

Production with high resource efficiency

- Eco-efficiency improved by an average of 6% since 2006
- Relative greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 15% since 2006
- Water consumption reduced by 44% since 2006

Environmentally friendly, resource-efficient, safe and profitable production has long been a high priority for Geberit. Environmental criteria are considered in all decision-making processes. In addition, processes are continuously improved so that a demonstrably high standard, which often greatly exceeds statutory requirements, is achieved.

Environmental management established globally

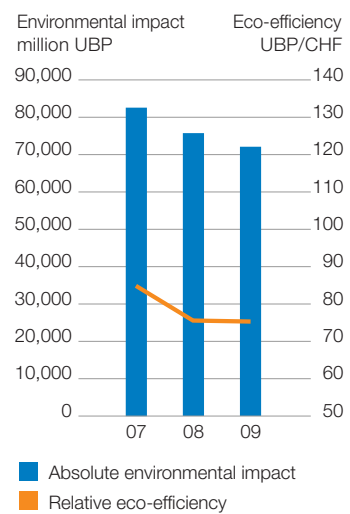
Since 1992, a network of environmental managers has been practicing active environmental protection in all production sites. The central environment and sustainability department – which reports directly to the CEO – plays an important role in this respect and contributes towards raising the awareness of these aspects among decision makers. A systematic group-wide environmental management is at the center: Since early 2007, Geberit has had a combined group certificate for quality and environment in accordance with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, and all production sites, including those in China and the U.S., are now uniformly certified. Two measures are at the heart of further developing the high environmental and safety standards: Geberit creates a comprehensive corporate eco-

balance every year, which includes all 15 production sites and the important sales companies. Its key results are presented in the GRI Report. Additionally, a global meeting of the environmental and safety managers is held annually, at which experiences are exchanged and new joint targets are defined.

Environmental footprint reduced in targeted manner

The environmental performance of production is best presented by calculating the overall environmental impact. This is calculated in eco-points (UBP) in a comprehensive breakdown in accordance with the Swiss Ecological Scarcity Method (2006 version). Geberit's absolute environmental impact has dropped by approximately 17% since 2006. As Geberit's value added has increased over the same period, the environmental impact per value added, known as eco-efficiency, has increased by an average of 6% annually. This even exceeds the target of 5%. Energy consumption clearly dominates the environmental impact of the production sites with a share of over 90%.

Environmental impact and eco-efficiency 2007–2009



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