

**UPM Ettringen** 

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIETAL RESPONSIBILITY 2019



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UPM Ettringen is sited on the small Wertach river, on the outskirts of Ettringen in the Unterallgäu region in Bavaria.

Originally founded in 1897 as a mechanical pulp mill, the site has been producing paper since 1910.

The mill in Ettringen started using recovered paper as a fibre source as far back as 1963. In the 1990s, the mill set a new quality standard in the manufacture of magazine papers by developing online-calendered rotogravure and offset papers with a high recycled content.

Today, the site produces magazine papers and newsprint on one paper machine with an annual capacity of up to 300,000 tonnes.

Recovered paper is in terms of volume the most important raw material at the site. In addition to that, the mill produces and uses groundwood pulp from forest thinnings. Other raw materials used include pigments that are added as fillers to improve the printing quality of the paper.

The steam and part of the electricity for papermaking are generated in an on-site power plant, with a small share of the fuel needs provided by light fuel oil and 99% by natural gas. Fresh water is taken from the Wertach and from wells.

Wastewater is cleansed in the on-site effluent treatment plant.



| Production capacity  | Up to 300,000 tonnes/year   |  |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Personnel            | 266 (total heads as at 31 December 2019)  |  |  |
| Products             | Printing papers UPM Eco Basic UPM Eco UPM ReCat, UPM MaxS UPM Eco Prime UPM News  |  |  |
| Certificates         | EMAS – EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme ISO 14001 – Environmental Management System ISO 9001 – Quality Management System ISO 50001 – Energy Management System OHSAS 18001 – Occupational Health and Safety PEFC™ Chain of Custody – Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification FSC® Chain of Custody – Forest Stewardship Council®  All certificates can be found from UPM's CertificateFinder (available at www.upm.com/responsibility) |  |  |
| Environmental labels | EU Ecolabel for all paper grades Blue Angel (RAL-UZ 14 or 72) for all paper grades  |  |  |



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# Review of year 2019

Environmental protection has been an important topic at the Ettringen site for many years. The continuous reduction of energy and water requirements, a high raw material yield for waste reduction and the use of environmentally compatible chemical additives in the production process are the focus areas of the continuous improvement process, which has been steered by management systems for the environment, quality, energy and occupational safety since the plant has been certified in accordance with international standards.

As a company of the Finnish UPM Group, we acknowledge our responsibility towards the environment and are committed to minimising the impacts of our operations on the environment and our employees.

## **Production and environment**

As one of the first paper recyclers in Germany, we have been contributing to a circular economy for more than 50 years.

We support sustainable forestry when purchasing forest thinnings for ground-wood pulp production by working according to the PEFC and FSC Standards.

#### **Environmental performance**

We are reporting on our environmental performance in a Group-wide data-base. Here, deviations are recorded according to predefined categories, from 1 (not significant) to 5 (serious environmental damage). As in previous years, there were no deviations in 2018 with off-site effects (Cat. 3 or higher).

In accordance with the specifications of our integrated management system for quality, environment, energy and occupational safety, we evaluate environmental impact through internal and external audits.

In spite of several measures to save electricity (optimisation of lightning and agitators), specific electricity consumption increased in 2019, mainly as a result of high groundwood pulp production and higher quality requirements in recovered paper preparation.

At the UPM Ettringen mill, the airborne emissions are well below the statutory limits. As a paper manufacturer with a high level of water consumption, water protection is a matter of particular concern to us. The effluent treatment

plant ran consistently, combining high treatment efficiency with low energy consumption.

Specific wastes from recovered paper processing increased, which was mainly due to the decline in recovered paper quality. Of the remaining residue, over 99% is recycled.

In 2019, there was one complaint from the neighbourhood about a lorry losing a small amount of waste in the street. Also, there were some complaints about smell, the source of which could not be identified.

As a fire prevention measure, the maximum quantity of recovered paper to be stored was limited. Additionally, a concept for early fire detection was developed for the recovered paper warehouse, which is currently being approved. The employees working in the recovered paper warehouse were

Wolfgang Ohnesorg,

General Manager

trained in the use of fires extinguishing equipment.

Three fire drills/walks were conducted with the local fire brigade. In a large-scale drill with fire brigades from eight surrounding communities and the emergency services, around 200 volunteers were given training on how to work together in an emergency.

Both our own employees and employees of contractors are trained annually in the handling of chemicals. Several walks were conducted on site to inspect the storage facilities for chemicals in more detail. The risk assessments for chemicals were revised.

Since the spring of 2015, Aviretta has producing packaging paper on the PM 4 paper machine. UPM supplies them with fresh water, demineralised water and steam. We also handle pre-treated wastewater and provide finished goods logistics.



M. Heinrich

Martin Heinrich,

Senior Specialist
Environment & Management Systems

# Responsibility figures 2019

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Specific emissions of nitrogen oxides from power plant have been reduced by

61%

from 2010-2019

Specific CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions from power plant have been reduced by

**25%** 

from 2010-2019

Specific dust emissionns (tonne per ton of paper)

40%

from 2010-2019

Specific sulphurdioxides emissions (tonne per ton of paper)

99%

from 2010-2019

Waste



99.7%

of the waste are recycled

Specific amount of waste (tonne per ton of paper) was reduced by

19%

from 2010-2019

**Energy** 



Specific energy input (kWh per tonne of paper) was reduced by

20%

from 2010-2019

# Safety



Number of accidents with lost time have been reduced by

reduziert werden. (18 in 2010, 2 in 2019)

In 2019 our employees conducted

Safety walks.

# Health



Participation in health trainings

participant hours 2019

# **Certified** fibre



The share of thinning wood from sustainable, certified forests (PEFC + FSC) was

in 2019

share of recycling fibers in the produced papers.

# **Employment**



Currently

apprentices am UPM Ettringen site 5 paper technologists 6 automation electronics technicians 8 industrial mechanics 1 machine and plant operator





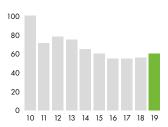
Energy generation is the main source of airborne emissions from paper mills. Annual loads could be hold steady thanks to improvements at the gas boilers.

| EMISSIONS FROM THE POWER PLANT CONTINUOUS MEASUREMENT 2019 |             |            |                                     |           |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
|  |             | Mean value | Mean value of measurements (mg/Nm³) |           |  |  |  |
|  | Limit value | Boiler 3   | Boiler 8 + 9                        | Boiler 10 |  |  |  |
| Carbon monoxide, CO  | 50          | 1.6        | 4.2                                 | 0.03      |  |  |  |
| Nitrogen oxides, NO <sub>x</sub>                           | 100         | 82         | 69.0                                | 60        |  |  |  |
| Sulphurdioxid, SO <sub>2</sub><br>(only boiler 10)         | 35          |            |                                     | 2         |  |  |  |

The following graphs show the specific air emissions of UPM Ettringen as percentage related to the year 2010.

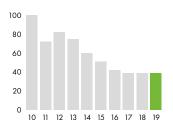
## Particulate matter

Specific particulate matter emissions per tonne of paper in % in comparison with 2010



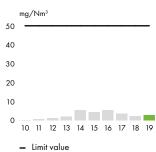
## Nitrogen oxides, NO<sub>x</sub>

Specific NO<sub>x</sub> emissions per tonne of paper in  $\hat{\%}$  in comparison with 2010



## Carbon monoxide, CO

Average concentration boiler 8, 9 and 10



## Annual average

# Waste



The deinking of wastepaper is the main source of residue at UPM Ettringen. The volume of specific residue (incl. moisture) from normal production operations increased due to poor quality of recovered paper in comparison with the previous year.

The amount of sludge from the effluent treatment plant increased due to a rise in the incoming organic load at the inlet of the plant.

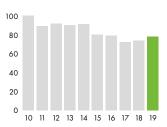
In 2019, 99.7% of all production waste and byproducts were recovered. 92% of waste and by products went into material recycling (with main focus to brick industry).

There is only a small amount of hazardous wastes - such as oil-containing residues - which are disposed of in accordance with legal regulations.

Bark, sawdust, windfall and fibrous material from prescreening are now classified as side-products. The increased use of wood from forest thinnings resulted in an increase in the quantity of these side-products.

#### Specific volume of waste and side-products

(development kg/tonne of paper in %)



# Water



Water is indispensable for papermaking. The water we use is recycled within the process several times, before only a fraction of it is discharged from the circuit as wastewater.

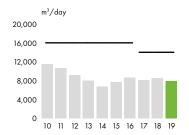
In the on-site treatment plant, the effluents are first cleansed in a chemical-mechanical and then in a biological treatment stage. If necessary, they are then treated with ozone to break not readily degradable substances (such as the lignin in the wood) into simpler forms, which can subsequently be removed by biofiltration.

Since April of 2015, the pre-treated effluents from Aviretta have also been purified in the effluent treatment plant.

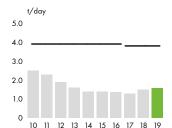
The daily effluent volume is clear below the limit. All discharge values are clear below the limits.

Since July 2016, a new permit is valid for the waste water treatment plant. Therein some limits have been adapted to the new conditions with lower effluent valume.

#### Effluent volume



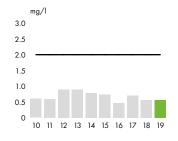
## Chemical oxygen demand,



COD load [t/d] increased due to poor quality of recoverd paper and high use of bleaching chemicals. Specific waste water amount of UPM Ettringen was reduced by 4.2%.

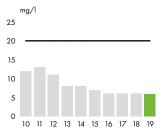
## Phosphorus, P (total load)

Annual mean concentration in comparison with the limit value



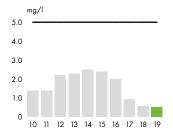
## Biological oxygen demand, BOD

Annual mean concentration in comparison with the limit value



## Nitrogen (inorganic), N

Annual mean concentration in comparison with the limit value



# Landfill

The former landfill site on the mill premises was surface-sealed in 2004 and recultivated. Monitoring and evaluation during the after-closure period did not show any evidence of adverse impacts on groundwater.

# Structure and emergency organisation

Operators in charge are appointed for environmentally relevant production plants and ancillary facilities.

As required by law, appointed officers advise the mill management and the specialist departments in the following areas: immission control, water protection, waste, hazardous goods, radiation protection and internal rail operations.

In addition, there are designated representatives responsible for the integrated management system (quality, environment, energy) and for occupational safety, fire protection and data protection.

Comprehensive emergency plans have been defined for emergencies of all kinds, such as fire, industrial accidents and environmental incidents. From alerting to immediate action and follow-up, there are guidelines to minimise the effects of an emergency as far as possible. At the emergency center (factory gate), detailed flow charts are available for different types of emergencies. For emergencies of a larger scale, there is an emergency staff who decides on any further action to be taken.

# Social responsibility

Well-functioning stakeholder dialogue is a key component for success for UPM. We are committed to developing the vitality of the communities close to our operations through active co-operation and open dialogue with various stakeholders as well as, for example, through sponsorships and employee volunteering

We impact local communities and societies in many ways. Understanding the impact that we have is an essential component of our business success. In many locations, we are a significant employer, taxpayer and partner to local entrepreneurs, making positive contributions to the local economy. We apply several precautionary measures to mitigate and remedy potential negative environmental and social impacts on our surrounding communities

#### Occupational safety

At UPM, we aim to be the industry leader in occupational health and safety. Our clear goal is zero fatal and serious accidents.

We are working to reduce or eliminate accidents in our sphere of influence through continuous improvement and effective risk management.

Before entering any of UPM's production sites, contractors must attend a UPM safety training course that introduces and explains general safety measures. In addition, depending on the task to be performed, there are also special safety instructions and work permits.

Through a large number of continued actions, such as safety observations by employees or safety walks by supervisors, we were able to reduce the number of accidents (accidents with at least one lost day) by 81%, from 19 in 2010 to 2 in 2019.

## Occupational healthcare

We spend a large portion of our lives at the workplace, whose conditions can affect our health positively or negatively. Therefore, we want to create a work environment that is conducive to our employees' good health and to deepen their health awareness to promote and maintain their job satisfaction and motivation.

We have therefore implemented a corporate health management scheme comprising a variety of offers:

- We implemented a bicycle leasing system to which many employees have signed up
- There are weekly back training and yoga classes





Training fair in Bad Wörishofen in september 2019

- Two workplace health days were held where we offered eye screening and a "Back Check" muscle scan
- Psychological risk assessments were carried out to find out how the employees' health is impacted by their work duties.

## Community involvement

Last year, UPM Ettringen continued to sponsor "Kulturgut", a series of events organised by Aktion Hoffnung in Ettringen.

With the proceeds from the concerts and theatrical performances in 2019, Aktion Hoffnung supports in particular a centre for street children run by the Salesians of Don Bosco in Wau and Juajok in South Sudan. The centre looks after up to 800 street children who lost their parents in the civil war or who are former child soldiers.

At the family day and 20th paper machine anniversary celebrations, some local associations contributed to the event programme and provided catering for the visitors. At this occasion the volunteers from the associations were also given a guided tour of the mill.

We supported the local fire brigade to help them realise the necessary conversion of their radio installation.

A number of local associations were given non-cash prizes for raffles.

#### **Cooperation with schools** and education

In addition to automation electronics technicians, industrial technicians and paper technologists, we have since September of 2019 also provided training for machine and production plant operators.

UPM offers a worldwide trainee programme, in which the Ettringen site has been involved since the autumn of 2019. We offer a master student in papermaking technology a career start including not only varied and responsible tasks, but also a 3-month stay abroad.

In 2019, the company took part in training fairs in Mindelheim and Bad Wörishofen. Apprentices and trainers from various fields were present at these events, answering questions from



Simulation of a car accident-demonstration of local fire brigade during family day



Visit of students in the electrician repair shop

students, parents and teachers on the occupational profiles of different career options.

The paper mill offers pupils and applicants the opportunity to do an internship to discover what different careers and

the company are about. There is also a "combined internship" where they are given information about the training options available at the mill and get to know the whole mill with its various departments and their interaction.

# **Environmental parameters**

The figures related to production as well as raw material and energy consumption are published as aggregated figures on group level in the UPM Corporate Environmental and Societal Responsibility Statement.

|                                       |  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019   |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Production capacity                   | Paper (1 paper machine)  | Up to 300,000 t   | Up to 300,000 t   | Up to 300,000 t  |  |
| Raw materials and additives           | Recovered paper<br>Round wood<br>Fillers<br>Processing chemicals<br>Operating supplies   | See UPM Corporate Environmental and Societal<br>Responsibility Statement for more information |   |  |  |
| Energy                                | Fossil fuels   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   |  |
|                                       | Purchased power<br>Hydropower  |   | See UPM Corporate Environmental and Societal<br>Responsibility Statement for more information |  |  |
| Emissions to air <sup>1)</sup>        | Carbon dioxide, CO <sub>2</sub> (fossil)<br>Nitrogen oxides, NO <sub>x</sub><br>Sulphur dioxide, SO <sub>2</sub><br>Particulate matter<br>Carbon monoxide, CO  | 53,178 t<br>19.2 t<br>0.3 t<br>0.8 t<br>0.9 t   | 53,506 t<br>19.9 t<br>0.3 t<br>0.8 t  | 51,231 t<br>18.1 t<br>0.3 t<br>0.8 t                                 |  |
| Water intake                          | Process-, cooling- and drinking-water  | 3,016,407 m <sup>3</sup>  | 2,920,034 m³  | 2,617,323 m <sup>3</sup>   |  |
| Discharges to water <sup>1)</sup>     | Effluent volume Chemical oxygen demand, COD Biological oxygen demand, BOD <sub>5</sub> Phosphorus, P (total) Nitrogen (inorganic), N Adsorbable organic halogen compounds, AOX   | 2,263,526 m <sup>3</sup><br>355 t<br>13 t<br>1.6 t<br>2.0 t<br>0.20 t                         | 2,397,928 m <sup>3</sup><br>453 t<br>15 t<br>1.3 t<br>1.3 t<br>0.2 t                          | 2,081,219 m <sup>3</sup> 462 t 14 t 1.2 t 1.0 t 0.2 t                |  |
| Waste and side-products <sup>2)</sup> | Side-products  - bark, sawdust, wood  - fibre-reject prescreening  Waste for recycling  - deinking, fibre and biological sludge  - coarse deinking residue  - wood  - metal waste  - other  Waste disposal  - other  Hazardous waste | 3)  | 7,247 t<br>1,560 t<br>77,786 t<br>3,279 t<br>136 t<br>274 t<br>324 t                          | 6,590 t<br>2,541 t<br>75,493 t<br>3,060 t<br>207 t<br>214 t<br>914 t |  |
| Size of mill area                     | Total use of land Total sealed area Total nature-oriented area on site Total nature-oriented area off site   | 33 ha   | 33 ha   | 33 ha<br>19 ha<br>14 ha<br>18 ha                                     |  |

Here are stated the emissions, that are linked to paperproduction of UPM. Emissions that result from steam supply or co-treatment of wastewater of other companies are not listed.
Quantity incl. moisture.
Reporting of waste data was changed in 2018.



# Performance against targets in 2019

| TARGET   | TARGET ACHIEVED?   |
|--|--|
| 1 Water  |  |
| <ul> <li>Maintain voluntarily reduced (by 20%) organic load and phosphorus concentration<br/>discharged from the treatment plant (COD and P<sub>tot</sub> control values)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Target achieved for P<sub>tot</sub></li> <li>Reduced COD maintained and reported only in quarters 1 + 2</li> <li>Due to poor recovered paper quality and high bleaching agent use values could not be maintained in quarters 3 + 4</li> </ul> |
| - Reduce specific effluent volume by 2.5% in comparison with 2018  | Yes, specific effluent volume reduced by 4.2%  |
| 2 Energy   |  |
| <ul> <li>Switch ceiling spots in PM 5 hall to LED and reduce number of spots<br/>(savings of 310 MWh/a).</li> </ul>  | – Yes, savings achieved, spots switched to LED   |
| <ul> <li>Reduce steam usage for water preparation for PM 5 by 18 MW/a<br/>in comparison with 2017</li> </ul>   | – Target unfortunately not achieved  |
| 3 Waste  |  |
| Reduce solids losses from DIP 3 to treatment plant by $10\%$ in comparison with the annual average of the year 2018 (filterable substances, new effluent stream, $[t/d]$ ).          | Yes, daily solids losses reduced by more than 30% (from 10.5 to 7.9 t/day)   |
| 4 Material efficiency Reduce paper broke during change of reel spools by 15% in comparison with 2017 through optimised control.  | Yes, paper broke reduced by 15.4% (average 2019)   |

# Targets for 2020

| TARGETS AND MEASURES  | DEADLINE   | DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE           |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Water   |            |                                  |
| <ul> <li>Reduce nutrient use (urea and phosphoric acid) in effluent treatment plant by increasing use of<br/>recycled nutrients.</li> </ul>             | 31.12.2020 | Manager Effluent Treatment Plant |
| <ul> <li>Convert cooling towers of WWTP to indirect cooling to reduce odour emissions.</li> <li>Step 1: concept design</li> </ul>                       |            | Manager Effluent Treatment Plant |
| Step 2: completion and comissioning   | 30.11.2020 |                                  |
| (subject to investment being approved)  | 30.09.2021 |                                  |
| 2 Biodiversity  |            |                                  |
| Create flowering areas on leased agricultural areas (min. 5,000 m²)   | 30.05.2020 | Environmental Officer            |
| 3 Waste   |            |                                  |
| <ul> <li>Reduce specific losses of the deinking plant (Deinking-fibre-sludge) by 0.4<br/>percentage points in comparison to average of 2019.</li> </ul> | 31.12.2020 | Head of Production               |
| <ul> <li>Separate dehydration of preliminarily treated and activated sludge from the treatment plant.</li> </ul>  |            | Manager Effluent Treatment Plant |
| Target: reduce amount of water to be transported and transport distance by working with<br>recyclers near the mill                                      |            |                                  |
| Step 1: concept design  | 31.12.2020 |                                  |
| Step 2: rebuild and commissioning   | 30.09.2021 |                                  |
| 4 Energy  |            |                                  |
| Save 108 MWh of power by installing more efficient air compressors on PM 5  | 31.12.2020 | Head of Production               |



Environmental verifier's declaration on verification and revalidation activities

Environmental verifier, Astrid Günther (DE-V-0357), acting for TÜV NORD CERT Umweltgutachter GmbH, licensed for the scope NACE Code 17.12 (papermaking), declares to have verified whether UPM Ettringen (the site Gebr. Lang GmbH Papierfabrik), Fabrikstrasse 4, 86833 Ettringen, Germany, as indicated in the updated UPM Corporate Environmental and Societal Responsibility Statement 2019 of the mentioned site (registration no. Fl-000058), meets all requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1505, on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

By signing this declaration, I declare that:

- the verification and validation has been carried out in full compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009,
- the outcome of the verification and validation confirms that there is no evidence of non-compliance with applicable legal requirements relating to the environment,
- the data and information of the updated Environmental Statement 2019 of UPM Ettringen (the site Gebr. Lang GmbH Papierfabrik) reflect a reliable,

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Essen, 21.07.2020

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