

# 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

At LUTZ, thinking and acting sustainably is an integral part of all our business plans and processes. As a manufacturing company, we are aware that our products and activities can have a potentially negative impact on the environment. We therefore see it as our duty to mitigate these impacts through appropriate measures and to reduce our environmental impact. To achieve this, we have developed a comprehensive internal sustainability strategy called "ECO-PLUS".

This strategy was introduced last year and successfully integrated into our corporate processes. Each "PLUS" represents a specific component of our sustainability strategy and symbolizes the various steps that lead to the sustainable orientation of LUTZ and our processes. This includes setting specific

ECO-PLUS targets aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of our processes. The strategy also includes the development of control measures for processes that fall under Scope 3. Scope 3 includes all upstream and downstream CO2 emissions that arise along our value chain, both at our suppliers and through the use of our products by our customers.

Another key component of "ECO-PLUS" is the continuous review and improvement of our processes. We achieve this through regular internal audits and by implementing self-imposed requirements. In this way, we ensure that we not only comply with current environmental standards and proactively take measures to further reduce our environmental impact, but also meet international environmental requirements.

### (2) COMMITMENTS

With the ECO-PLUS strategy, LUTZ has defined and published an environmental policy within the company that includes a commitment to reducing environmental impact through selected methods. A trouble-free organization and integrated management methods, for example through ISO 9001 or ISO 50001, form the framework for defining the environmental policy and environmental goals. The environmental policy also defines the framework conditions and requirements for the ECO-PLUS system, such as the obligation to monitor and continuously improve the system as well as how to deal with identified environmental impacts and the company's binding obligations. Through the environmental policy, the management assumes responsibility and accountability for the ECO-PLUS strategy and reviews it at regular intervals for its effectiveness and appropriateness.

The ECO-PLUS strategy is applied at LUTZ to all products and activities that fall within the defined scope. In determining the scope of application of ECO-PLUS, the external and internal issues, the binding obligations, the functions and physical boundaries, activities, products and services as well as the authority and ability to control and influence the company were taken into account. Taking the above points into account, the ECO-PLUS strategy applies to the development, design, manufacture and sale of cutting systems, blades and knives.



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#### **COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSIBILITY**

ECO-PLUS is not just limited to our production processes. A comprehensive awareness of environmental management and the ECO-PLUS strategy is essential in order to make the entire company sustainable. We therefore attach great importance to sensitizing our employees to sustainable action and continuously training them. Training and instruction on the subject of environmental protection are an integral part of our training program.

In the context of the company's shared responsibility, every employee is also required to integrate and implement the methods and objectives agreed in the ECO-PLUS context in their respective areas of work, as well as to report and avoid circumstances that have an unnecessary impact on the environment.

The importance of a sustainability strategy is communicated both internally and externally through the publication of relevant documents. In order to fulfill our obligations, we maintain open and transparent communication of our environmental policy and goals as well as other environmentally relevant topics to all our stakeholders. This enables us not only to highlight the importance of ECO-PLUS for our company, but also to indirectly influence upstream and downstream processes with regard to the life cycle of our products.



#### **ECO-PLUS-TARGETS**

LUTZ has made a conscious decision to establish, integrate, maintain and continuously improve the ECO-PLUS strategy. Our aim is to reduce our environmental impact, firmly anchor sustainability within the company and combine ecological and economic benefits. Each of our goals represents a "PLUS" with which we aim to achieve improved sustainability.

- + Reduced electricity
- + More sustainable use of paper
- + Expansion of the recycling rate
- + And more



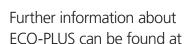
#### WHAT HAS LUTZ ALREADY ACHIEVED?

Although the ECO-PLUS concept has been newly introduced at LUTZ, this does not mean that our commitment to sustainable projects is new. The introduction of an energy management system in accordance with ISO 50001 has already enabled us to achieve considerable energy savings.

The topic of recycling has also been firmly anchored at LUTZ for a long time. Our plastic packaging, such as the Flip-Box, Lutz-Pack or Pull-Box, has always been 100% recyclable. In addition, our plastic packaging consists of up to 38% recycled material thanks to the direct recycling of excess material during the manufacturing processes. By using recyclate in our produc-

tion processes, for example in injection molding, we are actively helping to reduce our environmental impact and conserve natural resources. For this reason, this packaging will bear the ECO-PLUS label in future.

LUTZ is aware that environmental protection and sustainability are ongoing processes that require a rethink in many areas. We therefore work continuously on the further development of ECO-PLUS, evaluate our environmental performance through internal audits and management assessments and regularly implement improvement measures. This enables us to continuously improve LUTZ's environmental performance and minimize negative impacts.



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