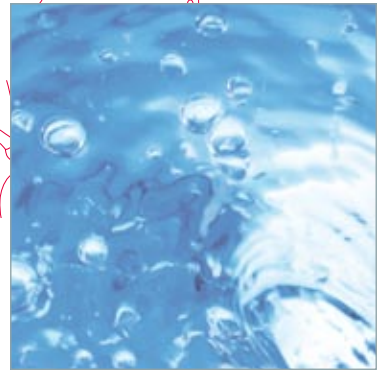
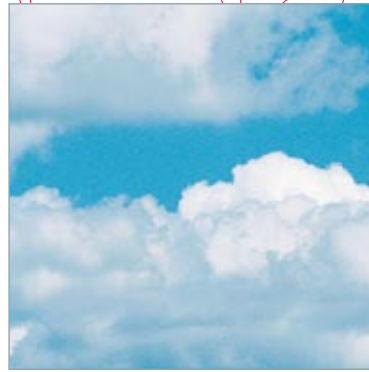
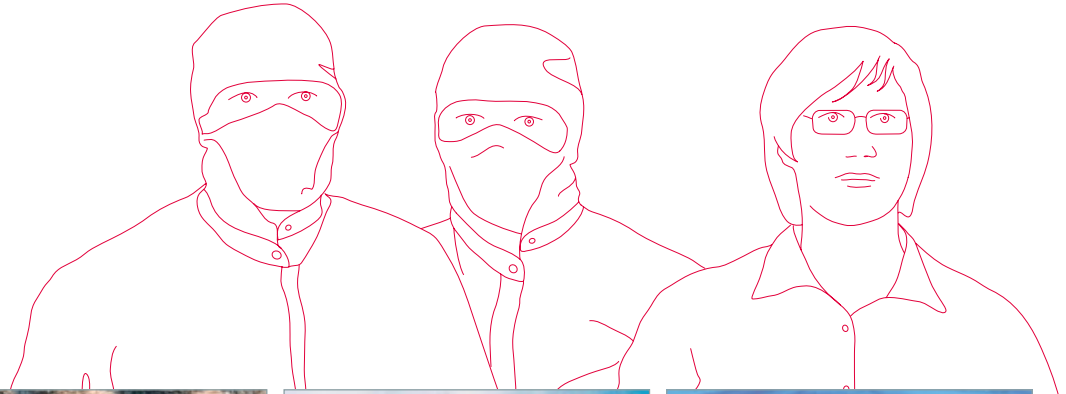


SIMPLIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT 2008

UPDATE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT 2007
INFORMATION



WE HAVE MADE IT OUR BUSINESS TO TREAT THE ENVIRONMENT
AND ITS RESOURCES WITH RESPECT AND CARE.



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The Simplified Environmental Statement 2008 serves as a primary information source for all stakeholders interested in our environmental performance. This document is intended as a supplement and update to the Environmental Statement 2007. The SEZ Group develops, produces, markets and services processing systems needed for microchip manufacture. The largest SEZ Group location is the SEZ AG in Villach, Austria, with some 530 employees. SEZ AG is a company of Swiss SEZ Holding AG that has been listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange in Zurich (SWX Swiss Exchange: SEZN) since 1996. Since 12 March 2008, the SEZ Group has joined the consolidation scope of the US-American Lam Research Corporation — a global top-5 equipment supplier for the semiconductor industry, after the public tender offer for all outstanding SEZ shares was settled on 11 March 2008. Since then, SEZ has formed the "Spin Clean" division within the Lam Research Corporation.

This Environmental Statement documents the measures taken to reduce the environmental impact, not only of the location in Villach, but also of SEZ products during their operation at our customers' locations around the globe and such measures yet to be taken.

The environmental management system at the location in Villach has been in place since 1997 and is supported by all employees. Environmental protection being an essential part of their daily life, they set an example in their day-to-day business activities for our suppliers and partners to follow. In order to raise environmental awareness also in our suppliers, the environmental aspect was an integral part of the supplier audits conducted in 2007.

Not only were these sustainable achievements confirmed by EMAS and ISO 14001 certificates, SEZ's environmental performance has also led international sustainability funds and indices to include SEZ in their portfolios.

This high standard can only be achieved if all our employees act in an environmentally responsible manner, thereby making an essential contribution towards the preservation of natural resources. For this we would like to thank you.

The Management Board of the SEZ AG is committed to sustainable corporate governance that attaches great importance to ecological factors and the further development of environmental initiatives.

JÜRGEN PUTZI
Vice President,
Business Excellence



INGO BARTZ
Environmental Manager



ENVIRONMENT-RELATED FIGURES AND INDICATORS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLLING

The company's output performance is presented by the chuck surface area of SEZ systems delivered in each calendar year, as a factor relative to 1997. This point in time was chosen because it was the first year in which data were surveyed for an environmental company review.

The following tables show that the share of material input was noticeably reduced, which also had an indirect impact on the use of resources and the share of waste at our suppliers' locations.

Improvements aiming at optimizing all technical and electrical systems, especially where control systems were involved, led to a drop in gas requirements in 2007, bringing consumption down to figures below those of 2005.

The higher electricity needs are attributed to the raised requirements for commissioning the equipment and to extensive equipment testing activities.

Input

	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Electricity/gas					
MWh total electricity	MWh	3,209.88	4,182.64	5,396.26	5,986.52
MWh gas	MWh	1,274.34	1,707.69	1,908.17	1,552.28
MWh heating oil	MWh	85.00	–	–	–
Total	MWh	4,569.22	5,890.33	7,304.43	7,538.80
Input materials (product)					
Raw material plastics	kg	101,553	98,135	159,300	120,924
Electronic components	kg	59,861	70,392	107,067	84,667
FFU and UPS	kg	50,530	58,100	91,693	74,437
Stainless steel	kg	87,926	87,235	129,023	100,369
Aluminum	kg	159,356	148,906	211,204	162,407
Wood packaging	kg	305,800	309,600	334,682	263,650
Plastic packaging	kg	3,356	5,320	6,950	8,037
Solvents/adhesives	l	860	1,260	1,423	2,019
Input materials (lab)					
Toxins	l	2,253	2,227	1,580	4,136
Acids organic	l	440	480	328	325
Acids inorganic	l	1,555	2,374	3,618	5,582
Alkalis organic	l	709	903	310	526
Alkalis inorganic	l	357	403	585	918
Other (hydrogen peroxide)	l	1,210	1,925	3,560	4,095
City (tap) water					
City water total	m ³	9,758	11,858	12,189	13,068
Of which: DI water production	m ³	5,736	6,180	6,236	7,789
Persons employed at the location					
(Averaged)		441	485	556	611

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Output

SEZ product output	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Chuck surface (output factor))	–	12,31	14,71	23,34	18,21
Spin-Processors	kg	764,480	773,950	1,027,250	820,400

Compared with the chuck surface area, the weight share of Spin-Processors has dropped by around 27 % since 2004.

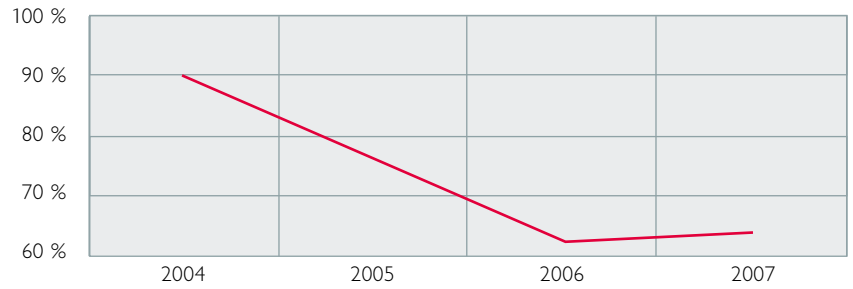
Waste	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Dangerous waste	kg	74,892	94,480	127,259	198,076
Non-dangerous waste	kg	49,817	60,524	87,031	101,316
Recyclable waste	kg	35,050	39,073	45,557	50,879
Total quantity of all waste disposed of	kg	159,759	194,077	259,847	350,271

The share of dangerous waste has been rising sharply since 2004. This is due to increased activities in the laboratories, and serves the further development of the systems and the consumption optimization of the chemical processes operated at customers' sites. Another area that has shown a significant increase since 2004 is that of non-dangerous waste. The rise is attributed to a changeover in the product line in 2004, which has made it necessary to dispose of high amounts of wood packaging ever since (19,360 kg). Despite this, a variety of different measures, such as re-usable packaging, further transport in the original packaging, etc., have led to substantial savings.

	Unit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Harmful emissions CO₂					
CO ₂ from motor vehicles	kg	59,642	54,622	56,141	37,771
CO ₂ from air travel	kg	1,208,868	1,579,501	1,977,019	1,639,048
CO ₂ from heating	kg	275,576	338,123	377,818	307,350
CO ₂ from electricity supply	kg	995,063	1,834,728	2,050,579	2,274,878
CO₂ Total	kg	2,539,149	3,806,974	4,461,557	4,259,047
Harmful emissions NO_x (excl. electricity supply)					
NO _x from motor vehicles	kg	125	112	119	82
NO _x from air travel	kg	3,643	4,760	5,958	4,940
NO _x from heating	kg	226	271	302	246
NO _x from exhaust gas scrubber	kg	45	79	78	90
NO_x Total	kg	4,039	5,222	6,457	5,358

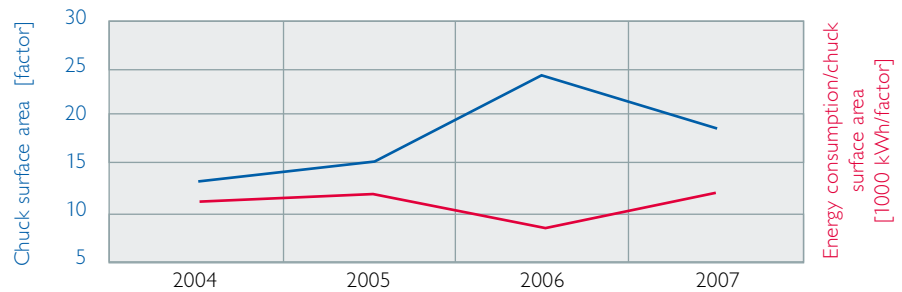
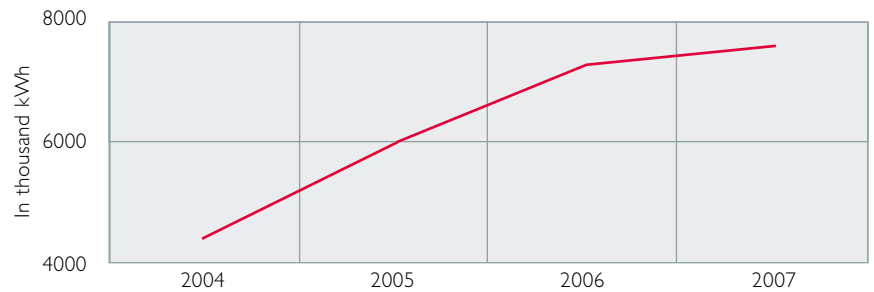
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Material input



One dramatic change in 2004 was the market launch of much more efficient systems in the DV series. This had a very favorable impact on material input, compared with SEZ output.

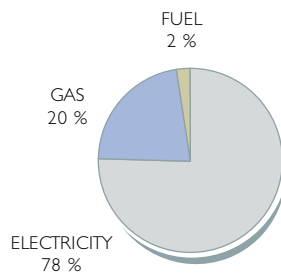
Energy requirements (electricity/gas)



Energy consumption/chuck surface area [1000 kWh/factor] — (red line)
 Chuck surface area [factor] — (blue line)

Energy consumption

While energy requirements at the Villach location did increase - among other reasons, also due to the fact that more and larger systems were completed and tested - it must also be stated that the new generation of systems has caused energy consumption at the Villach location to stay at roughly the same level in relation to SEZ output (chuck surface area).



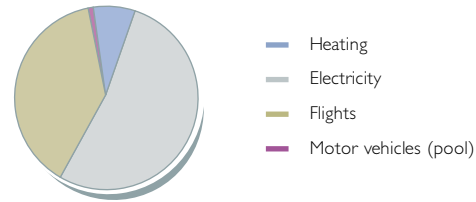
Overall energy consumption in 2007 is made up of fuel, gas and electricity as follows:

By far the largest share is electricity consumption. The river Drau water project that we already dealt with earlier on was set up to help reduce electricity consumption by using alternative energy sources

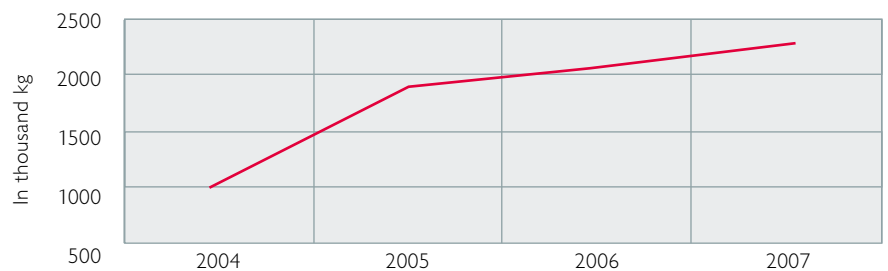
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Harmful emissions

The share of CO₂ emissions shows a similar trend to that of energy consumption.

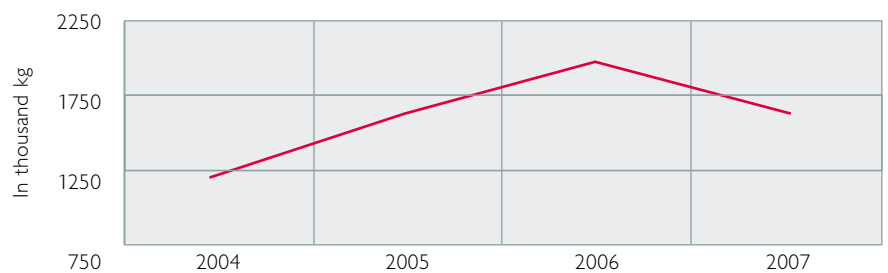


Share CO₂ emissions



Annual emissions of CO₂ from electricity supply

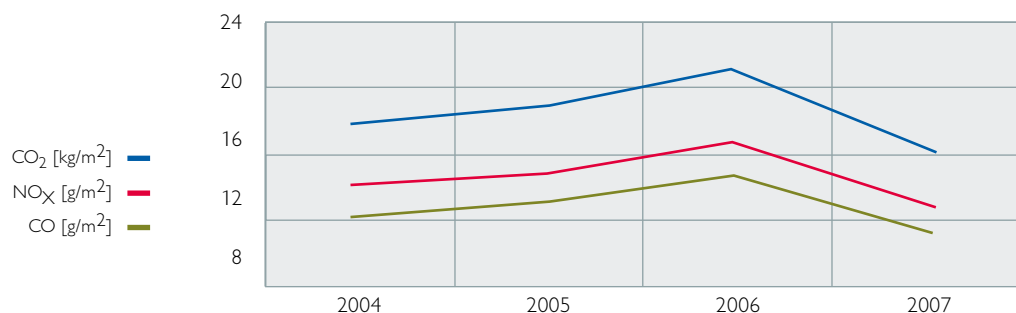
CO₂ from electricity supply represents the highest value. Available ways to reduce emissions range from the choice of supplier to measures taken to cut electricity consumption. Currently, the main focus is on cutting consumption in order to contain the increase resulting from the company's strong growth.



Annual emissions of CO₂ from air miles (business trips)

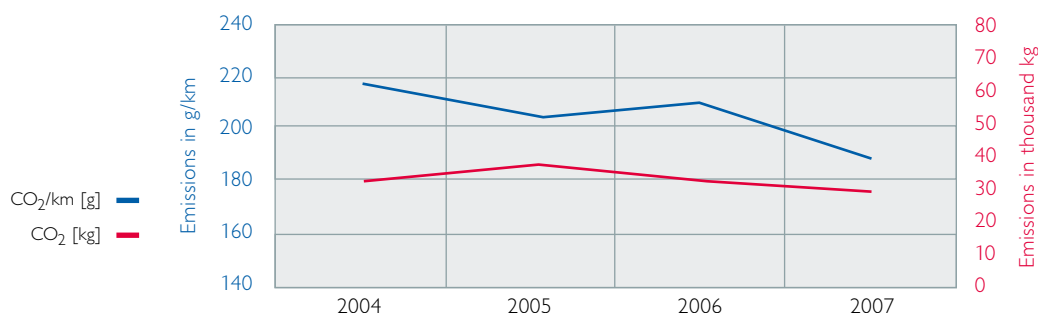
The share of harmful emissions resulting from air miles must be viewed within the context of the situation in the semiconductor industry. These harmful substances account for a very large proportion too, yet only little can be done to reduce their volume.

ENVIRONMENT-RELATED FIGURES AND INDICATORS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLLING



Annual emissions of air pollutants from heating equipment per sq m/floor space

The emission of air pollutants from heating equipment (combustion facilities) results essentially – via consumption – from the floor space to be heated. In recent years, several energy-intensive areas, for example clean room areas and laboratory areas, have been added. On top of that, a number of storage rooms were taken into operation that can only be heated in a very energy-intensive way. Due to increased re-circulated air operation in the production and laboratory area, gas consumption was reduced, thus cutting emissions substantially.



Annual emissions of CO₂ from company vehicles (pool cars)

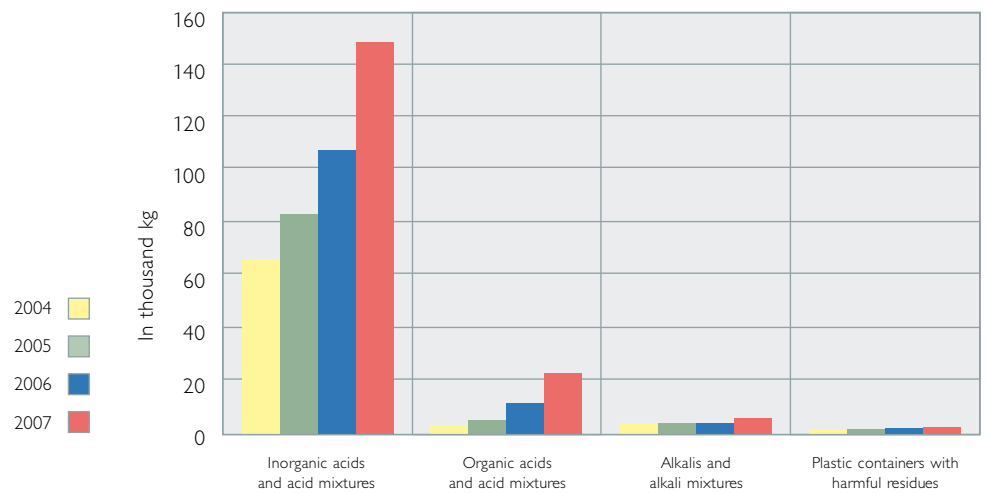
Annual emissions from the exhaust gas scrubber

Calculated value	Unit	2004	2005*	2006	2007
NO ₂	kg	45.43	78.71	77.76	90.20
H ₂ F ₂	kg	0.18	0.32	0.31	0.36

* Since 2005, another exhaust gas scrubber has been taken into operation at the Research Center

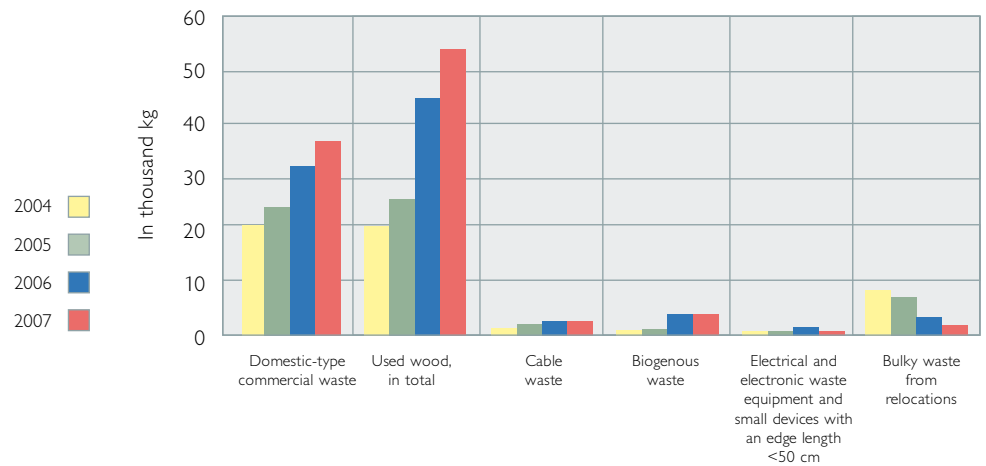
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Waste



Dangerous waste

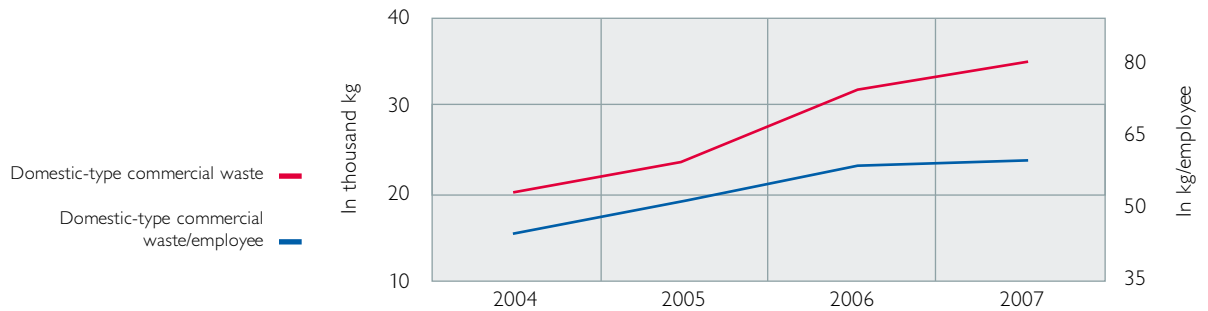
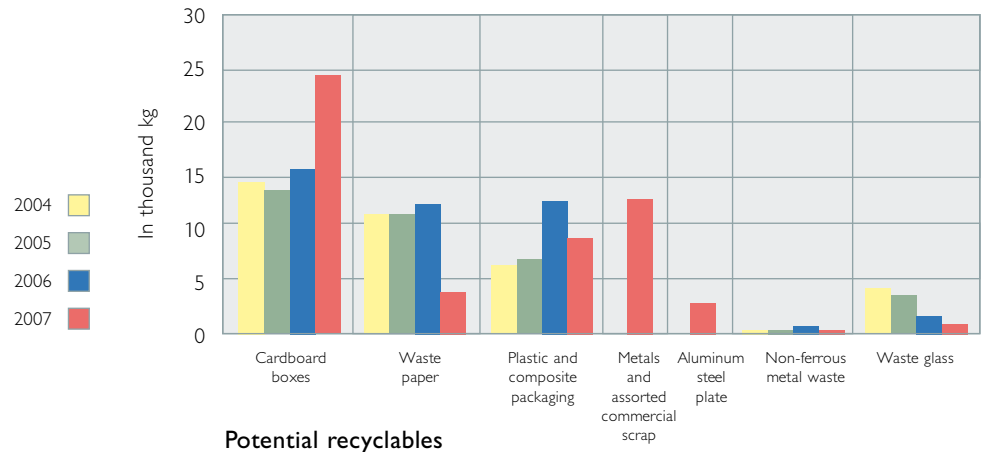
Inorganic acids and acid mixtures account for the main portion of dangerous waste. Since 2004, their share has risen by around 124 %. This waste is exclusively generated by laboratory operation. As it is generated in the course of improving the SEZ products and chemical processes, it has an impact on consumption optimization of the systems operated at the customers' locations.



Non-dangerous waste

In 2005, logistical changes led to the recycling of 9,245 kg of wood packaging, which helped to contain the waste increase that was caused by the introduction of the new product range.

ENVIRONMENT-RELATED FIGURES AND INDICATORS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLLING



The number of employees working at the location has increased by around 39 % since 2004. This has also caused a rise in the category "domestic-type commercial waste". In 2005, the newly erected canteen went into operation, which also accounts for all of the additionally generated waste in this area.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM WITH GOALS AND MEASURES

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM 2007

Project goal	Effective	Comments on implementation
Energy savings in the area of facilities	Open	Due to changed conditions, a new efficiency audit is to be conducted.
Raising environmental awareness in suppliers	Ongoing	The supplier audits in 2007 also included environmental aspects
Raising environmental awareness at SEZ	Open	One "impulse workshop" has been held, more measures to follow.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM 2008

Potential and project goal	Date	Description of measure	Responsible (area)
Raising environmental awareness at SEZ, assessing direct and indirect environmental aspects and reducing environmental impact	12/2008	The environmental core team has formed and workshops have started. Assessment and monitoring of environmental goals and communication with all stakeholders and partners	Business Excellence
Energy consumption optimization	12/2008	Assessment of the reduction potential of energy consumption for air-conditioning	Business Excellence
Energy consumption optimization	12/2008	Assessment of the reduction potential of energy consumption for compressed-air supply	Business Excellence
Optimizing packaging materials (weight)	12/2008	Creation of packaging specification, selection and evaluation of possible alternative packaging materials, re-use	Innovation & Technology
Media consumption optimization in process technology (chemicals)	12/2008	Minimization of chemicals required in process technology by recycling	Innovation & Technology

VALIDITY STATEMENT

The environmental verifier organization SGS Austria Controll-Co GmbH, Diefenbachergasse 35, A-1150 Vienna has checked the information concerning the location SEZ-Strasse 1 of SEZ AG and hereby declare it valid.

The data and information are reliable and provide a credible and true picture of all of the organization's activities. There are no signs of any deviations from the relevant legal requirements. In this past year under review no changes were made to the system.

These assessments are based on inspections of relevant documents, tours of the plant and interviews with the staff.

Vienna, 21 May 2008



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The organization is certified to ISO 14001:2004.



DATE OF NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

The next consolidated environmental statement will be published in May 2010. A validated, updated environmental statement is published on an annual basis.

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