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Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad, based on their commitment to society derived from their responsibility as public service entities, conduct their activity and business strategy with a clear focus on **environmental protection**.

Respect for the environment is an essential part of the values of both entities and it is present as one of the strategic goals of both companies. This strategic framework addresses the need to face the global challenges that affect us all, including environmental challenges comprised in the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

Likewise, the environmental commitment of Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad arises from the will to respond to local challenges and the demands of their stakeholders, which undoubtedly include environmental care, by minimizing the negative impacts that may result from their activities, as well as proactively contributing to greater environmental well-being.

This Environmental Policy is defined within this strategic business framework, taking into account the nature, dimension and impacts of their main entrusted

activities: design, construction, maintenance and operation of the railway infrastructures in the General Interest Railway Network (RFIG), according to the scope defined in the Environmental Management System. In addition, the guidelines on management and coordination of environmental activities establish the **responsibilities** for the environmental processes in Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad, taking advantage of the **synergies** between different areas, in order to **minimize** possible environmental **risks**.

Finally, we must keep in mind the relationship framework between Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad, regarding the environmental management model. Both companies exist as different entities, with a separate legal personality, since December 31, 2013. The need to regulate the functions and relationships between both entities regarding the development of environmental activities has led to the successive Management Entrustment Agreements signed between Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad. In this way, Adif entrusts Adif Alta Velocidad with the comprehensive environmental management.

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Based on all the above, Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad assume the following **commitments** in their environmental management policy:

- Promote the **improvement of environmental performance** through the implementation, audit and periodic certification of their environmental criteria, based on the ISO 14001 standard, specifying the **responsibilities**, as well as the internal tools for **control and monitoring**.
- Ensure compliance with **legal obligations and other applicable requirements**, and collaboration with the competent supervisory bodies.
- Define **internal procedures** that, based on the **precautionary principle**, ensure **environmental protection and pollution prevention**, during all phases of the **life cycle** of railway infrastructures and facilities, promoting the transition towards a **circular economy** that optimizes the use of resources.
- Achieve environmental integration of the railway by maintaining maximum **respect for natural spaces and cultural and archaeological heritage**, protecting biodiversity and **ecosystems**, preserving the **landscape** and all its values, and recovering those environments that may have been affected.
- Develop **energy efficiency** improvement plans that **decrease energy consumption and reduce GHG emissions**, throughout construction, maintenance and operation of railway infrastructures and facilities.
- Rationalize the **consumption of natural resources and raw materials**, **minimize the generation of waste, wastewater and the impact on soils**, recovering those that have been contaminated, and adopt all technically and economically viable measures in order to reduce the impact of **noise and vibrations**.
- Require the same environmental **commitment from subsidiaries, contractors and suppliers**, by signing the corresponding contractual documents and defining the necessary criteria to carry out **responsible public procurement**.
- Determine **environmental risks and opportunities** in all their activities, particularly focusing on issues relating to improving **infrastructure resilience to the adverse effects of Climate Change**.

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- Conservation, protection and improvement of the environment require the **active collaboration of all workers**, therefore specific **training and environmental awareness** programmes will be implemented for Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad staff.
- Promote **environmental commitment from Senior Management**. Provide the necessary human, economic and material **resources** to guarantee compliance with all these commitments, and to **communicate** publicly and regularly the results of the environmental management, in the interest of **transparency**.

The commitments of this Environmental Policy configure the framework in which Adif and Adif Alta Velocidad environmental **objectives and goals** are established, in order to contribute to **environmental improvement** and the achievement of **sustainability** of the railway system.



