

Group Energy Policy

Global climate change and the increasing scarcity of easily accessible, low-cost energies are forcing businesses to pay greater attention to the management of their energy resources.

Because of the processes used, energy bills represent a significant part of the ERAMET Group's production costs in the operation of its mines and industrial units.

Moreover, in 2006 the Group began an energy savings programme which allowed it to save 3% of its energy bill in 2012.

In parallel, under the Sustainable Development policy it adopted in 2010, the Group aims to reduce its environmental impact and acknowledges the importance of energy cost control to the competitiveness of its activities.

From that viewpoint, the Group undertakes to:

- Provide its products and services while constantly optimising its performance and energy competitiveness and promoting the continuous improvement of energy management;
- Encourage and support value-creating initiatives by ERAMET Group entities to continuously improve energy management;
- Adjust its energy improvement goals in line with technological progress, Research & Development and Innovation, while complying with changes in legal and regulatory requirements.

The implementation of this Energy Policy will be supported by:

- Use of the best available techniques, insofar as they are compatible with the Group's capital expenditure and standard ROI;
- Factoring energy optimisation into the decision-making processes for all phases in a project (from design to implementation);
- Recovering energy in internally and/or externally usable form whenever that recovery is economical;
- Relevant, competitive energy purchasing that gives priority, insofar as it is reasonable and whenever it makes technical and economic sense, to renewable energies, and which fosters virtuous behaviour;
- Allocation of relevant resources by every entity to implement the Group's Energy Policy through action plans and take energy management into account;
- Individual recognition for the achievement of energy efficiency-focused goals;
- Development of new Best Available Techniques to enable the Group to move towards less energy-intensive processes.