Sustainability Report 2023





At ULBRICHTS, research and development means taking responsibility every day: When it comes to protecting human lives, the best technology worldwide must be used without exception. Every innovation, every detail of a seamlessly perfected development and test phase has a direct impact on the survival of emergency services. ULBRICHTS has defined global standards in this field.

WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

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Foreword

Dear customers and business partners, Dear employees,

For Ulbrichts GmbH, as for many in the industry, 2023 was characterized by massive geopolitical and economic challenges. The war in Ukraine and the associated effects, such as the energy crisis, a still tense supply chain situation and considerable inflation, were and are additional tasks. We have to face up to these, apart from the humanitarian suffering that every war causes and which has also affected us greatly.

With this sustainability report, we are looking to the future. Climate change, societal and social change, digitalization and the shift in global markets are fundamentally changing the world. As a result, our industry also has to change. This presents us with both challenges and opportunities. We are dealing with both in a sector-specific manner and with great attention and responsibility for the environment, society and our employees.

Driven by our values "We develop top performance", we are looking positively to the future despite all the uncertainty factors. In 2023, we launched investment projects for the coming years and thus set another milestone in the company's history.

However, one thing is particularly important to us: that we remain authentic. That is why we attach great importance to ensuring that the three pillars of our program - economic, social and environmental - are in balance, thereby establishing our program as "sustainable". In this way, we are creating a corporate culture in which ESG (environmental, social and governance) is firmly anchored and offer our customers a partner at their side on their path to success who will take care of them responsibly.

The management, Georg Schapernack



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Goals Sustainable development

The "Sustainable Development Goals" - also known as "Agenda 2030" or "Sustainable Development Goals" - were adopted by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 and signed by 192 UN member states, including Austria. The 17 sustainable development goals defined therein are to be implemented by 2030 and serve as an overarching set of values for the global community, which set priorities towards global sustainable development and should therefore be strived for.

The SDGs encompass social, ecological and economic aspects and aim for nothing less than the "transformation of our world". They serve governments, organizations, individuals and companies alike as a compass for planning, decisions and actions and also serve Ulbrichts GmbH as a signpost towards sustainability and the future. When comparing the sustainable development goals with the goals and values of Ulbrichts GmbH, the following priorities were set according to their relevance.

Accordingly, Ulbrichts GmbH intends to focus (even more strongly) on the following five sustainable development goals in future and implement targeted measures.



Health and well-being

Ulbrichts GmbH manufactures products that contain dangers to the population. The focus is on the health and safety of police officers and soldiers.

Responsibility towards employees requires precautions to be taken against the risk of accidents and other risks to mental or physical integrity. This applies to the technical planning of workplaces, facilities and processes as well as to safety management and personal conduct in everyday working life. In accordance with the Ulbricht Code of Conduct, we respect human rights and the applicable laws to ensure fair working conditions, particularly with regard to wages and working hours. Part-time work and partial retirement options help to keep employees healthy and meet their need for a balance between work, family and leisure time.

Sufficiently trained personnel form the basis of our quality. We support the promotion of talent and the necessary further training to qualify for our operational tasks. Access to further training measures applies equally to all employees. Women and men have equal opportunities for advancement according to their professional and social skills in line with the job profile of Ulbrichts GmbH.

Ulbrichts GmbH offers comprehensive apprentice training. The apprentices have their own apprentice workshop. Various apprenticeships are currently on offer, in particular surface technician and plastics technician.





High-quality education



Clean water and sanitation

We want to actively address the conflict between using water as a resource and protecting it.

The company has its own wastewater treatment plant for domestic wastewater.

We use our own well water for our press cooling circuit. We separate our waste and do not use PET bottles for our employees' drinks and completely avoid single-use plastic. The plastic cups in production have been switched to 100% recyclable paper cups.



Affordable and clean energy

Sustainable energy use reduces environmental impact and conserves our resources. The Ulbrichts Group endeavors to design ecologically sustainable and climate-neutral business concepts. The aim is to minimize the environmental impact of products and processes in a variety of ways and to use renewable energy.



Decent work and economic growth

Appreciative, supportive and safe working conditions as well as growth that makes sustainable use of resources is one of Ulbrichts GmbH's greatest concerns - long before this goal was declared a "Sustainable Development Goal". Ulbrichts GmbH is proud of the fact that many of its employees work for the company from their first job until they retire.

In accordance with our Code of Conduct, the Ulbrichts Group respects and supports compliance with internationally recognized human rights and anti-discrimination laws. For the benefit of the health and safety of children, admission to employment is to be observed in accordance with the respective national regulations.



Industry, innovation and infrastructure

As the world market leader, the Ulbrichts Group has a special role to play in terms of innovation. By developing innovative products for special police units, Ulbrichts GmbH makes a major contribution to this goal - in particular by manufacturing the best protective helmets on the world market. Our Research & Development is located in-house, just a few meters away from toolmaking and production. In this way, ideas become prototypes without detours and in a resource-saving manner. We consider high-quality technical equipment at the workstations, modern communication and information systems and access to the company's own canteen to be standard.





Fewer inequalities

We welcome new team members with open arms and are happy to welcome reinforcements in all areas.

The recruitment and application process is fair and transparent in order to promote diversity in the workplace. Candidates are not discriminated against on the basis of their appearance, gender or age. The application process is open and transparent.

Ulbrichts GmbH wants to further increase its attractiveness as an employer. In addition to a fair salary, flexible working hours, further training and health measures, specially developed services aimed at individual needs are being developed to make current and future employees even more enthusiastic about the company.

All Ulbrichts employees must respect the rights as well as the national, cultural and ethnic characteristics of every individual they come into contact with in their business activities.

Business decisions should be characterized by the cause and interests of the company.

Equal opportunities and equal treatment, irrespective of ethnic origin, skin color, gender, religion, nationality,

sexual orientation, social background or political views, insofar as these are based on democratic principles and tolerance towards those with different opinions, are guaranteed.

Employees are generally selected, recruited and promoted on the basis of their qualifications and skills, unless national law expressly prescribes other criteria.



Climate protection measures

As an industrial company, we feel responsible for making a contribution to influencing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The application and further development of an effective environmental management system in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14001:2015 has been confirmed by Quality Austria since 2019.

By switching from oil heating to gas heating, a reduction in CO2 could be achieved. By utilizing waste heat potential, the demand for gas as a primary energy source has been reduced by around 30% in recent years.

We use activated carbon filtration for VOC substances to clean the exhaust air from the paint shop.

The company's own wastewater treatment plant for domestic wastewater and the use of well water for efficient press cooling contribute significantly to the management of environmentally friendly measures.



I ife on land

One of Ulbrichts GmbH's contributions to protecting rural ecosystems and preserving biodiversity is the bee colony project at the Kaufing site. 15 bee colonies are looked after by an employee near the employee parking lot and the surrounding landscape in order to provide the bees with a species-appropriate living and working environment.

The company bike project provides employees with a top bike of their choice on a leasing basis, the costs of which are covered by Ulbrichts GmbH. This allows them to travel to work comfortably and in an environmentally friendly way by bike.

In the Mostbach project area, 133 trees were planted in 2022, which Ulbrichts GmbH supported by placing orders with Precisa.

Facts, figures and data

8.1 Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

In order to meet the requirements arising from the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and the national derivations, a reference table is provided here as a supplement to the GRI 2021 Index.

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