

Environment

The work to achieve sustainable development is highly prioritised within Lindab. We concentrate our efforts on minimising the use of raw materials, energy, packaging and transport. Our shared value basis and code of conduct are the starting point both when it comes to the immediate environment and society at large.

Consistent environmental work

We already have a well functioning organisation for management and follow-up. At the end of 2007, a new Environment Manager was appointed with responsibility for further reinforcing the environmental work throughout the Group. Within each unit, there is a person responsible for monitoring and reporting. Reporting takes place in accordance with GRI, the Global Reporting Initiative.

Growth at Lindab places demands on both the organisation and the routines for environmental work. We want to meet these demands through proactive environmental work based on overall thinking and respect. This ambition is expressed in our revised environmental policy and will permeate the entire business. As part of our environmental effort, we have introduced a comprehensive programme for following up the environmental impact of the business.

The larger production units have certified environmental management systems in accordance with ISO 14001. More companies will be certified in the future.

Products

Lindab's business is built on long-term sustainable and recyclable products in sheet steel. Steel is not only a good choice from a cyclical perspective; it also offers other positive environmental aspects. Lindab's construction products in steel cannot hold moisture and therefore cannot be a breeding ground for mould or damp problems. The Company's ventilation systems have functions that reduce energy consumption and increase the wellbeing of those who occupy environments with indoor climate systems. The products are designed based on a lifecycle perspective with functionality at the heart. This means that the products, which during usage

phase are an integral part of a building, actively contribute to reducing its environmental impact.

Environmental impact

The Group runs operations that are required to have permits in accordance with the Environmental Code. Lindab has around thirty production units in approximately twenty countries. In Sweden operating permits are required for the production units in Grevie and Förslöv. The permits relate to manufacturing industry with factory areas measuring more than 20,000 square metres and to the coating of metal. Other Swedish businesses are either obliged to declare or do not require permits. Several of the foreign companies also run operations that are governed by particular environmental regulations. Those Swedish businesses that are required to, publish reports every year that are submitted to the supervisory authorities stating how the conditions have been met. Equivalent reports are made in other countries when this is required. The manufacturing process in our production units has a minimal impact on the environment. Production comprises mainly pressing and welding or rolling sheet metal. The products include smaller amounts of added materials such as sealants and sealing trim.

Coating

The majority of sheet steel that is purchased is treated with a corrosion resistant layer of zinc as well as a passivation layer which provides increased protection against oxidation. The use of hexavalent chromium in the passivation layer is on its way to being phased out. A large part of the steel is coated with a polyester based paint when it is delivered to Lindab. The coating does not result in any known impact on the environment. The coating that takes place at Lindab is done mainly using solvent free paints. Before the products are painted, they are washed in the cleaning facility using efficient cleaning process water, which can either be recirculated in the system or disposed of in the drainage system in accordance with permission. Surface treatment of the products extends the life-span at the same time as protecting the environment against the leaching out of metal oxides.

Energy facts

Below are energy facts from four of our bigger production units for the operating year of 2007. The values vary depending on the units' equipment and production, but can be compared with the average for the Swedish metal working industry of 55 MWh/employee (Source: SCB, Industrial energy consumption). Energy efficiency is one of the areas that we will be working on actively during 2008.

Location	Business Area	Energy (MWh)	MWh/employee
Lindab Ventilation AB, Grevie, Sweden	Ventilation	9,350	28
Lindab s.r.o., Prague, Czech Rep.	Ventilation	7,860	19
Lindab Profil AB, Förslöv, Sweden	Profile	8,610	37
Lindab Kft., Biatorbágy, Hungary	Profile	2,510	21



Packaging

In order to protect the products during transportation, packaging of cardboard, polyethylene and wood is used. The majority of the packaging consists of renewable materials. The packaging is taken care of and recycled through an existing network for collection.

Transport

Every year the Lindab Group handles large volumes of heavy and light goods. Heavy goods often consist of processed raw materials to the Company's production units throughout Europe. Bulky lightweight goods are normally finished goods, such as packaged ventilation or roof drainage components. By loading these two categories together, each truck can be optimally utilised and, in so doing, lessen the environmental impact in the transport chain.

Recycling

We use approximately 275,000 tonnes of steel annually and the proportion of recycled material varies depending on the source and the area of use. When the products have finished their purpose, the steel can be recycled once again.

Energy

Lindab's energy consumption can mainly be attributed to the heating of premises and operation of the factories. The production does not include any particularly energy intensive processes.

Climate impact

To reduce the impact on the climate is a challenge for Lindab. Climate is affected through the emission of carbon dioxide, mainly from transport, but also from the fuel needed to heat buildings and the electricity needed to power the factories. These are matters that we will be working on actively during 2008.

Ecological debt

Emissions occur in the form of noise, dust, solvents from paint and metals to waste water. But the business does not give rise to continual pollution which can result in the need for decontaminating land of water. An independent expert has carried out environmental examinations at 14 of Lindab's production units. The conclusion was that the units are not carrying any ecological debt.

New Environmental Policy

In December 2007 a new environmental policy was adopted. The policy focuses of four core areas: Environmental concerns, Products, Manufacturing and Communication. This means:

- We evaluate our environmental impact and set targets for continual improvements.
- The products are developed based on a life cycle perspective with the goal of minimising resource

and energy utilisation as well as negative environmental effects.

- The larger production units are certified in accordance with ISO 14001. More companies will be certified in the future.
- The environmental work is communicated both internally and externally, with the aim of creating understanding, commitment and responsibility.