



## Actions

TREVES has decided to sign the global Compact agreement, confirming its commitment to respecting human rights, employment laws and environmental issues. More particularly, TREVES, specialised in automotive interior trim and acoustic protection, has chosen to promote sustainable development with two complementary projects :

- First, a long term project to introduce a sustainable development culture, by obtaining ISO 14001 certification for all industrials sites,
- Secondly, a technological project to develop environmentally friendly products.

Four major points have been identified to achieve **ISO 14001** :

- Communication on environmental issues,
- Energy saving,
- Prevention of accidental pollution,
- Recycling and reduction of industrial waste.

Specific schemes and targets have been defined. This certification is part of a well-defined Quality policy. The ISO 14001 certification is a great opportunity to inform, train, and develop sustainable development culture within the group. The goal is to set up an environmental management system in order to prevent pollution.

The next logical step for TREVES is to set up **a concrete technological project** which can provide specific answers for sustainable development.

New regulations to reduce automotive noise require automobile manufacturers to improve acoustic protection. Such an improvement leads to an increase in vehicle weight and atmospheric pollution. Consequently, TREVES has had to propose light and efficient acoustic protection concepts.

Concretely, TREVES has been committed to a multi-partner project, founded by the European Community (EUREKA), and has proposed a global approach for acoustic protection, while reducing weight by 30 to 40 %.

## Outcome

- Today, 4 TREVES' sites in Europe have already become certified, and 3 others, including a site in Brazil, will be certified by the end of 2004. The worldwide certification of other sites will be achieved by the end of 2006.

Communication is primordial to achieve these goals. Including the environment in daily company life requires individuals to be aware of environmental issues and to behave responsibly, both in professional and private life (recycling, energy saving,...). Success depends on global understanding and acceptance of the group's goals.

- The acoustic protection project is currently being finalized, and has lead TREVES to include technological solutions using felt, an environmentally friendly material, which can be manufactured from renewable materials (natural fibres) or recycled fibres (from TREVES' textile waste production). Felt can also be recycled after use.

TREVES has been proposing innovative-patented solutions for acoustically efficient and environmentally friendly concepts. The industrialisation phase of the project has been scheduled for the end of 2005.

TREVES is convinced that technological innovation is a necessary step to reach sustainable development. By taking concrete actions, TREVES wishes to play a major role in protecting the environment for future generations.