

2007 Report

Sustainable Development





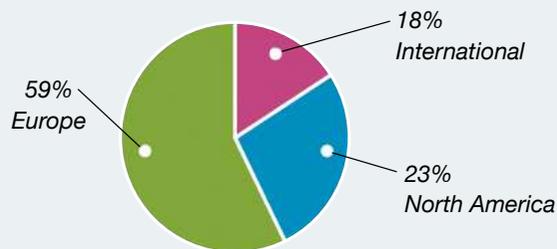
Arc International
World leader in tableware

Created in 1825, Arques Glassworks became the Arc International Group in 2000. To respond to new market demands and offer its customers and consumers innovative and high-quality products, the Group, through its Luminarc, Cristal d'Arques Paris, Pyrex*, Chef & Sommelier and Arcoroc brands and its worldwide presence, offers a "lifestyle" based on its attractive and creative ranges available in a wide selection of materials.

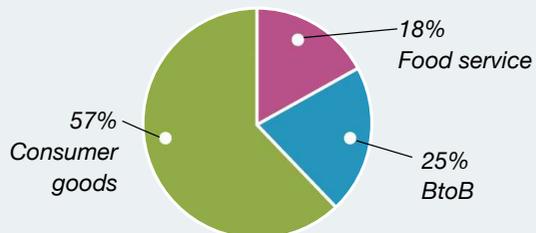
2007 Key Figures

- **Employees: 15, 000**
- **Gross consolidated sales for the Group: 1.5 billion euros**

Sales revenue broken down by region:



Sales revenue broken down by business line:



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“Sustainable and harmonious long-term development ...”

Patrick Gournay, CEO



Patrick Gournay

CEO

The sustainable development approach takes on a special meaning in the current economic climate. In contrast to the era of speculative fast profit, sustainable development seeks long-term and harmonious growth, from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

*To ensure the long-term viability of its business, Arc International has introduced an ambitious **transformation programme**. The company is adapting to market globalisation by moving closer to those markets offering strong growth prospects. The long-term objective of this approach is to progressively strengthen the Group's foundations - in terms of both teams and production facilities.*

*In this new, more complex and culturally diverse, corporate model Arc International is retaining a **strong social commitment** and adapting its model to the needs of its employees and local suppliers. In view of less stringent legislation in these countries, it is our responsibility to define and implement satisfactory working conditions in line with our corporate values.*

*With regard to **environmental responsibility**, we are producers of glass, which consumes less energy than other materials used in tableware, such as porcelain, and which is also completely recyclable. We must continue our efforts to reduce our still significant energy consumption and manage our waste. This is the goal of the dedicated R&D programmes and increasingly effective technologies we are developing.*

*Economic imperatives are by no means incompatible with our commitment to sustainable development; all our initiatives in this field are contributing to the company's **long-term viability**.*

Principles of the United Nations Global Compact

By signing, in 2003, the Global Compact put forward by the United Nations, Arc International has committed to respect and promote its ten principles regarding human rights, labour standards, respect for the environment and anti-corruption:



1. Supporting and respecting the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.
2. Ensuring that there is no complicity in human rights abuses.
3. Upholding the freedom of association and recognition of the right to collective bargaining.
4. Eliminating all forms of forced and compulsory labour.
5. Abolishing child labour.
6. Eliminating discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
7. Supporting a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.
8. Undertaking initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.
9. Encouraging the development and diffusion of environment friendly technologies.
10. Working against corruption in all its forms.

This commitment is applied worldwide, at all the Group's sites.

An approach anchored in the values of Arc International

Arc International's ambition is based on the shared objective of offering our customers products that meet their requirements. By creating added value for our company, by developing the skills of our staff and by respecting our environment.



It's always been this way

Social responsibility is a natural approach for the Group, which has been a trailblazer in many areas: from as early as 1920 the historic Arques site set up a system for recovering packaging; in the post-war era employees enjoyed social protection and their access to ownership was promoted; protected workshops were later created for persons with disabilities and disadvantaged young people. Today, all the Group's actions are anchored in a long-term entrepreneurial and ethical approach.

Our vision

Today we are the benchmark company in the tableware arena, in terms of both our products and our services, and thanks to our worldwide presence.

To maintain this position in the future, our aim is to be the acknowledged market leader in tableware in those markets with strong potential for growth or added value.

Our goal

To achieve our objective and maintain our leading position, we are striving to become:

- the preferred employer for our staff,
- the benchmark supplier for our customers,
- the most sought after partner in the communities we have relations with,
- the best investment for our shareholders.

Our values

We treat the men and women within our Group with respect and promote their professional development.

We develop their skills, we promote and value the corporate spirit, we learn to work more effectively together to encourage efficiency and creativity.

We aim to meet consumer and customer demand.

Our goal is to develop customer loyalty, by strengthening our market intelligence, anticipating expectations to offer attractive and innovative products, improving our processes to offer the best quality / price / lead-time ratio.

We ensure that our shareholders' investment is profitable.

We calculate risks, control costs and mobilise the necessary resources to finance our growth.

Our activities are part of a sustainable development approach.

We endeavour to balance economic imperatives, social responsibility and respect for the environment.



Attentive corporate governance

The capital of Arc International is 100% family-held. The company is managed by a Board of Directors and a Supervisory Board, four of the six members of which are independent experts. To achieve its goals, it develops industrial and commercial facilities that are both profitable and sustainable.

The Group's decisions look beyond short-term financial criteria. It encourages its employees to make sustainable development an integral part of their day-to-day work.

It recognises and respects the specific features of markets and cultures.

It conducts its business with respect for the human being, whether customer, employee or consumer.

It is committed to adopting a proactive approach to social, environmental and ethical issues wherever it has a presence.



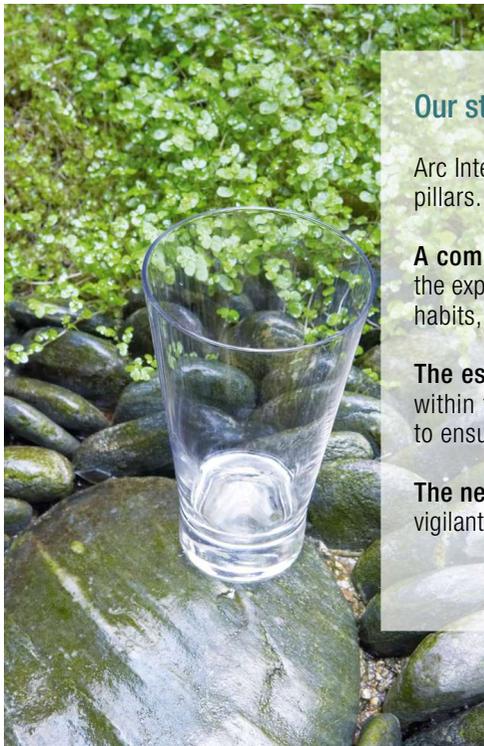
Our strategic pillars

Arc International bases its commitment to sustainable development on three strategic pillars.

A commitment to offer innovative, high-quality products and services to meet the expectations of our different customers. This involves close monitoring of consumer habits, cultures and vital precautions linked to health.

The essential involvement of the men and women working in the various entities within the company. The Group ensures that they are motivated, a key requirement to ensure their personal and collective commitment.

The need to reduce our negative impact on the environment, through increasingly vigilant control of industrial processes and the development of innovative technologies.



Key actions for 2007 within the Group

Economic focus

- Launch of the Group's transformation programme. 79 projects, involving 350 people worldwide, are in place to support the Group's transformation.
- Development of a new rationalised product offering aimed at independent retailers in France.
- Creation of the distribution subsidiaries Arc Distribution South Africa and Arc International Brazil. These subsidiaries help the Group to respond to local expectations.
- Launch of 250 new glassware products as a result of the Group's investment in Research & Development. These represent 4,000 new decoration and packaging items.

Social and societal focus

- Signature of a draft agreement on professional equality between men and women with six trade union organisations (Arques).
- Launch of "Cap Projet", core knowledge training offered to Arc International France employees.
- Introduction of the "Tolerance Listening Respect" programme to raise awareness of alcohol-related risks.
- Transfer of buildings and sites housing a furnace from the Arques factory to the Saverglass group. This enabled the creation of more than 200 jobs on the site.
- Launch of a range of exclusive products with the Vincente Ferrer Foundation. Some of the proceeds of these sales will be used to help improve the diets of young children and pregnant women in Southern India.

Environmental focus

- Signature by the Arques and Châteauroux factories of an electricity supply contract, with 25% of requirements covered by renewable energy sources.
- 50% reduction in the consumption of drinking water used in production at the Vicrila factory in Spain.
- Development of a sorting and recovery system for waste electrical and electronic equipment at Arc International France.
- Use of organic decorations on products. This helps to reduce energy consumption during firing and reduces harmful waste.



“ Every day, we strive to design, manufacture, sell and distribute products and services that bring true added value to our customers and consumers, under the best competitive conditions.

Patrick Gournay, CEO



Becoming a strong and enduring economic player

A strategy to promote this objective

The Arc International economic model is product-focused. It ensures balance, in both the short and long term, between challenges and risk management, financial imperatives and respect for individuals.

A savings plan

Savings can be made at all levels of the organisation: reducing travel costs, renegotiating telephone contracts, and more. The manufacturing works hard to generate savings, with one initial focus being reducing raw material and energy costs. Purchasing and production have endeavoured to replace materials such as precious metals (platinum, rhodium) with other less expensive materials. Likewise, with regard to energy costs, the impact of higher prices has been partially compensated through a reduction in direct consumption (adjusting the fusion process and machines, plugging leaks, switching off energy supplies to installations not currently in use, etc.).

Transformation of the entire company based on the product

The Group launched an in-depth transformation programme in 2007. Designed to implement the five-year plan defined by General Management and validated by shareholders, it coordinates all the required actions to ensure an upturn in the business and optimise results. Its success is linked to its capacity to mobilise multi-functional, multi-cultural and multi-regional teams in their daily work.

The programme is helping to organise and accelerate the Group's recovery. However, while the key focus of current projects is cost reduction and process reorganisation, these aspects alone are not enough to guarantee the company's long-term viability. Another component has therefore been added to the programme - research and optimisation of growth opportunities.

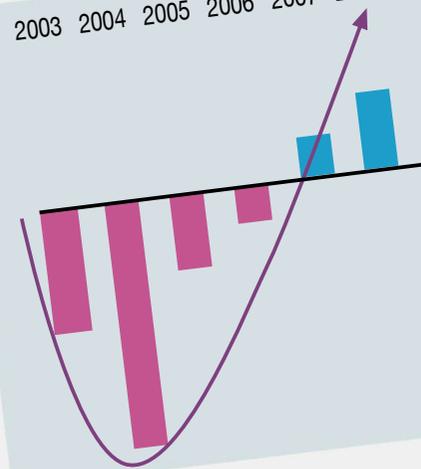
Refocusing on the core business

Faced with changing markets, in 2007 the Group decided to refocus on its core business and promote high-margin products. This strategy led to the sale of the Salviati brand and the Mikasa® stores in North America.



Operating Profit (in millions of euros)

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008



2007 marks our return to a breakeven situation, after four years of negative profit.

Becoming a strong and enduring economic player

A changing industrial culture

As part of a production culture, and in response to changing markets, the Group has adapted its strategy and decided to focus on improving margins in relation to production volume. This cultural shift has brought with it a new marketing approach. In France, a rationalised offer has been put together for independent retailers (Intermarché, Système U, Champion, etc.). Based on a full range of products and taking the margin objective into account, it generated sales growth of 10 to 20% in 2007, with a presence in around 300 stores. The objective is to be present in 600 stores by the end of 2008 and 700 by the close of 2009.

Back on a sound footing

2007 represented a key stage in a process initiated in 2004, with operating profit now back on a sound footing. In a difficult economic environment, defined by increasing energy costs alongside a depreciating dollar, operating profit was more than 10 million euros, up by 33 million in comparison with 2006. In 2008 the Group set itself the objective of achieving an operating profit of 2% of sales. However, this is still not enough to ensure the company's long-term viability, payment of its financial costs and the social plan it has launched. To retain room for manoeuvre and deal with the changes in its economic environment, the Group aims to achieve an operating profit to sales ratio of 5%.

The foundations for a sustainable recovery

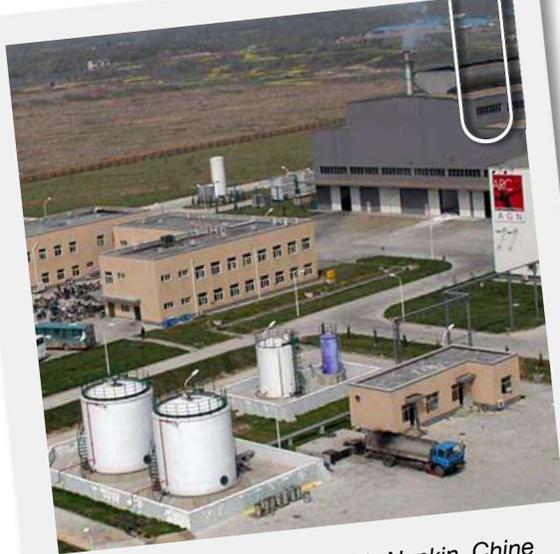
“ The transformation programme currently consists of 79 projects broken down into 8 areas, implemented by more than 350 participants worldwide. 12 of the projects have been completed and have already produced measurable results, 56 are ongoing and 11 are pending. In 2007, the programme's impact on operating profits represented a gain of around 50 million euros, of which 23 million were generated by the Purchasing project and 10 million by the Europe Competition plan. These far-reaching efforts must continue beyond these initial successes, to guarantee a sustainable upturn in our economic performance. ”

Pierre Créau, Chief Transformation Officer

Becoming a strong and enduring economic player

Organising production closer to the new commercial markets

The Group's responsibility is also that of a local economic player, **through its products**. Since the creation of its historic Arques site, the Group has maintained strong relations with the Saint-Omer region in the Pas-de-Calais area. Arc International aims to establish the same type of local links in all the regions in which is present in the heart of its developing markets, in the United Arab Emirates and China.



Arc Glass Nanjing (AGN), Nankin, Chine

Production in the heart of consumer regions

As well as engaging in profitable activity in new regions, the Group aims to make this activity sustainable. This involves the establishment of production and distribution facilities within these markets to monitor local trends as closely as possible.

The factories in the United Arab Emirates and China produce mainly for the local markets, helping to reduce transport costs. Besides the savings made, the impact on CO2 emissions is by no means negligible. The production capacity of the units was increased in 2007 to meet demand. Two decorating machines and one primary machine for plates were installed in the Emirates. Decorating and packaging for opal glass ranges will also be carried out locally from now on. The Chinese factory has extended the production capacity of its furnace from 35,000 tonnes to 50,000 tonnes a year.

Production sites

Arc International France (AIF)
created in 1825: Arques, Blaringhem, Aire-sur-la-Lys (France), 8,300 employees

Vidriería Cristallería de Lamiaco (VICRILA)
part of the Group since 1980: Lamiako (Spain), 450 employees

Durand Glass Manufacturing Company (DGMC)
created in 1982: Millville New Jersey (USA), 690 employees

Arc Glassware Nanjing (AGN)
created in 2003: Nanjing (China), 1,030 employees

Arc International Middle East (AIME)
created in 2004: Ras-Al-Khaimah (United Arab Emirates), 1,400 employees

Arc International Cookware (AIC)
part of the Group since 2006: Châteauroux (France), 400 employees



Becoming a strong and enduring economic player

Organising distribution closer to the new commercial markets

Distribution in line with local requirements

Arc International operates distribution subsidiaries in various regions around the world: UK, Spain, US, Japan, Mexico, Australia. These subsidiaries enable the Group to tailor its offer as closely as possible to local requirements. Arc Distribution South Africa and Arc International Brazil, created in 2007, will optimise distribution in these promising markets.

A stronger position in new emerging markets

Growth markets are of considerable importance. Their need for mass consumption products has increased, opening up new prospects. Over the last three years the Group has doubled its sales in high-potential markets such as Russia, Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. The trend continued in 2007. Although the International division still represents just 18% of the Group's sales, its growth rate is by far the highest. Sales increased by 15% in 2007, thanks to the recruitment of new sales teams. South East Asia recorded growth of 56%, China and Iran 25%, the Near and Middle East 15% and Latin America 8%.

Sales revenue broken down by region:



Becoming a strong and enduring economic player

Designing products that meet customer needs

Products with high added value

The Group is using innovative technologies to develop high added-value products. The Arques site represents the spearhead of this strategy with a concentration of know-how, expertise and industrial capacity that is unique in the world. Between 2004 and 2010, more than 200 million euros will have been invested here, mainly dedicated to renewing production tools and installing ultra-advanced technological lines, such as for the production of Kwarx® glasses.

40 research projects are focused on 4 key programmes:

- new materials, such as Kwarx®,
- process improvement,
- reducing negative environmental impacts,
- decoration which can be applied using low energy consumption.

In 2007, product development launched 250 new glassware products, representing 4,000 new decoration and packaging items.

Significant investment in Research and Development

The Research and Development budget represents 3% of sales; it focuses on essential research and developing new products and procedures. More than 200 people work in research and development.

The development of competitive advantages is consolidating the Group's position as a strong and enduring economic player, a creator of employment and promoter of tableware.

Offering new competitive products

Luminarc Vinery



In 2007 Arc International launched a new Vinery range for the appreciation and tasting of wines. Stylish new shapes were designed to enhance the appearance of the wine and bring out its bouquet.

Bi-Color



The development of new decorating processes led to the creation of a highly innovative bicolour glass effect on a transparent base.

Coloured glass



Thanks to a new process for the mass production of tinted glass, 50 million glasses were produced for Coca Cola in six different colours.

Tailor-made solutions



In 2007 the Business to Business Division supplied optimised product and service solutions to resolve customer issues: manufacturers, retailers, manufacturers of semi-finished and finished products, distributors and service providers. They can be grouped into four main activities: industry, advertising, premium and loyalty programmes.



Social and societal values deeply anchored in the Group's culture

Promoting the development of skills and wellbeing at work

We pay particular attention to training in order to promote our employees' personal development. We fight against discrimination and welcome all people and cultures.



A training commitment

An annual personal interview with each employee (management) to determine specific training needs. 21 hours of training per employee were provided in 2007 in Europe. This figure has almost doubled since 2004.

Safety training

Several measures aimed to improve safety training for employees have been implemented in the various Group units. In 2007, the Vicrila unit in Spain continued the scheme launched in 2006. Similarly the Ras-Al-Khaimah unit in the United Arab Emirates set up a Quality Management system integrating the award of OHSAS 18001 Quality and Safety certification and fire prevention training. A Safety Management System (SMS) has been launched in the Group's units in China and France.

Training in core knowledge

A core knowledge training project was introduced in the Arques unit in 2007. This demonstrates the commitment to supporting employees in a precise and worthwhile project without focusing on any inadequacy. It takes account of various problems: a negative history in terms of school, reluctance to admit to a failing, very mixed levels. The approach is part of a more global objective for employees, for example obtaining the CAP qualification. It is based on two main pillars:

- reading and writing, in a 280 hour module;
- general training (improving reading, writing and arithmetic skills and learning how to put a dossier together), in a 260 hour module.

The training is provided over one full day each week. Employees who take part in the training are monitored by a designated coach in their own working environment to help them to put their new skills to use in their everyday work. Around twenty people volunteered at the end of 2007, out of an estimated 6 to 800 potentially interested employees.

GRILA10 Indicator: TRAINING

Training (in hours/person)	2005	2006	2007
ZONE EUROPE	13.5	21	21.68
ZONE NORTH AMERICA	—	14.38	9.97
ZONE INTERNATIONAL	17.5*	1.79	2.41

* launch year of the RAK 2 unit



Social and societal values deeply anchored in the Group's culture

Fighting disadvantage, addiction and discrimination

A policy of integration

In Arques, the Lobel workshop was created in 1993 for people affected by a slight mental disability. The activities handled by this protected workshop include packaging work, processing for printing and other mainly manual tasks. Since its launch, 31 people have left the workshop to successfully go on and join the standard professional business line.

Since 1997, the Briquetterie workshop has been a workplace for young people whose disrupted pasts have restricted their access to employment. They benefit from on-site integration and training, as part of a qualification contract. The workshop collects and recovers materials such as metals and wood. The Vicrila unit in Spain has integrated 50 persons with disabilities in its packaging processes, representing 11% of a total workforce of around 450 people, a far higher percentage than the legal obligation.

"Tolerance Listening Respect": raising awareness of alcohol-related risks

45 volunteers run the Arc International France "Tolerance Listening Respect" network, a body set up in 2007 to help prevent alcoholism and addiction. 2,666 people have attended 261 information meetings organised throughout the year, with open discussions at the end of the meetings. Several preventive measures have been put in place: table napkins with a printed message and place mats with recipes for non-alcoholic cocktails distributed in the company's restaurants, free non-alcoholic cocktails, a booklet intended to guide managers in the best way to approach an employee with alcohol problems, etc.

A male-female equality agreement

At the end of the year, the Group's employees comprised 86% men and 14% women, a disparity linked to the company's economic activity. A draft agreement on professional equality between men and women was signed in 2007 in Arques with six trade union organisations. Through this agreement, Arc International undertakes:

- to improve the mix of genders in employment and to "feminise" recruitment to a greater extent;
- to consider in its training plan women's access to technical positions and their progress to management roles;
- to avoid viewing a request for part-time work as a sign of disinterest in professional activity, but as the employee seeking a way to balance his/her personal and working life;
- to promote equal pay;
- to encourage access for women to all the company's business lines and ensure that women are represented in the managerial teams;
- to raise all managers' awareness of the principles of non-discrimination and equal opportunities for men and women;
- to introduce monitoring indicators.

	Lobel Workshop			Briquetterie Workshop		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Number of people (of which managers)	41	41 (5)	38 (5)	19	20 (3)	15 (3)
Number of hours worked	54,102	56,717	58,333	26,494	31,406	27,178
Number of people who have successfully left since the opening of the Workshop	31	34	36	—	—	—



Social and societal values deeply anchored in the Group's culture

Revitalising the local economy

Since its creation, Arc International has always attached great importance to involving its production units in the local economy.

Commitment to employment

As a responsible economic player, the company has joined forces with the government and local authorities to develop employment in the region of the historic Arques site. In practical terms, this initiative has taken the form of sharing certain activities (printing, etc.) or establishing new subcontracting companies, resulting in the creation of more than 170 new jobs.

Saverglass: a successful conversion

In 2007, a cluster dedicated to revitalising the local economy was incorporated in the company's transformation programme. This contributed towards the conversion of a furnace in the Arques factory. The site and buildings occupied by the furnace were sold to the Saverglass Group, a world leader in the manufacture of high-quality small bottles. Saverglass plans to develop a new manufacturing unit for luxury bottles. This presence will help it to pursue its development in a growth market, while creating at least 200 jobs on the site. Some Arc International Group employees will be able to apply for positions there, according to the procedures set out in the Method Agreement for the Industrial Conversion project.



Designing products in line with the populations around us

Arc Distribución Iberica has joined forces with the Vicente Ferrer Foundation to develop a range of exclusive products related to the Luminarc brand. The graphics of the range evoke a certain feeling of solidarity, featuring children's drawings and the word "Together". Profits from sales have helped to improve the diets of young children and pregnant women in the Anantapur region of Southern India (500 families). Around half of infant mortality in these regions is attributable to poor nutrition in the first five years of life.





Preservation of our environment

Saving energy and water

As an industrial company, we endeavour to control our consumption and waste. We recover our waste. We raise awareness among our staff at all our units. We encourage the use of environmentally friendly materials in the manufacture of our products.

A priority for the Group

An energy saving plan has been introduced within the Group and extended to all units. In particular it involves investing in operations relating to flame-treated products. It also includes many zero-cost measures, based on introducing and monitoring best practices. Initially this means mapping gas, fuel oil and electricity consumption, and then regularly monitoring changes. All employees have become increasingly involved and made aware of possible energy savings, with results communicated to them regularly. Launched in 2006, the project has helped to achieve a 10% reduction in energy consumption per tonne of best quality glass produced over the last two years.

Choosing renewable energy

The Arques and Châteauroux facilities have signed up to an "Alpenergie 25 Contract" offered by Cie Nationale du Rhône / Electrabel Suez. This contract guarantees that 25% of the energy supplied to them will be derived from a renewable source, without any increase in price.

A methodology of optimisation

The Group has committed to an approach aimed at reducing water consumption. Activity-specific action plans have been drawn up. A methodology for optimising water consumption is currently being prepared in order to disseminate best practices across all sites. It is based on several recommendations:

- assessing the situation in terms of water consumption,
- detecting and minimising leaks,
- eliminating unnecessary usage,
- using alternative sources,
- evaluating resources and their source,
- favouring the use of lower quality water,
- recycling effluent.

A significant reduction in consumption of drinking water at Vicrila

The Vicrila unit in Spain has introduced a project designed to reduce its consumption of drinking water. Better use of water, improved control and regular monitoring have helped to reduce consumption by machines by 50% in 2007, while consumption not linked directly to production fell by 12%.





Preservation of our environment

Recovering waste

Raising awareness of sorting

Sorting of waste is now well established in most production sectors. Teams in the various units have been made aware of the importance of waste recovery, based on three main recommendations:

- sort waste into labelled containers: stretch film, covers, cardboard and paper, various types of glass ...
- throw as little as possible into mixed waste containers,
- reduce waste as far as possible.

CO2 emissions

Very soon after the Kyoto Summit, and before the introduction of national quota allocations, the company integrated the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions into its policy. From 2001, as a voluntary member of the French association of companies for the reduction of greenhouse gases (AERES), the Group has made specific commitments to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Now, with the introduction of national quotas, this association's activities will end in 2008. To date, emissions have been reduced by more than 10%.

Glass recycling

Waste broken glass and cullet are priorities in the Group's reprocessing efforts. Recovery of this material reduces sub-surface containment of solid waste and enables significant gains. What's more, where cullet accounts for 10% of the composition of materials in a sodicalcic furnace, this reduces energy consumption by 3%. Some of our surplus cullet is now resold to a company for use in the manufacture of glass fibre.

Waste electrical and electronic equipment

In the past, waste electrical and electronic equipment from Arc International France was sent in its assembled state and unsorted to an external processing centre, which represented an annual expense of around 25,000 euros. In 2007, sorting of this waste was organised internally, following discussion centred on two targets:

- savings on costs of transportation to the processing centre, and
- recovery of sorted materials.

Waste computer and electrical equipment is disassembled and the component elements sorted in accordance with the possible recovery channels: noble metals (aluminium, copper, stainless steel, etc.), cables, motherboards (precious metals, gold, etc. can be recovered), scrap (casings), harmful materials (screens), miscellaneous. The resulting savings have helped to create jobs for disabled workers.

Economic value and environmental impact



Some of the Group's industrial waste contains useful materials: paper, cardboard, plastic, metals, glass, etc. These materials have a value, because they can be reused in a production process. The promotion of waste recycling and recovery therefore has a considerable economic impact. It also helps to reduce the need to draw on natural resources.



Gaëtan Robert, Environment Manager, Arques





Preservation of our environment

Making the environment a key concern in product design and throughout the process

The development of organic decorations for products is opening up new environmentally friendly avenues. Historically created using enamels, decorations can now be processed using organic resins suitable for glass. Not only do they produce very pure colours and a metallic finish that is impossible to obtain using enamel, they offer two additional and very important advantages:

- real energy savings, due to firing at less than 200°C, whereas enamels are fired at over 600°C,
- the use of non-toxic materials, without metals or any mineral product.

These decorations are currently used in spraying and screen printing techniques. The aim is to extend them to all our decoration processes.

M³ water /Tonne of glass produced

	2005	2006	2007
EUROPE	5.09	4.22	5.38
NORTH AMERICA	4.93	3.40	3.62
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION	5.92	5.49	4.27

Sorted waste in tonnes

	Plastic			Paper/cardboard			Metals		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
EUROPE	60	835	864	6,241	10,528	10,398	1,051	3,200	2,173
NORTH AMERICA		unsorted	unsorted	1,176	740	816	114	176	194
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION	51	unsorted	226	180	105	1,018	18	35	58

Tonne of CO₂ /Tonne of glass produced

	2005	2006	2007
EUROPE	1.09	1.00	1.02
NORTH AMERICA	1.2	1.24	1.18
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION	1.49	1.42	1.35

