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UMSTELLUNG DER
AUF ERDGAS
UMWELT
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ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ranking among the most important topics of our time are how we can deal with climate change and how we can use limited resources in a careful and conscientious way. We want to do our share to help create a future worth living in, for us and for generations to come. As a family-owned company and as one of the leading European contract furniture manufacturers we regard it as our duty to take on responsibility and to actively contribute to protecting the environment. We are convinced that we will only be able to achieve our corporate goals in the long run by setting the course towards sustainability today – consciously emphasizing our entrepreneurial spirit and acting accordingly.

That's why we publish environmentally relevant benchmark numbers, updated annually, that you can find as an insert to this brochure.

We will only be able to find sustainable answers for how to approach environmental protection in an appropriate way if we recognize and define the most important potentials in our company. That's why, in manufacturing our high-quality and longlasting contract furniture, we have been paying close attention to all relevant environmental criteria along the entire value chain of our products. The ecological footprint of each piece of furniture already starts in the construction phase.

By having introduced our environmental management system in compliance with ISO 14001 in 2006, we make sure that our production processes comply with strict ecological guidelines. In manufacturing our furniture, we rely on wood from sustainably forestry with PEFC certification, as well as on environmentally friendly and recyclable materials.

In order to emphasize environmental consciousness not only on a corporate level but also across our products, a great range of our products have been certified according to ISO 14021 Type II since the spring of 2014; and they come with environmental certificates to this effect. With this initiative, Brunner has opened an entirely new chapter in environmental protection. We invite you to accompany us along this way.

Helena, Tina, Rolf, Marc und Philip Brunner







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SEEING THE ENTIRE PICTURE. CORPORATE POLICY, SIMPLY SUSTAINABLE.

It's more than just a good intention. In order to keep thinking and acting in the best interest of our environment, quite a bit of firm conviction is called for.



» Our efficient environmental management system is reflected in the **longevity** of our products, in labelling individual components to facilitate recycling, and in our preference of using materials with **as little environmental impact as possible**.

In the best interest of the customer, right from the start

Rolf and Helena Brunner made possible the impossible – putting their shoulders to the wheel with a lot of passion, courage, and talent for improvisation. The result: their first customer was very happy indeed. This was the first step in what has become our successful development. Today, more than 400 employees are working in our company, operating state-of-the-art production facilities, using ground-breaking technologies. Yet despite all which has changed, one thing still moves us like on day one: the entrepreneurial ambition to fulfil customer expectations, and to exceed them.

Together for customer satisfaction.

The high value of our products is more than manifest in their design, longevity and material quality. We achieve this thanks to corporate policies that call for the commitment and care of each employee – for the higher goal of giving our best to make our customers happy.

Continuous improvement – a part of our corporate culture

It is the aim of our corporate policies to manufacture high-quality products and to guarantee customer satisfaction. Our environmental management serves exactly this purpose, expressed in these initiatives:

» Certification according to DIN EN ISO 14021:2012, Type II. Over the course of an extensive auditing process, DQS ("Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung von Managementsystemen" [German Society for the Certification of Management Systems]) thoroughly checked the content of our self-declarations down to the last detail, and in doing so, they also took a close look at our production.» Positioning our customers at the heart of the system in order to offer solutions corresponding to what they need and want.

» Steering controlled processes structured according to a global management system.

» Selecting and implementing the best tools and methods allowing us to achieve our quality aims.

» Extending our supply chain and improving the performance of our suppliers by jointly working together.

» Committing ourselves to continuous improvement of our internal corporate processes and interfaces with our external partners (e.g. suppliers, customers, agencies).

Our efficient environmental management system is reflected in the longevity of our products, in labelling individual components to facilitate recycling, and in our preference of using materials with as little environmental impact as possible.

Besides complying with legal requirements, we are also striving to continually reduce emissions and pollution and to fulfil the standard DIN EN ISO 14001:2004 in our environmental management.

We want to make sure that improvements continue to exist in the long run. That's why we have firmly anchored them in our corporate culture. We live an approach for continuous improvement of our product quality well extending beyond our company. So we hold regular meetings where interdisciplinary teams meet in order to launch new improvement initiatives in development, production, purchasing and service. These measures are documented in a time-phased catalogue in compliance with the DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 management system, then continually put into practice, and regularly complemented by new proposals.

Investment in the future

We are convinced that taking on responsibility for the environment is an entrepreneurial obligation, and it is an investment in the future that makes eminent business sense. That's why we make sure that our actions serve the long-term interests of our customers and of the environment.

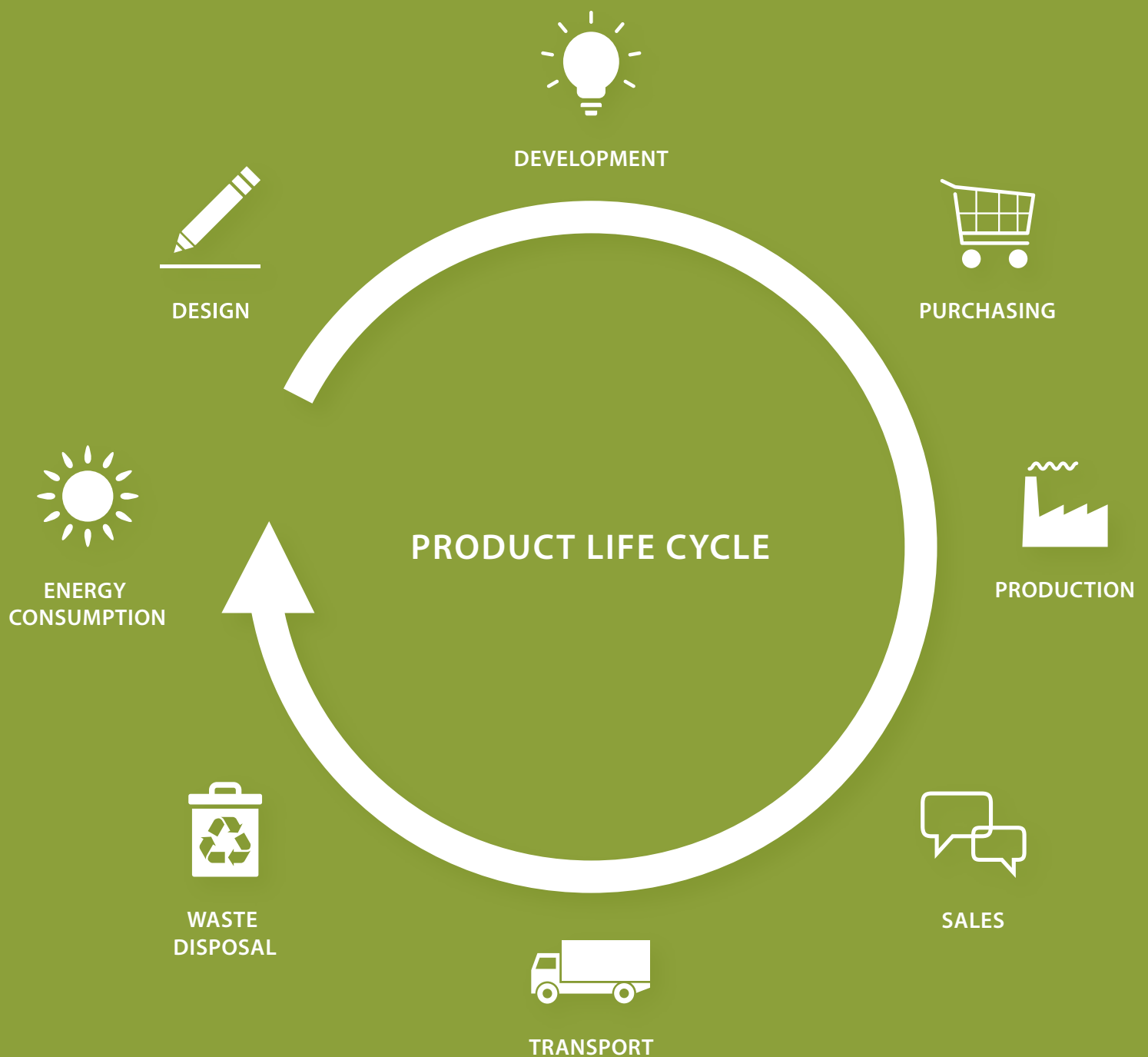
As one of the leading European manufacturers of contract furniture, we feel obliged to take into consideration the potential environmental impact of our decisions, at any time and along the entire product life cycle: starting with the design and progressing via construction, material sourcing, production, sales and transport all the way to recycling and waste disposal.



FIRMLY LOOKING AHEAD.

ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS ARE ALSO CORPORATE GOALS.

Defining environmental goals is quickly done. But the real challenge consists in continuously living up to them and facing the benchmark each day.



» *We are continually looking for new solutions to reduce emissions and waste, and especially **to use fewer resources**. Our environmental goals are continually defined in a catalogue of measures in compliance with DIN EN ISO 14001:2004 and then put into practice according to a set time schedule.*

Ecological product life cycle

In order to treat the environment with consideration by acting sustainably, we set great store in realising an holistic approach when conceiving our products – starting with the development phase via production all the way to recycling. Along the entire value chain we pursue strategies to minimize our environmental impact as best we can while creating cost-efficient solutions for our customers.

In pursuing this philosophy, we have already developed the alite chair which is completely recyclable; we're offering an environmentally friendly coating with perfect chrome look; and in production, we're using a solvent-free foam adhesive as well as UV-curing, water-based lacquers for wooden components – nearly completely doing away with solvents or waste lacquer. These are just a few cases in point of how we strive to translate sustainable action into lasting success.

Environmental goals

We work at getting even better all the time, setting ever higher goals for ourselves. We are continually looking for new solutions to reduce emissions and waste, and especially to use fewer resources. Our environmental goals are continually defined in a catalogue of measures in compliance with DIN EN ISO 14001:2004 and then put into practice according to a set time schedule.

By 2015, we plan to realise these measures, among others:

- » Introducing environmental and work safety audits as early as in the product development process.
- » Introducing a supplier development process in order to improve on product quality and to comply with legal requirements like labelling plastic components.
- » Creating a pool of preferred selected suppliers who are certified according to DIN EN ISO 9001 and DIN EN ISO 14001.
- » Further developing the environmental consciousness among all Brunner GmbH employees.
- » Reducing waste by at least 20%.

Design

CONSCIOUS DESIGN. CREATING REAL VALUES.

Design has to be exciting. In terms of form, and in terms of function.
And especially in terms of conceiving a product life cycle that's as seamless as possible.



» Several measures go hand in hand: we prefer to **use materials with little environmental impact; our constructions are sophisticated**; we use fewer adhesive connections; and we use sturdy connection components like bushings to **prevent bolts from being pulled out of place**, thus prolonging the life of a chair.



Design and construction

It is our aim to create timeless and unique designs without compromising comfort, functionality or handling. Moreover, our products are conceived and produced in an environmentally friendly manner. This is achieved by several measures that go hand in hand: we prefer to use materials with little environmental impact; our constructions are sophisticated; we use fewer adhesive connections; and we use sturdy connection components like bushings to prevent bolts from being pulled out of place, thus prolonging the life of a chair.

We want design to perform well in terms of fulfilling top demands on the materials used, highquality manufacturing and a long product life. That's why individual components and the entire construction are thoroughly tested, to prove they actually live up to our strict in-house quality standards.



Quality

MADE IN GERMANY.

Top Demands on Today and Tomorrow.

„**Made in Germany**“ : this epitome of top quality regarding materials, function and manufacturing enjoys worldwide renown. Adding actions motivated by entrepreneurial responsibility – both from a social and an environmental perspective – will create solutions carrying us even farther into the future.



» **In the interest of a long product life**, we offer our customers to repair or replace elements like table tops or seat shells that have suffered from intense wear and tear.



Long-lasting contract furniture

Particularly when seen from a perspective of sustainability, high-quality, long-lasting contract furniture is an investment in the future that makes good sense. All the more so if it is produced with respect, making only careful use of valuable resources. We are very conscious of this responsibility and thus pay attention to environmentally friendly concepts already during the development phase.

In this way, convincing products come to life, uniting top design and functionality and making an environmental statement at the same time. A case in point: A-Chair. A-Chair with high-quality bonded laminated wood shell and die-cast aluminium frame. The A-Chair does not need any glued connection, can be recycled 100% and it has received numerous design awards. A clear proof that the perfect combination of business success and social and ecological responsibility is not only possible in the future: it can be realised even today.

Guaranteed long-lasting

Our products are developed and constructed in such a way that they can also be disassembled again. All materials used can be separated into individual fractions and recycled. In the interest of a long product life, we offer our customers to repair or replace elements like table tops or seat shells that have suffered from intense wear and tear.

In this way, we make sure that our products attain a top life span of about 20 years.

At the same time, we use fewer valuable resources. Our customers get an availability guarantee of up to 10 years – so that furniture can be added later, even years after the original purchase, or so that furniture can be overhauled by exchanging vital components. The majority of the components used can not only be exchanged, but after use they can even be transferred into the recycling process.



A-Chair

SUBSTANTIAL IDEAS. OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS, MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.

Everything is finite. Ecological consciousness not only shows in our production processes, but already in the materials we use in the first place.



» Taking **regional wood from sustainable forestry** and processing it with environmentally friendly technologies **like UV-curing water-based lacquers** – that's how exemplary furniture gets produced.



Sourcing strategy

In our furniture production, we trust in sustainable sourcing. With our Local Sourcing Strategy we focus on the quality delivered by regional providers. In doing so, we support local enterprises and protect jobs in our region. Another positive effect: thanks to our local sourcing strategy, the risk of transport losses is reduced. Shorter distances also translate into less fuel being used by the means of transport we employ.

Wood and wood products

For producing our high-quality contract furniture, we exclusively use regional wood from PEFC certified sustainable forestry. Add to this the use of environmentally friendly, recyclable materials and technologies like UV-curing water-based lacquers – that's how exemplary furniture gets produced.

Coating and chrome-plating

In finishing our high-quality metal surfaces, we use first-rate durable powder coatings. These powder coatings do not contain any volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or heavy metals and do absolutely not constitute any physiological concern. Our chrome-plating is characterised by offering good resistance against corrosion and being physiologically harmless as well. Moreover, in chrome-coating metal surfaces, we do not use any PFT wetting agents (i.e. no perfluorinated organic surfactants).

Plastics

All plastics used by Brunner comply with the threshold values for PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons). In manufacturing our plastic components, we do not use any separating agents. At Brunner, we trust in using polypropylene (PP) and polyamide (PA). These are thermoplastics, making them completely recyclable. For separating and identifying pure fractions, our plastic components get marked according to DIN EN ISO 11469.

Fabrics and leather

For upholstering our seating furniture, we use polyurethane cold and soft foams which do not contain any physical foaming agents like CFCs, HFCs or DCM.

Thanks to our large in-house fabric collection, we can offer a wide variety of quite different colours and qualities. The cover fabrics offered are not dyed with Azo compounds since these are suspected of causing cancer. Moreover, all cover fabrics used by Brunner comply with the threshold values for PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons). For deployment in contract furniture, conference and office furniture, we offer our customers a wide variety of high-quality leather. All leather covers do not contain any PCP (pentachlorophenol), PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) or chromium (VI).

For manufacturing the leather hides, no substances from the candidate list of the REACH directive 1907/2006 are being used. All legal thresholds are being complied with. No non-authorised biocides according to the EC biocides directive are being used.

Environmentally Conscious Production

IT CAN BE DONE LIKE THIS. LOOKING AT RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION.

Step by step. In nature, one thing seamlessly builds on another.
A perfect role model for modern production processes.



» Surplus lacquer gets **collected during the production cycle**, and after reprocessing, it is reintroduced into the cycle of the varnishing facility. In this way, lacquer wastes are **reduced to a minimum**.



„Made in Germany“

We regard this “seal of approval” as a promise of quality we extend to our customers. And at our Rheinau location, we work every day to truly and reliably live up to this promise. Since 1996, manufacturing our contract furniture has been taking place here in compliance with a certified quality management system according to DIN EN ISO 9001. The long-standing and trustful cooperation with our suppliers assures the same high level of quality of our products even over the long run.

A large number of our suppliers regularly pass ISO 9001 supplier audits. So we can ensure sophisticated constructions and high-quality manufacturing – also from an ecological perspective. This is the only way how lasting product quality comes to life – a quality that you can see, feel and experience.

Tested quality

In order to assure the longevity of our products, we are using several in-house test procedures. In our test centre, we thus simulate at least 12 years of average usage.

Certified production processes

Due to the fact that nature is an irreplaceable supplier of raw materials, we also assume ecological responsibility. The DIN EN ISO 14001 certified production processes are subject to strict ecological guidelines. And we regularly have external institutes audit our environmental management system, with the aim of continually improving the environmental performance of our company.

Environmentally friendly manufacturing techniques

By using our lacquer-in-lacquer method for finishing our wooden components, we can reduce the ecologically questionable disposal of paint sludge wastes by 98%. Surplus lacquer gets collected during the production cycle, and after reprocessing, it is re-introduced into the cycle of the varnishing facility. In this way, lacquer wastes are reduced to a minimum. The lacquer we use is UV-curing and water-based, it is free of PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) and poses no physiological risk whatsoever.

Committed cooperation

As one of the leading and most innovative contract furniture manufacturers, we also want our environmental management system to be exemplary.

In order to live up to this high-aimed promise, we are conducting individual and joint initiatives to actively raise and support the way our employees think about the environment and about quality. Our guideline is simple: “Who no longer wants to become better, has stopped being good.”



IN THE RIGHT LIGHT. SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT PRESENTATION.

Being convinced also shows in the presentation. By staging products so that the underlying philosophy will come to light – authentically.



» Our exhibition gets **ventilated naturally**; thanks to the chimney effect made possible by ventilation openings in the double-clad façade.



Space for ideas

The Brunner communication centre serves as the central meeting point for customers, employees and visitors, as exhibition space, training centre, administration building and think tank all wrapped into one. Offering generous space, openness and of course the greatest variety of extraordinary places to take a seat, it extends an invitation to experience the Brunner brand with all senses.

The concept of our communication centre actively integrates the environment. A case in point: the natural ventilation of our exhibition by means of the chimney effect made possible by ventilation openings in the double-clad façade. The transparent building cladding allows presenting our products in natural light, thus keeping energy consumption down.

REDUCE TO THE MAX. FOR CUSTOMERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

Intelligent solutions are sometimes very simple.

You can find them in your warehouse or in your truck fleet.



» Our transport logistics schedules deliveries so that our trucks are ideally fully loaded in order **to avoid unnecessary trips.**



Transport packaging

We have reduced packaging to a minimum. For protecting our goods during transport, we only use re-usable outer packaging – such as sturdy cartons, plastic covers or fleece blankets. After delivery, we take this packaging material back to the plant where it is later used again.

Our transport logistics schedules deliveries so that our trucks are ideally fully loaded in order to avoid unnecessary trips. Across Germany, our products are delivered predominantly by our own truck fleet which is technically up-to-date, meeting the latest requirements in terms of mileage and emissions. Overseas transports are exclusively sent by ship.

FROM NOW ON: SEPARATE WAYS. DEALING WITH RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

Nothing goes to waste. Nothing is worthless. The only thing to be disposed of once and for all: mindlessly wasting raw materials and resources.



» Not only metal components,
but also marked thermoplastics **can be molten down and re-used.**



Waste disposal and recycling

When conceiving our products, we already place great emphasis on being able to separate the different materials into mono-fractions during production for appropriate disposal. Not only metal components, but also marked thermoplastics can be molten down and re-used. In our production, residues like paper, plastic and metal are collected or disposed of separately.

Since the summer of 2014, we have been using a raw material press for optimum recycling of our products. Resources like paper, carton or plastic are first separated, then directly pressed by our employees in production. In this state, the material is taken to an appropriate recycling company, allowing us to directly introduce our recyclable wastes into the recycling loop.

Energy Input . Water Input

GIVE AND TAKE. AN ENTIRELY NATURAL PRINCIPLE.

We can't do without.

But we can do quite a bit to achieve a healthy balance.



» The solar power system mounted on the roofs of our production **facility features a module area of more than 1,940 m², producing a nominal capacity of 273.36 kWp.** It has been generating electricity for more than three years now.



Energy consumption and electricity generation

In the interest of improved insulation, our production halls have been equipped with state-of-the-art building technology and a new roof. In order to lower our electricity consumption and to strengthen the idea of environmental protection in our company, we have been conducting annual training sessions for our employees in administration and production for years. The solar power system mounted on the roofs of our production facility features a module area of more than 1,940 m², producing a nominal capacity of 273.36 kWp. It has been generating electricity for more than three years now.

Water consumption

In order to go easy on this vital resource, we continually check our water need, thus permanently working on lowering our consumption. So in 2013, we used a total of 43 % less water than we did in 2004. And in the future we will continue to look for ways to use this valuable resource in an even more considerate and economical way.

GOING WITH THE TIMES. MILESTONES OF ECOLOGICAL ACTION.

Further and further. Step by step. Everything we do has an effect on our environment. That's why we must never stop in our desire to make everything better.



1988

Implementing re-usable transport packaging. Materials for outer packaging like cartons and fleece blankets are taken back to the factory after delivery to be used again.

Expansion of Brunner truck fleet. Across Germany, most of our products are delivered by our own truck fleet which is technologically up-to-date, meeting the latest requirements in terms of mileage and emissions.

1996

Implementing our quality management system according to DIN EN ISO 9001.

Introducing a varnishing system for wooden parts based on UV-curing water-based lacquers, which does not need any solvents and does not produce any lacquer waste. Surplus lacquer gets recycled and re-introduced into the cycle of the varnishing facility. This saves up to 50 tons of lacquer each year.

Setting up a staining station exclusively using water-based wood stains.

2005

Building the communication centre at Rheinau. A transparent building shell provides natural light to the exhibition surfaces. Ventilation of the double façade by means of ventilation openings in the cladding, making use of the natural chimney effect. Refitting the entire heating system in the production facility from oil to gas.

2006

Introducing an environmental management system according to DIN EN ISO 14001:2004.

2009

alite receives an award at the "Good Design" competition. This chair can be correctly sorted into fractions and be recycled 100%.

2010

Installing a solar power system at the Rheinau corporate headquarters providing 273 kWp of power from a surface area of 1,940 m².

2011

Introducing the alternative coating process "Chrom Optics" for optionally coating surfaces without actually using chromium.

2013

Switching from foam adhesives containing solvents to solvent-free ones. Introducing water soluble adhesives to achieve a big reduction in quantities used of adhesives containing solvents in the upholstery workshop.

Starting a complete rebuilding of the roof of the production halls in order to achieve better thermal insulation and to lower energy consumption.

2014

Implementing product specific self-declarations according to ISO 14021 Type II with certification by DQS.

ABOUT BRUNNER. A COMPANY PORTRAIT.

It's about responsibility spanning generations. Living and working in an environmentally conscious way is a long-term strategy. Who better to put this into practice than a family-owned company.



Brunner, founded in 1977 by Rolf Brunner, is one of the leading international contract furniture manufacturers. The company focuses on providing solutions for businesses and hotels, for trade shows and congress centres, as well as for institutions in the areas of care, education and the public sector.

Brunner solutions provide meaning to rooms where people come together. Giving proof of a deep understanding of processes, for being together, and for feeling comfortable on a personal level. Brunner guarantees this by means of intelligent products and top functionality in order to support users in making their processes more efficient.

It is the aim to create furniture for rooms that provide an optimum environment for the respective purpose. With this in mind, Brunner works closely together with leading architects and designers. The result: inspiring design of unequalled quality, harmoniously combining a reduced formal language with outstanding functionality and surprising details. Sustainably designed, since Brunner design is conceived in such a way as to be seamlessly integrative.

Brunner starts from the premise of understanding each step within our customers' processes, so that we can always offer the ideal individual solution, listening and responding to very specific requirements thanks to our wide product portfolio, high flexibility and state-of-the-art technology. Our close-knit sales network ensures the necessary proximity to our customers. On the international stage, Brunner is represented by three sales organisations: Arro in France, Brunner UK in the United Kingdom and Sedorama in Switzerland.

The family-owned company Brunner from Rheinau (Baden, Germany) offers its employees an outstanding environment for their personal development and encourages taking on responsibility in order to drive the optimisation of processes and products.

For more than 40 years, the Brunner family have been managing the company, setting and achieving goals, actively taking decisions, and focussing on results – all in keeping with the highest ethical standards. And always conscious of our important entrepreneurial responsibility towards our region, our partners and customers, our employees and suppliers.

The fair, friendly, open and direct way of dealing with each other dominates the success-oriented corporate culture which is characterised by mutual appreciation and taking on responsibility. That's why Brunner is not only uncompromising when it comes to product quality and work processes, but also in complying with high standards in environmental protection and with rules and regulations for workplace health and safety.

Looking ahead, the Brunner family has pledged to deliver great personal commitment in managing the company and investing in sustainable growth. By conducting groundbreaking research (e.g. about workplace processes, ergonomics and hygiene) and putting the results to work, we ensure that even tomorrow, we will still hold a prime position among the leading manufacturers of innovative solutions in the furniture industry.

In summary, Brunner today and tomorrow represents clear, functional design and customer-oriented, individual solutions providing maximum flexibility – being enthusiastic, honest, sustainable and responsible.

LET'S HAVE A WORD.

A CONCISE GLOSSARY OF ECOLOGICAL CONCEPTS.

Our world regards us all.

That's why it is time for clear words no-one can pretend not to hear.



CO² emissions

The discharging of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

Chrom Optics

“Chrom Optics” is a three-layer process for coating surfaces to provide them with a chrome look, but without actually having to use chromium.

DIN EN ISO 14001

This international environmental management standard defines the requirements an environmental management system has to fulfil and encourages improvements within the scope of a continuous improvement process.

DIN EN ISO 9001

The quality management standard ISO 9001 defines minimum requirements for a corporate quality management system.

ISO 14021 Typ II

This standard is a product related self-declaration referring to environmental protection.

Sustainability

According to this principle, only such a quantity of a resource may be used at any given time as can be grown, regenerated, raised or provided again in the future.

PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons)

PAHs are a result of any incomplete combustion. Through plasticisers, dyes and fillers, they also appear in rubber and soft plastics. Some PAHs are carcinogenic for humans.

PEFC-zertifiziert (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes)

PEFC certification is synonymous with sustainable forestry equally taking into account ecological, economical and social criteria. The forest areas are evaluated and certified by the world's largest independent organisation for sustainable forestry according to PEFC standards.

REACH regulation 1907/2006

The Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH regulation) is an EC regulation governing the use of chemicals. REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals within the European Union and the European Economic Area.

Foaming agents / propellants

Foaming agents are used for producing foamed plastics. Propellants like CFCs, HCFCs and DCM are counted among the long-lasting greenhouse gases, influencing the radiation balance in the atmosphere res. the greenhouse effect.



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