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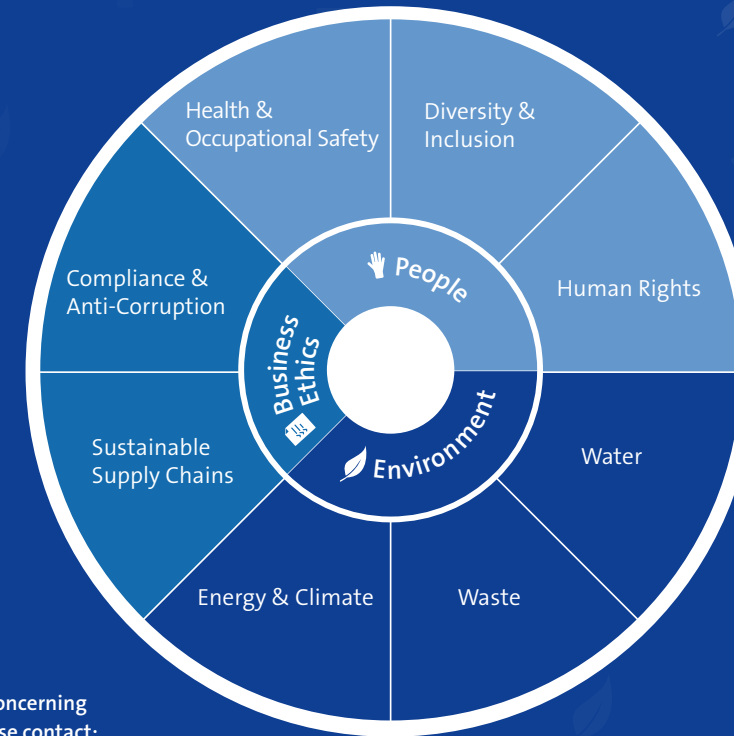
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For K+S, sustainability means much more than merely appearing to be green. Personally, I am convinced that every person, and every company too, should act in a way that their conduct is not detrimental to others. This is an existential issue, especially for a commodities company such as ours.

Ecology and economy need to be in tune with one another. We can continue operating only if we and our business model are also accepted by society.

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K+S 2030 Sustainability Objectives



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Sustainability Water



Business Ethics

Environment

People

Sustainability at K+S

As a supplier of mineral products for the Agriculture, Industry, Consumer and Communities segments, we think and act long-term. As part of our Shaping 2030 strategy, we have set ourselves ambitious goals in three areas: people, environment and business ethics.

Sustainability offers us the opportunity to promptly and systemically identify and assess issues and social trends relevant to our company. That helps us to push ahead with our existing business, explore new business prospects, and minimize risks. For us, sustainability means future viability.

In the future, we will be making our progress measurable by defining specific targets and by regularly monitoring the current status. In addition, every member of the K+S Board of Executive Directors is a personal sponsor of this objective, and they are actively encouraging its implementation.

Environment

At K+S we are continuously working to minimize the impact on nature that comes with mining and processing raw materials. We use fully developed extraction and processing methods to ensure that production is both environmentally friendly and economically efficient at the same time. Our active research & development efforts mean we always keep up with the times.

Water

As a supplier of mineral products, K+S uses water in many of its processes. These range from extraction, the production process, right across to the actual application of our products, such as in the agriculture industry for example. We use salt water and water from other saline water bodies in the manufacturing of solar evaporation salt. Operating sites close to the sea sometimes also use sea water as a coolant. Saline wastewater is generated during the production process, but is also found in tailings piles.

We are making every effort to keep the water-related effects to a minimum.

Water – Sustainability Projects and Goals at K+S

Today, K+S is already working intensively in Germany in the implementation of measures aimed at reducing salt as a contaminant in water bodies. This includes measures such as the enclosure of tailings piles, and commissioning the Kainite Crystallization and Flotation Facility at the Hattorf site of Plant Werra in January 2018. This alone is further reducing future saline water by around 20 per cent.

K+S has undertaken a great deal in the area of water. We have set ourselves the following objectives for 2021 and 2030 respectively:

- By the end of 2021, K+S will no longer inject saline water in Germany.
- In addition, the saline water generated by potash production in Germany will be reduced by 500,000 m³ by 2030. This saving will be made in addition to the volumes attributable to the Kainite Crystallization and Flotation Facility at the Werra site, and does not take into account the savings made through the cessation of production at Sigmundshall in 2018.