

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

The Environmental Charter was set up in July 2002. It is comprised of eight guiding principles.

➤ **Controlling and reducing the environmental impact of the group's industrial activities**

As a responsible industrial company, the ERAMET Group carries out its activity in such a way as to keep its health and environmental impact as low as possible, while ensuring that the cost of this effort remains economically acceptable.

➤ **Controlling the risks and impact associated with the products sold by the group**

The ERAMET Group's environmental policy includes a specific part concerning the potential risks and impacts arising from the characteristics and use of its products. Controlled and reasonable management of these risks is one of its priorities.

➤ **Promoting a rationale of continuous improvement**

The Group's action corresponds to the rationale of continuously improving its environmental performance. This commitment is one of its responsibilities, on a par with ensuring the safety and security of its personnel, complying with commercial agreements or seeking optimal technologies at the best cost.

➤ **Factoring the environment into every stage in the Group's life**

This determination to make the environment a part of the Group's functioning is shown at every stage in the company's life:

- ◆ when designing and starting up a new activity, a project or an investment;
- ◆ during the daily operation of facilities;
- ◆ when bringing an activity to an end.

➤ **Strict compliance with regulations**

Strict compliance with the regulations that are applicable to sites is the first guarantee of responsible management of their impact. Any non-compliant situation must be temporary, justified and notified to the relevant administrative body.

➤ **Self-knowledge in order to improve and communicate**

Accurate knowledge of the reality of our impact is a necessity. Knowing how to anticipate and assess both progress and difficulties is essential for a policy's implementation. Communicating on the results achieved is becoming a regulatory obligation. By setting up an Environmental Information System (EIS), the ERAMET Group is providing itself with the resources needed to realise its ambition.

➤ **Anticipating regulatory changes from a sustainable development perspective**

The regulatory framework for the ERAMET Group with respect to the environment is multiple, complex and growing. We have a duty to enable ourselves to acquire full knowledge of that framework, anticipate changes in it and act to raise awareness of our reality from a perspective of sustainable development that protects our competitiveness.

➤ **Contributing to the development of scientific knowledge**

Scientific knowledge of the health or environmental impacts of our activities is complex and constantly evolving. The ERAMET Group contributes to the development of research and knowledge relating to its activity.