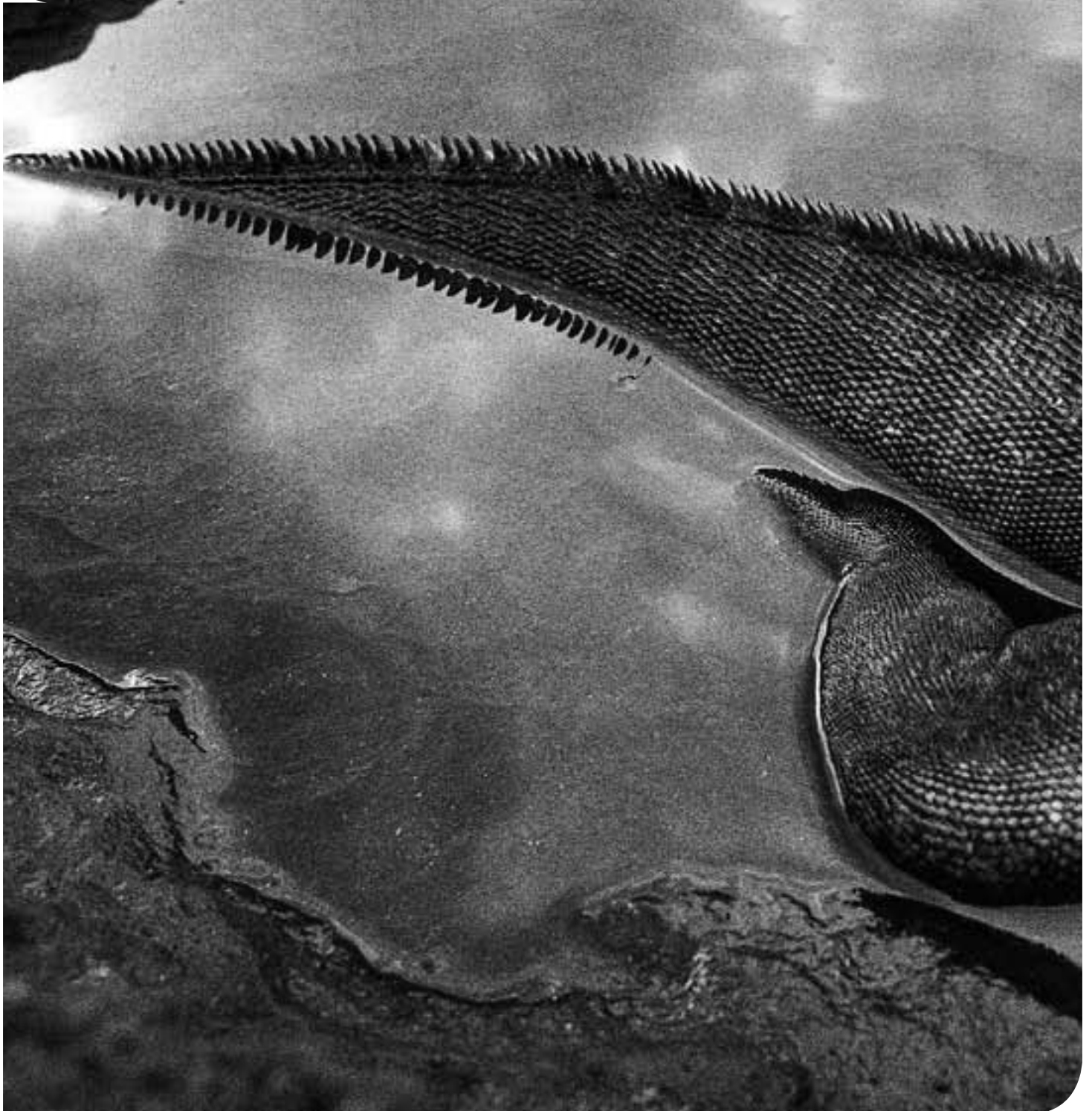




ArcelorMittal

Environmental Policy

Explanatory note



The environmental policy of ArcelorMittal contains the general guidelines decided by the general management which are to govern all environmental aspects of the activities of ArcelorMittal.



In this respect not everyone is perhaps concerned by all the statements since the environmental aspects are so broad and diverse. Of course many aspects have to do with the

production activities, but others concern rather research areas, purchasing, marketing or sales departments.

The following note seeks to explain in greater detail the contents of the policy.

The mission statement indicates the scope of ArcelorMittal activities. ArcelorMittal practices all aspects of modern steel making as well as the associated iron and coal mining operations. It produces a wide range of flat, long and stainless steel products to meet today's needs in all major customer markets. Steel is the material of choice for environmental protection; not only is it environmentally friendly but it also outperforms other materials because it is readily recycled.

Environmental excellence is incorporated into all processing activities of the company. The ISO 14001 management system is the management instrument of choice and ISO 14001 certification is mandatory for all ArcelorMittal production facilities. The policy statement meets ISO 14001 requirements regarding environmental policy statements.

1. Implementation of environmental management systems including ISO 14001 certification for all production facilities

In terms of management a number of aspects have to be managed at all facilities (waste, soil pollution ...). For some of these issues a standardized approach will be promoted (for instance a minimum requirement for soil pollution assessment). For the bigger facilities (those which have a monitoring requirement), the implementation of ISO 14001

is compulsory and certification is requested at the latest by the end of 2008 for those facilities without an ongoing project of implementation; those with an ongoing project should become certified by the end of 2007.

2. Compliance with all relevant environmental laws and regulations, and other company commitments

Full compliance with all regulatory requirements and environmental standards is a starting point for every facility. Compliance is crucial to the company to avoid risks to the management, to the integrity of our facilities, to our image, to the business and to our position as a World Leader. We are also compelled to comply with other company commitments; such as, specific purchase agreements or other engagements.

The ISO 14001 plants have a mandatory annual compliance audit cycle. In case non-compliance is detected it should be reported and solved. As a principle, the compliance situation of the company has to be updated quarterly. In this respect relevant procedures have to be applied.

3. Continuous improvement in environmental performance, taking advantage of systematic monitoring and aiming at pollution prevention

Continuous improvement is a fundamental requisite of the

ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems. Although not every parameter will always show a short-term improvement, targets need to be set so that a systematic improvement in environmental performance is achieved. To demonstrate this improvement a standardized way of monitoring significant impacts is to be agreed upon. This monitoring will not only allow demonstrating the progress but will also allow to benchmark similar activities and thereby launch a learning process towards preventive improvement actions. Before deciding on investments to abate pollution, it should be demonstrated that the problems can not be prevented in another way.

4. Development, improvement and application of low impact, environmental production methods taking benefit of locally available raw materials

In the long run, the use of state-of-the-art technology (or best available technology under economic conditions), improved process control and contributing to and tracking technological developments in the sector are essential to secure our future. The choice of technology can depend on local conditions; for instance in South America, natural gas and biomass are available. In mature economies, scrap is available in large quantities. Together with the choice of technology we will take these elements into account in order to minimise the environmental impact.

5. Development and manufacture of environmentally friendly products focusing on their use and subsequent recycling

In the end, the activities of ArcelorMittal aim to supply society with a superior product. ArcelorMittal (Research) is constantly developing more performing materials. It is very important that during this development due attention is given to the impact of this material during production, use and end of life. People concerned with these issues are in the research, sales, and marketing areas.

6. Efficient use of natural resources, energy and land

This statement stems logically from our commitment to continuous improvement. The use of natural resources: raw materials and water, energy and the use of land is however so important in steelmaking as well as the associated iron and coal mining operations that it merits a special reminder. There needs to be a sustained effort to improve continuously the use of natural resources, energy and land. Land use is to be done by keeping in mind an efficient use of the surface and the future of the land after its use.

7. Management and reduction where technically and economically feasible of the CO₂ footprint of steel production

We fully understand the importance of our CO₂ footprint; that is why we monitor it closely and manage it adequately. We are committed to reduction techniques where technically and economically feasible. To show our commitment, we are involved in an important project – ULCOS – whose objective is to reduce the CO₂ footprint of steel production. We are also taking the lead in the determination of policies that address global CO₂ footprint instead of direct emission.

8. Employee commitment and responsibility in environmental performance

This item wants to stress the importance of the awareness and commitment of the personnel whose work may create a significant impact on the environment to achieve the environmental objectives. It is the responsibility of these personnel to integrate care for the environment into his or her daily work. Care for the environment is not just a job for environmental specialists; employees performing tasks which can cause significant environmental impacts are responsible for the impact their actions could have on the environment. For this purpose, these employees will be advised; trained and adequate communication will be provided to them.

9. Supplier and contactor awareness and respect of ArcelorMittal's environmental policy

The services provided by suppliers and the work performed by contractors must be done in a manner consistent and compatible with the company's policy. For this purpose, the company's policy will be provided to suppliers and contractors that could have an impact on the environment when providing services or doing work for us.

10. Open communication and dialogue with all stakeholders affected by ArcelorMittal's operations

Open communication with stakeholders on environmental matters and sharing of experiences to facilitate improvement on industry performance. Within the group, in-depth, open communication of all environmental issues is encouraged.

Environmental reporting is also performed at all levels: local and international.