

## PRYSMIAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

*At the end of 2015, 91% and 63% of the sites were certified in accordance with ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 respectively.*

Commitment to environmental stewardship and to the conservation of natural resources is critical for the Group to create sustainable value, benefiting both the organisation and its stakeholders. This approach is expressed not only in the product's intrinsic characteristics, but also in the management of production systems, where the focus is on prevention and reduction of environmental impact through, for example, efficient use of natural resources, optimisation of logistics and responsible waste management.

On the basis of the environmental performance indicators viewed as relevant at Group level, Prysmian's Health Safety & Environment (HSE) function, working together with other functions and with the backing of the Board of Directors, set the Group's HSE objectives for 2014-2015. These objectives were communicated to all Country and Business Unit managers and, where possible, individual targets were set.

During the year, HSE continued its coordination at various levels of the Group's organisation (Corporate, countries or regions, business units and production units), including through:

- the extension of OHSAS 18001 certification for the Safety Management System at 4 more sites;
- the transition of plants previously certified by other organisations to the official certifying body: during 2015, 16 plants passed to the official body for ISO 14001 (relating to the Environmental Management System) and 4 plants to that for OHSAS 18001. This will help improve coordination of the management systems thanks to the periodic audit of the Group's HSE procedures by the independent certifying body and the HSE function's involvement in deciding and agreeing corrective actions applicable to the Group's various production facilities;
- the audit of the effectiveness and correct application of the HSE rules locally, according to a random audit program organised by HSE and conducted by the Group's team of qualified auditors;
- the planning and conduct of energy audits at a number of European production sites, considered as representative, in order to identify energy efficiency initiatives and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- the organisation of an update seminar for HSE managers from each geographical area or Business Unit, during which the head office HSE function presented the initiatives and activities that it will implement in coming months and years and that will involve these companies through the assignment of specific HSE targets.

Once again during 2015, variables and significant indicators continued to be tracked in order to assess the effectiveness of environmental performance in areas such as compliance with health and safety standards at work, energy consumption, waste management, atmospheric emissions of greenhouse gases and the use of water resources. As regards the latter, a method was devised in 2015 to provide an overview as to how

efficiently process water was being reused in the various plants. These indicators are presented in the Sustainability Report, which also reports greenhouse gas emissions, dividing them into "direct" emissions (arising from the production process), and "indirect" ones (arising from bought-in energy). This monitoring and reporting system has allowed Prysmian to participate, once again in 2015, in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), an international initiative that aims to contribute to achievement of the Kyoto Protocol's targets for worldwide reduction in greenhouse gases. The possibility of including assessment of product environmental impact - specifically focused on carbon footprint - at the design stage has been discussed and the most suitable courses of action to achieve this objective are being identified.

During the year a total of some 160 inspections were carried out at the various plants, including certification audits and audits for maintenance of existing certifications, of which 25% by qualified Prysmian personnel and the remainder by auditors from independent certifying bodies. In addition to these, there were twenty energy audits, other internal audits on specific matters and periodic inspections by the local independent certifying bodies.

In addition to numerous training initiatives, Prysmian managed and carried out a series of activities, coordinated by the HSE function, including:

- completion of the environmental and safety section of the RobecoSAM corporate sustainability assessment questionnaire for the rating process of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), with a major improvement on the prior year score, partly thanks to a more complete reporting process which disclosed - for certain initiatives - the link between environmental improvements and the resulting economic impacts;
- active participation in various working groups and committees of industry associations (the Europacable ECOE Committee, the Orgalime "Substances Task Force", the ANIE Environment Committee, the AICE environment working group, and the IEC Maintenance Team which is developing the standard for the environmental statement specific to energy cables).