

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

At MATSA, all of our employees are committed to operating and carrying out their activity in a committed and respectful way towards the environment.

The main operation commitment is harmony with the environment, through the implementation of checks and measures which minimise the impact on the environment and conserve the area so that it can be enjoyed by future generations once the mining activity has closed down. Therefore, sustainable development is the central concept of MATSA's business model and this is reflected in all its activities.

MATSA's management is based on making its activity a sustainable operation, compatible and integrated with the natural environment. Therefore, MATSA carries out the checking and monitoring of the environmental aspects of its activity, guaranteeing its compliance with the applicable regulation and minimising the generation of unexpected situations that could cause potential damage to the environment.

The correct management of the water quality of the area, the checking of air quality and the monitoring of waste generated are only part of the exhaustive checks carried out.

The following should also be highlighted:

- Incorporation of environmental criteria in the design of infrastructures.
- Measuring and checking environmental aspects through monitoring programmes, operative revisions and follow-up audits.
- Investigation into the improvement of more eco-efficient processes.

In addition, MATSA carries out an environmental inspection plan in its installations with the aim of detecting opportunities for continuous improvement.

MATSA has all the environmental licenses that sustain its activity.



INNOVATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The efficient management of the quantity and quality of the water resources in the area are focussed on minimising the consumption of water as a natural resource by means of the reuse of process water and raising awareness among all the staff that work in the installations.

The company has been working since 2015 on more sustainable management of water, having achieved an 80% reduction in the consumption of water from natural sources. This water saving implies a reduction in its direct water footprint.

Since 2016, MATSA has been part of the first water footprint platform in Spain. A unique and innovative project in Spain - EsAgua.



RESTORATION PLAN AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

MATSA has a restoration plan for all of its installations, approved by the competent authorities, which addresses the restoration needs of the spaces affected by mining activities. This restoration plan is a living document, constantly updated to fit the activity being carried out.

MATSA also has guarantees deposited at the Andalusian Administration for the restoration of its installations which are updated in line with the growth of its activity.

CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

MATSA also advocates the preservation of cultural heritage. For this reason, through the archaeological project "A window to the Past", the company has carried out recuperation and renovation operations in the area where the old site of Aguas Teñidas is located.

Raising the value of the archaeological remains found, an industrial establishment from the 1st century A.D., has consisted of eliminating the contamination that was found in the area and making it suitable for visiting.



ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING AND AWARENESS-RAISING

The company offers continuous training every year on the environment and makes information about "good environmental practises" available to workers.

The company is aware that appropriate environmental management is possible with the awareness and participation of all of the staff that work at its installations, continuous recycling becoming important in this matter.



AWARDS AND PRIZES

In 2011, MATSA was awarded Business Owner of the Year by the Huelva Business Federation (FOE) in the categories of Environment, Energy Saving and Employment of New Technologies.