

1- Introduction

Water is a vital resource that is becoming increasingly scarce in certain regions of the world. Ensuring sustainable water management is of great importance from economic, sociological, and environmental perspectives. Economic growth, population growth, industrialization and the adverse effects of climate change increase agricultural, urban and industrial water demand, leading to increased pressure on water resources. Aydem Renewable Energy has developed a sustainable water management policy in line with relevant international principles and guidelines, including the United Nations Global Compact Management Model.

2- Scope

The Water Management Policy will be implemented in Aydem Renewable Energy and its subsidiary companies under our management and control.

3- Objectives

- To develop a sustainable water management strategy.
- To integrate the sustainable water management strategy into current operations and future investment plans.
- To engage in transparent and responsible sharing with stakeholders regarding water management.

4- Policy Statement/Principles

- 1) We commit to developing and implementing a sustainable water management strategy by understanding the water resources and usage characteristics of river basins
- 2) As Turkey's leading renewable energy producer, hydroelectric power plants account for 84% of our production capacity. Therefore, we are aware of our dependency on water and identify water-related environmental and social risks at national, regional, and basin levels.
- 3) We value the quality of surface waters that we process and return to nature without contamination, and we maintain control over our impact on water through regular water quality analyses.

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- 4) We will identify adverse external impacts, including environmental, social, and commercial risks and opportunities. To manage the identified risks, we will implement appropriate systems to prioritize, reduce, monitor, and report legal and reputational risks.
- 5) We will identify risks related to climate change analyses, public health and safety, conservation of freshwater environments, and biodiversity impacts, as well as water stress, flooding, and poor ambient water quality
- 6) By setting our water management strategies and performance targets, we will incorporate them into our corporate governance processes. We will create action plans to achieve objectives such as efficient water use in our direct operations and reducing the amount of abstraction and consumptive water use, excluding water withdrawn for energy production.
- 7) We will inform our employees and contractors about our company policy and objectives regarding water management. We will implement policies, strategies, and performance target plans to improve operational water performance throughout the company and all components of the value chain
- 8) We will plan necessary measures and actions to ensure access to safe water, hygiene, and sanitation as a fundamental human right for our employees and local communities.
- 9) We will monitor the effectiveness of the water management strategy in line with identified objectives using key performance indicators, environmental and social parameters.
- 10) We will share information about the water management strategy, risks, and opportunities in accordance with internationally accepted reporting standards.
- 11) We will engage with communities, NGOs, value chain stakeholders, and other relevant organizations in the creation of sustainable water management programs.

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