# SUN TEKSTIL SANAYI VE TICARET A.S. 2024 SUSTAINABILITY/ESG DISCLOSURES INFORMATION REPORT

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# SUN Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. 2024 Sustainability/ESG Disclosures Information Report

We are pleased to present Sun Tekstil's 2024 ESG Stakeholder Information Report. This report is a comprehensive document that provides a detailed overview of Sun Tekstil's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. As a company, we are committed to conducting our business in a responsible and sustainable manner, and this document is an important part of our transparency and accountability commitment.

Sun Tekstil operates based on a holistic sustainability approach and sets its company policies accordingly. These policies include documents such as Environmental Policy, Disclosure Policy, Information Security Policy, Compensation Policy, and Donation and Aid Policy. Since 2015, we have been publishing our UN Global Compact Communication on Progress report, which is based on some GRI indicators and is publicly available through the platform. In addition, corporate sustainability strategies and activities are reported in the Sustainability Report which was published every year since 2019 and in the Annual Reports that started to be published as of 2022. Furthermore, to enhance transparency and to enable stakeholders to obtain information about the company, our Articles of Association and General Assembly Minutes are also publicly shared on our website.

In this report, you will find information about our ESG policies, strategies, initiatives, and our performance in 2024. It also includes information that is not specific to a particular date range and remains valid unless otherwise stated. This report is designed to consolidate important information that is publicly available in order to support our stakeholders internationally. We have included information about our efforts to reduce environmental impacts, such as sustainable material usage, climate change mitigation strategies, energy-efficient technologies, and greenhouse gas emissions management programs. Additionally, we have provided detailed information about our social practices, including fair labor practices, diversity and inclusion, and steps and commitments towards community engagement. We have shared our activities aimed at ensuring our holistic sustainability approach throughout our supply chain. This report, like our Sustainability Report, covers all of our global activities.

Furthermore, this report includes information about Sun Tekstil's governance practices, including our board composition, executive compensation, and risk management processes. We believe that strong governance is essential to building trust with our stakeholders, and we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance. As a proof of our values, In 2024, we increased our score of 9.35 out of 10 by SAHA independent audit within the scope of Corporate Governance Compliance Criteria and were included in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.

Sun Tekstil is committed to publishing this report annually to inform our stakeholders about our ESG practices and performance. We are proud of the progress we have made 2024, but we always believe that we can do more to create value for society and our world. We will continue to prioritize ESG matters in our business operations and eagerly look forward to sharing the progress we make with our stakeholders in the coming years. We invite you to read this document to learn more about Sun Tekstil's ESG practices and our commitment to sustainability.

The greenhouse gas (GHG) emission data provided in the report is verified by an internationally accredited independent organization.

# **Information Regarding Our Environmental Responsibility**

We are conducting environmental sustainability activities in our production processes under the headings of greenhouse gas emissions, energy management, water management, chemical management, and zero waste management.

#### Water management

We are aware of the impact of the textile sector on the world's clean water resources, and for many years, we have been conducting significant activities to achieve a profound transformation through disruptive innovation. In our journey that we started in 2001, we reduced our total water consumption by 46% and water consumption per unit product (kg fabric) by 62% as of 2024 compared to our base year. As one of the most important milestones, a wastewater recovery facility investment was made in 2022 in order to protect water resources. Our facilities, equipped with innovative treatment technology and approved for their effectiveness by authorized independent organizations, potentially able to recycle 95% of the wastewater. After completing assembly of the wastewater recovery plant in 2023, feasibility studies are done in 2024. As a result of this studies, the facility successfully recovered 48,366 m³ of water over a 45-day operational period, meeting 65% of the dyeing department's daily water needs. Until the end of 2025, we are now targeting at least 90% recovery rate of total water consumption of Sun Tekstil Headquarters Facility and dyehouse facility. This would reduce our annual water requirement from approximately 659,000 m3 to around 66,000 m3 when operating at full capacity.

We continue our efforts to carry the successes we have achieved in the CDP Climate Change Program reporting that we started in 2012, our climate change management and reporting processes to a more holistic level. In this context, we have carried out the CDP Water Security reporting for the first time in the 2024 CDP period. In line with the guidance provided by CDP, we aim to implement global good practices in the most up-to-date form in our governance and reporting processes. With our water management approaches, our investments in machinery with the latest technology, our operational excellence practices, and our efforts to increase employee participation, we aim to be among the best practice examples in the sector and continue our reporting with this motivation.

As an indication of our efforts to increase water efficiency in our garment manufacturing facilities, we have a commitment to reduce our water consumption by 2% annually. To achieve this target, we are reviewing our processes and implementing initiatives for more efficient water use. Our goal is to contribute to the environment and society by utilizing water resources in a sustainable manner. On the other hand, although it is not reported a 2% reduction in total water withdrawal compared to 2023 due to the water consumption resulting from the building constructions we carried out in order to increase our capacity in 2024, our efforts to reduce water consumption in our production processes continued without slowing down in 2024.

Here are our water management-related data:

Water Withdrawal Total	659,010 m3
Fresh Water Withdrawal Total	659,010 m3
Water Recycled	57,404 m3

#### **Energy Management**

In our efforts to combat climate change, we strive to utilize the best available technologies, reduce raw material usage, preserve natural resources, minimize energy and water consumption, and leverage renewable energy sources.

Within the framework of the ISO 14064 Standard, we regularly collect category 1, category 2 and category 3 data in order to calculate our greenhouse gas emissions of our own production facilities, thus calculating our scope 1 and scope 2 emissions in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol methodology, which is essential to comply with the Carbon Border Adjustment regulation. At Sun Tekstil production facilities and administrative offices, we keep continue to offset our electricity consumption from the grid with I-REC certified 100% renewable energy source. In 2024, we reduced approximately 41% of Scope 1 emissions by using sustainable biomass for steam production and general heating needs. We are committed to balancing our electrical energy consumption with clean energy sources by 2027. In 2022, we completed the compliance and scheduling processes for our ISO 14064 verification. By establishing a governance structure centered around the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, our aim is to enhance our governance mechanisms. Furthermore, we aim to calculate greenhouse gas emissions and to prepare a CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) Report for Sun Tekstil.

At our Torbali Headquarters factory, we have been implementing self-assessment practices through the Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM) since 2017. We continued our successful environmental management performance in our Higg Facility Environmental Management (FEM) environmental index verification processes and completed our independent organization audits for Sun Tekstil with successful scores. In line with our roadmap aligned with the European Green Deal, we started to implement science-based strategies throughout our entire supply chain. Within the scope of our goals to ensure Higg FEM compliance in our supply chain, we increased our supplier rate registered to the Higg FEM Platform from 53% in 2023 to 67% in 2024. We continue our efforts to comply with the ISO 50001 Energy Management System, targeting certification by 2025.

In Ekoten, we carry out all our energy management activities within the framework of the ISO 50001 Energy Management System. In 2024, we completed our mandatory energy audit process and renewed our ISO 50001 certificate by obtaining successful results as a result of our audits conducted by independent organizations. In 2023, we started using biomass, which is a more sustainable source that causes less greenhouse gas emissions compared to fossil fuels, for energy production. Thanks to this important step we took within the scope of energy management, we realized 82% of our steam production with biomass resources in 2024 and achieved a 75% tCO2e greenhouse gas emission reduction compared to natural gas in steam production. Thus, we took our fight against climate change one step further by reducing our Scope 1 emissions by 26% according to our natural gas usage scenario.

With the investments we made in line with the capacity increase in 2018, we meet approximately 40% of the annual electricity needs of our knitting factory established in Izmir Torbalı, according to our 2023 consumption amount, from the 1,200 kWh solar energy plant located in our facility. Starting from 2019, we have produced an annual average of 1,200,000 kWh of electricity with our GES system. Thus, we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 690 tonnes of CO2e tons per year. Moreover, between 2020 and 2024, we balanced all our electrical energy consumption from the grid with an I-REC certified 100% renewable energy source. In this way, we have reduced our indirect greenhouse gas emissions resulting from imported energy to zero according to the ISO 14064-3:2019 standard.

In addition to these efforts, as Sun Tekstil, we are committed to energy efficiency. Our company has set

a target to reduce garment manufacturing facilities energy usage by 2% for the year 2024, aiming for a more sustainable future. We have a target to purchase 100% of our grid electricity from renewable sources every year until 2030. We aim to achieve over 50% renewable energy use in steam generation each year until 2030. We continuously research and implement innovative and sustainable technologies to improve energy efficiency in our production processes. With our focus on energy efficiency, our aim is not only to make our operations sustainable but also to contribute to the environment and society.

Here are the energy management-related data:

Energy Use Total	325235 GJ
Total Renewable Energy	101540 GJ
Renewable Energy Purchased	138602 GJ

### **Greenhouse Gas Emission Management**

As a leading company in the fight against the climate crisis, we started measuring and verifying our greenhouse gas emissions related to fabric production in accordance with the ISO 14064 Standard in 2012, with the aim of contributing to sustainable transformation in our sector and the business world. With the determination and ownership of our senior management, we established an effective governance mechanism for climate change in the early stages of our journey. In order for this mechanism to develop at the international level and for its performance to be measured and improved, we started reporting under the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Climate Change Program in 2012 in our fabric manufacturing facilities Ekoten. When compared to our base year of 2012, we have achieved a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to these, we achieved the improvement in our greenhouse gas emissions in Ekoten thanks to the solar power plant investment we made in 2018, our efficiency-enhancing projects that our employees participated in with their valuable suggestions, and the strategic transformation investments determined by our senior management.

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We stopped the use of coal in 2021 to reduce our GHG emissions dramatically. Moreover, our project for transition to natural gas boilers with high efficiency was among the Efficiency Increasing Projects (VAP) supported by the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. We have reduced our emissions through our other guided projects, especially online steam trap monitoring, and our kaizen projects developed with the suggestions of our employees as a result of our lean management practices. In 2024, we continued our energy efficiency and greenhouse gas management efforts with our kaizen projects and we have achieved significant energy savings with our two major projects. Within the Improvement of Longitudinal Mark Error in Raising Machine project, the maturation of the defects in the fabric improved the repair rate. In this way, we saved 64,685 kW of electricity and reduced 30.79 tons of CO2 greenhouse gas emissions annually. With 2nd Quality Rate Improvement Project due to Needle Breakage, we saved 2,546 kg of waste fabric annually and reached an 16,335 tonnes CO2 reduction.

In 2022, we started using sustainable biomass in steam generation at both Ekoten Tekstil and Sun Tekstil production facilities and significantly increased this ratio in 2024. Thus, By providing approximately

73% of Sun Tekstil's steam production and general heating needs from biomass energy sources, we reduced Sun Tekstil Scope 1 emissions by 41%. By producing 82% of Ekoten Tekstil steam production from biomass, we achieved a 75% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in steam production compared to natural gas. Thus, we took our fight against climate change one step further by reducing our Scope 1 emissions by 26% compared to our natural gas usage scenario.

We continue to reduce our carbon footprint by using hybrid vehicles in our company fleet since 2021.By replacing a significant portion of our company vehicles with hybrid models, we have reduced direct emissions from our vehicles.

We have digitalized our greenhouse gas emission collection and calculation processes, which we perform manually within the framework of the ISO 14064 Standard, to the digital environment with our "Microsoft Sustainability Manager Supplier Portal" project, which we developed in cooperation with NTT Data Turkey and Microsoft and completed in 2023. Thanks to the Sustainability Manager and supplier portal, we can monitor our own data in the digital environment as well as the data of our suppliers. As Sun Tekstil, we can perform the calculations and reporting we want to do in all categories through the Sustainability Manager. We completed our pilot studies with 6 suppliers in 2023. Based on the outputs of these studies, we provided the necessary training in 2024, especially on data collection, analysis and reporting of our suppliers, and completed the adaptation process. We aim to collect data through the Microsoft Sustainability Manager Supplier Portal, which we planned for 2024, in 2025.

(UR-GE) Project, which was carried out under the coordination of the Ministry of Commerce and the Aegean Exporters' Associations. In the project, which involved 18 companies operating in the textile supply chain in the Aegean Region, we benefited from sustainability needs analysis and energy efficiency consultancy support provided to companies within the scope of the fund. In the project module that started in the last quarter of 2023, we received Product Life Cycle Assessment consultancy for a sample fabric model.

With the support of our senior management, we became one of the few textile companies in Türkiye committed to setting science-based targets on the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) platform in 2022. Accordingly, we have submitted emission reduction targets for our fabric manufacturing facilities Ekoten, where our production facilities are located, to the SBTi platform and our targets are validated in August 2024. By completing this important milestone, we are happy to be the 4th institution in Turkey to have its science-based targets approved in the Textile, Ready-to-Wear, Footwear and Luxury Goods sectors, and the 42nd institution in all sectors to have its targets approved. As Ekoten, we committed to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 46.2% by FY2030 from a FY2019 base year. We also committed to reduce scope 3 GHG emissions from Category 1 purchased goods and services, Category 3 fuel and energy related activities and Category 4 upstream transportation emissions 51.6% per ton of fabric produced by FY2030 from a FY2021 base year.

Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions, which pose significant risks to human health and the environment, have been completely eliminated this year. In order to minimize VOC emissions and keep them at that level, regular maintenance is carried out for the electrostatic filter systems in our stenter chimneys. This achievement reflects our ongoing efforts to substitute or phase out VOC-containing materials and processes, in line with our commitment to improving air quality and occupational health.

Here are our greenhouse gas emission management-related data:

CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions total (Scope 1+ Scope 2)	10,886.89 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq.
CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions direct, scope 1	10,886.89 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq.
CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions indirect, scope 2 (Market Based)	$0 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{ eq.}$
CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions indirect, scope 3	54,890.00 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq.
NOx emission	23.291 tonnes
SOx emissions	0.033 tonnes
VOC emissons	0.00 tonnes

#### **Waste Management**

We ensure resource efficiency throughout the product life cycle with our circular economy practices that we started at the design stage. In addition, within the processes we are responsible for, we aim to preserve the values of products that have reached the end of their use by re-entering the cycle for as long as possible. In this direction, we received our basic level zero waste certificate approved by the Provincial Directorate of Environment and Urbanization in 2021 with the zero waste management system we established in our production facilities and administrative offices in our Torbalı Central Campus.

We moved our waste separation trainings and exams with the content we developed in 2022 to our Sun Academy digital platform and survey application. Thus, we started to be able to analyze, measure and evaluate practically and create archives in a shorter time through our digital platforms that all our employees can easily access. We have prepared waste separation video trainings that include the types of waste generated in our facility in 2024 and the waste separation points in our facility. Thus, we aimed to ensure that it is visually memorized by our employees with the video training format.

With the sustainable information video series that we started in 2023, we increase environmental awareness by covering topics such as the protection of natural resources, waste separation, and emission sources every month. We keep continue to present the educational and informative videos that we prepare to the attention of all our employees by publishing them in common areas such as the cafeteria, in 2024. We also aim to provide benefits to all our stakeholders by sharing them on social media.

Thanks to the technical studies of our Environmental Management and the investments made with the support of our senior management in 2021, we started to send all of our sewage sludge waste sent to the regular storage facility to waste-derived fuel facilities for evaluation with the energy recovery method. Thus, we ensure the transformation of non-recyclable waste into fuel and contribute to the reduction of the consumption of fossil resources.

As of 2021, we have also prevented the formation of high amounts of ash waste thanks to the end of the use of coal. As our primary goal, we constantly monitor our waste management data in our facilities where we carry out our Sun Tekstil Torbalı and Ekoten production processes and improve them in line with our goals.

As a result of optimizations in water consumption, the total water discharge has decreased, leading to a reduction in pollution load.

Here are our waste management-related data:

Waste Total	5,740 tonnes
Hazardous waste	1,192 tonnes
Waste recycled total	5,453 tonnes
Waste recycling ratio	95%
Water pollutant emissions	77.551 tonnes

#### **E-Waste Management**

We carry out e-waste recycling activities as part of our commitment to responsible waste management and environmental sustainability. Our Environmental Management Department is conducting continuous source reduction and process improvement activities in accordance with our Environmental Policy, following the principles of the Circular Economy hierarchy. In line with these efforts, we plan and implement activities with our team members who have joined our Environmental Sustainability Working Groups to increase employee participation. Under our policy and zero waste system, we ensure effective collection of electronic waste and guarantee efficient recycling through partnerships with licensed recycling companies. In this context, we achieved the recycling of 1.96 tonnes of electronic waste in 2023 and keep collecting e-waste for upcoming recycling activities.

Our Systems and Technical Support Department continuously monitors the life cycles of electronic devices through repairs and maintenance, achieving the goals of extending their lifespan and increasing efficiency. They present the results they achieve in department activity reports to the management. In addition to our company's system and network infrastructure, the Systems and Technical Support Department also ensures the sustainability of the hardware infrastructure. Starting 2021, our team carried out SSD disk replacements on 204 computers and increased the RAM capacity on 100 computers, extending the lifespan of the devices by an average of 2 years. This resulted in preventing emissions of approximately 7,920 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. to the production of 24 notebooks, and approximately 6,600 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq. to the production of 8 desktop computers so far.

As a company that uses email as its most common communication channel, we have made significant reductions in our environmental impact by innovating our email archiving method. In 2024, we started archiving with a deduplicated method within the framework of rules determined by a 3rd party special software, ensuring that only one copy of multi-recipient emails is archived. According to 2024 data, we store approximately 38,643,543 emails containing 21.3 TB of data on only 6.4 TB of disk space, saving 14.9 TB of disk space. In this way, we achieved a emission reduction of 0.81 tons CO2.

### **Chemical Management**

Preventing the negative impact of our industry on the environment and implementing best practices in this regard is one of our top priorities. Under our Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) practices, we only source Level 3 chemicals with the lowest environmental impact. To ensure the traceability and transparency of our chemical inventory at our dyehouse facility, we upload up-to-date inventory information to the Cleanchain Online Platform, allowing stakeholders to view it in real-time. We also audit our suppliers in the supply chain to ensure ZDHC compliance and proper chemical management.

In 2024, we proved that 100% of all our dyes and chemicals met Level 3 standards with our InCheck reports published on the ZDHC Gateway platform. In addition, we received the Level 1 certificate within the scope of the Supplier to Zero program in 2024 and presented this success to our stakeholders through the ZDHC Gateway platform. In the event that risky chemicals are detected, we meticulously manage the process of replacing these chemicals with safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives. We implement standard procedures to ensure that all our chemicals are correctly labeled, stored and transported under appropriate conditions.

As Ekoten, in order to ensure that our products are produced in a way that is sensitive to human health

and the environment, we produce fabrics with the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 certificate. This certificate guarantees that our products do not contain chemicals that are harmful to health for textile products that come into direct contact with the skin. It also demonstrates that we constantly monitor and improve our environmental impacts by documenting that our production processes are environmentally friendly and sustainable. All chemicals used in our production processes are rigorously tested in accordance with OEKO-TEX® standards. The safety of chemical ingredients is verified by toxicological analyses, ensuring that only substances that do not harm human health are used. These tests are an indication of our strong commitment to minimizing the environmental and health impacts of our products.

#### **Environmental Management Certification**

Sun Tekstil has ISO 14001 Environmental Management Certificate, which demonstrates our compliance with high standards in ensuring environmental sustainability. In line with our roadmap and goals, we continue to maintain the continuity of our ISO 14001 Environmental Management System certificate. In this direction, within 2024, we have renewed our ISO 14001 Environmental Management System certificate covering our Sun Tekstil Torbalı central factory and offices. Thus, the certificate coverage is 100%.

By focusing on responsible chemical management in our production processes and supply chain, we have earned the Oeko-Tex standard 100 certificate as of 2023 to document efficient use of resources and materials, environmentally friendly production technologies and transparent supply chain management. We have successfully completed our audit in 2024 and renewed our Oeko-Tex standard 100 certificate.

#### **Climate Change Management**

With the commitment of our top management, we have been continuing our journey in water management since 2001 and in combating climate change since 2012. Our goal is to be among the leading organizations in the business world that emphasize the importance of addressing climate change and advocate for it. Our activities are carried out under the leadership and supervision of our Board of Directors, Chairpersons, and General Managers, supported by a robust climate change management mechanism. All aspects of climate change are addressed by our Sustainability Committee, ensuring coordination between our strategies and roadmap.

Our Sustainability Committee, consisting of experts in the field, utilizes their expertise, external consultations, and the knowledge provided by the institutions and platforms we collaborate with to analyze the risks and opportunities of climate change, as well as global action plans and all dimensions related to it. These analyses are presented to our Board of Directors and Risk Committee, enabling continuous improvement and systematic management of our strategies. We strengthen our strategies and governance mechanisms through voluntary reporting in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and disseminate our practices throughout our entire supply chain.

Within our Environmental Management Department, we have an officially authorized Environmental Engineer responsible for compliance with Turkish and international regulations and conducting official declarations. Additionally, we have an Environmental Management team that includes individuals with internal auditor certifications under ISO 14001.

#### **Sustainability Committee**

In line with our holistic approach to sustainability, we established our Sustainability Committee in 2018 with the aim of developing strategies and aligning our activities with the Sustainable Development Goals. Our committee, which continues its activities under the coordination of the Chairman of the Sustainability Committee and the Sustainability Management Department reporting to the Board of Directors, consists of members with competencies that contribute to the development of strategies for all aspects of sustainability. Its members include our board members, independent board members, general managers, environmental engineers, human resources specialists, corporate communication experts, and other relevant representatives. This composition ensures inclusivity and participation within the committee's framework.

# **Early Detection of Risks Committee**

Within the framework of our environmental policy, we follow processes that comply with national and international laws and customer criteria. We proactively engage in preventive activities by early identification of environmental risks and climate change risks. Our strategies are shaped around combating the climate crisis, transitioning to a circular economy and a low-carbon economy, and preserving biodiversity.

The mission of the Early Detection of Risks Committee is to identify risks that could jeopardize the existence, development, and continuity of our company, take necessary precautions related to identified risks, and manage the risks. The committee meets as deemed necessary and keeps a record of all its activities in writing. The Committee presents reports to the Board of Directors containing information about committee activities and meeting outcomes.

In addition, Sun Tekstil integrates climate change-related risk assessments into the company-wide risk management process. They conduct assessments at least six times a year and follow a COSO-based methodology. Risks and opportunities are identified through committee meetings and employee suggestions. Risks are classified based on impact and likelihood, and high-scoring risks are prioritized, with management plans immediately implemented. Internal audits aim to improve risk management and control processes by adopting a risk-based approach.

Sun Tekstil is aware of the commercial risks and opportunities that climate change can create and takes strategic steps in this regard. For example, recognizing the future risk of water scarcity in Türkiye reducing production capacity, they work to minimize risks in this area. Additionally, investing in sustainability practices and integrating additional costs into operational processes present significant opportunities for the business. Therefore, as a manufacturer committed to sustainability, Sun Tekstil serves as an important business partner for stakeholders and is a preferred choice for many global brands.

#### **Our Practices**

#### **Sustainable Packaging**

Sun Tekstil is committed to contributing to environmental sustainability through its packaging practices by using recycled/recyclable materials. Additionally, by using cardboard made from Forest Stewardship Council-FSC-certified forests, we contribute to the sustainable management of forests. To provide our customers with a more sustainable shopping experience, we have implemented a plastic bag-free shipping policy. This initiative aims to reduce the use of plastic bags and offers customers the

opportunity to generate less waste. We prefer raw materials that respect nature by focusing on the protection of biodiversity in our sustainable fibre choices. We opt for recycled and recyclable materials in our packaging materials, cardboard labels, and accessories. All these practices reflect our company's commitment to fulfilling its environmental responsibility and contributing to a more sustainable world.

#### **Our Design Approach**

We have a holistic sustainability approach based on circular economy models. With the Product as a Service approach, we develop processes that will cover the design, end of life and even the next life of our products.

We develop strategies based on international action plans. In the implementation phase, we meticulously implement every step from reducing at the source to recycling by taking the circular economy hierarchy as a reference. We provide training to our teams and set goals based on the Circular by Design principle. We support sustainable transformation with digital transformation.

We prefer raw materials that respect nature by focusing on the protection of biodiversity in sustainable fiber selections. We choose recycled and recyclable materials in our packaging materials, carton labels and accessories. Within the scope of our R&D activities, we work in cooperation with many different institutions, especially universities, institutes, start-ups and other R&D centers.

We are constantly improving our practices to increase the use of low-carbon products in our material selections. Beyond ecologically grown raw materials, we use cellulose resources obtained from industrial forests and produced with environmentally friendly processes.

We increase the use of recycled natural and synthetic fibers every year. We guarantee traceability, the most important element of circularity, by using raw materials with sustainability certificates. In 2024, we produced 75% of our products from sustainable raw materials.

We use traceable fibers with sustainability certifications. By successfully completing audits for certifications such as GOTS, GRS, OCS, RCS, and RWS, we continue our responsible production processes. Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) ensures that textiles are manufactured with a commitment to both environmental sustainability and social responsibility throughout the supply chain. The certification emphasizes the use of organic materials and sets stringent criteria for processes such as dyeing and finishing. The Global Recycled Standard (GRS) focuses on products made with recycled materials, ensuring responsible practices in terms of social, environmental, and chemical aspects during production. Organic Content Standard (OCS) certifies the organic content in a product, guaranteeing compliance with specified standards for organic material usage in textiles. Recycled Claim Standard (RCS) provides transparency in the recycling supply chain by verifying the presence and percentage of recycled materials in a product. Lastly, the Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) certifies that wool originates from farms prioritizing the welfare of sheep, adhering to ethical farming practices, and promoting environmental sustainability. Together, these certifications contribute to a more conscientious and sustainable approach to textile production.

We effectively harness the power of digital transformation and technology for sustainable change. With the aim of consuming fewer natural resources, we are building our digital fabric library using a 3D design program. Through our surface scanner hardware, capable of capturing fabric surfaces with all their perceptible details, and our hardware that can digitize physical characteristics such as drapeability of fabrics, we create our unique digital fabric library, making our designs distinctive. Through our digitalization applications, we implement business models based on circular economy principles throughout the production process, starting from the design stage.

As of 2023, we are preparing all our capsule collections using sustainable raw materials, in line with the visions of our customers. As of 2024, all the materials we use in our collections have been chosen from fibers that can be supplied sustainably during the production phase. We have updated our capsule collection targets, which we develop every year, in line with innovative solutions that will enable us to produce 100% of our products with sustainable raw materials by 2040.

In 2024, 75% of the products were made from sustainable raw materials. By 2030, the target is to have at least 90% of the manufacturing made with sustainable raw materials. By 2040, the goal is to develop innovative solutions that will enable 100% of the products to be made from sustainable materials. For this purpose, we have completed our 2024 targets.

At Sun Tekstil, we continuously improve our software and hardware technology infrastructure that contributes to developing circular business models from the design stage. This enables us to achieve resource savings. Additionally, we enhance the content of our digital archives and increase the efficiency of our design processes every day. Through the implemented transformation process, we ensure the sustainability of our business by overcoming physical constraints and increasing our institutional resilience through collection presentations on digital platforms to our customers. As of 2021, we started presenting designs developed for customers with compatible infrastructure in the digital environment using three-dimensional pattern preparation software. In 2023, we increased the designs we presented in the digital environment by approximately 6 times compared to 2022, reaching a rate of 38%. However, in 2024, the usage rate of 3D pattern preparation technology decreased somewhat due to the rapid development of artificial intelligence-based design programs and the beginning of integration studies into our processes. Although our 3D usage rate in our digital designs has decreased to 22% this year, this change is due to the rapid development of artificial intelligence technology and the expectation that it will be fully integrated into our processes in the near future. Artificial intelligence-based design programs are currently in the development phase and promise to make our design processes more efficient. When the integration of this technology is completed, it will further accelerate our design processes and increase our efficiency.

On the other hand, we still use 3D pattern making technology effectively, especially by some of our customer groups, to reduce physical sample rates and save time. This use not only increases our operational efficiency, but also positively affects our environmental impact.

Thanks to our surface scanner hardware that can transfer fabric surfaces to the digital environment with all their details and features that an eye can perceive, and our hardware that can transfer the physical features of the fabric, such as drape, to the digital environment, we create a digital fabric library and make our designs original.

We are collaborating with a startup under the mentorship of our innovation and design teams to create an AI-powered fashion design platform. This platform quickly transforms creative ideas into original designs. We produce fast and different fashion designs by bringing together keywords, inspiration images, technical drawings and patterns. We make quick decisions by viewing our designs on the backgrounds and models we determine. The platform adds value to us by analyzing global fashion trends and creating collections that are suitable for our needs. With the knowledge of our design teams, we determine the scope of the product and accelerate the development processes. We are working

intensively to adapt the platform to the needs of the fashion industry. We conducted a 6-month PoC (Proof of Concept) process to test the usability of the platform. During this process, we analyzed different scenarios and strengthened the platform. At the end of the process, Sun Textile Design Directorate became the first customer of the platform and started using it in our design process.

With AI-powered tools, we evaluate our designs before physical sample production and prepare samples of only models suitable for production. The platform's advanced algorithms reduce the need for physical sample production by visualizing our designs on the platform as a finished garment or on human models. This process provides cost advantages and plays a critical role in achieving our sustainability goals. We minimize resource consumption and reduce environmental impact by eliminating unpopular designs.

This partnership sets an example for the digital transformation of the fashion and textile industry. By using the platform as a designer assistant, we are moving the traditional processes in the industry forward. With our extensive knowledge, we adapt the platform to different styles and needs. It allows us to modernize our business processes while providing solutions for the future needs of the textile industry. We are creating innovation in the industry and moving forward with sure steps towards our goals.

#### **Better Cotton**

We prioritize the preservation of biodiversity in all our raw material choices for the future of our planet and life. In line with this, we have identified participation in conservation efforts and ecological raw material cultivation processes as one of our primary objectives. As a member of the Better Cotton Initiative, which envisions a Türkiye where cotton production is environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable, we support the production efforts within the framework of the Better Cotton Standard in Türkiye.

The Better Cotton Standard includes detailed criteria within the framework of six main principles such as water protection, soil health, pesticide, and integrated pest management, protection of biological diversity, fiber quality, and decent working conditions, which are the most basic principles of sustainable agricultural production. In line with this framework, in 2024, 118 tons of fiber cotton equivalent to 51,671 hectares of Better Cotton production was realized. At the same time, as a Better Cotton supplier, we also play a role in meeting the demand and need for sustainable cotton. We aim to present our action plans to protect biodiversity to all our stakeholders by 2027.

Better Cotton contributes to fair trade principles within the cotton industry by incorporating social criteria into its sustainability standards. As farmers and producers adopt Better Cotton practices, they are encouraged to uphold fair labor practices, creating a more equitable and socially responsible cotton supply chain.

#### **R&D** in Sustainability

We work on topics that will create disruptive innovation in the field of new fibers and production technologies, led by our R&D Center. We participate in consortium projects involving numerous companies, academic institutions, start-ups, and R&D centers. Through our work, especially in the field of circular economy, we aim to reduce fabric waste, which has significant environmental impacts, at its source and develop innovative methods and technologies to effectively recycle the waste. Our short-term goals are to develop innovative textile products and designs by combining our existing know-how and experience with current technologies. Our medium-term goals are to identify new sectors where we

can gain competitive advantage using our experience and know-how in technical textiles, to develop new products and technologies for these sectors, to integrate innovative materials and design processes for the fashion and apparel industry into our company business models and to carry our industrial transformation studies in line with the sustainability trend that will become necessity due to critical changes in the European Textile Strategy. In line with our strategies, we attach importance to sustainability efforts and carry out our R&D activities within the scope of our priority Sustainable Development Goals; SDG 5, SDG 8, SDG 9 and SDG 12, addressing materials, processes and the environment in a holistic manner. With this perspective, in 2024, we made nine different project applications to the Horizon Europe Program conducted by European Commission, focusing on sustainable materials and circular process designs, with a total budget of 45 million EUR and high impact value. We worked closely with 12 organizations from 20 countries, including universities, research institutes and companies from the private sector in these application processes, where we focused on calls for bio-based chemicals and textile materials, textile-to-textile recycling methods, traceability tools, sustainable and circular economy models, development of greener textile processes and training of trainers in Horizon Europe Cluster 4, Cluster 6, Circular Biobased Europe and Erasmus +.

We are aware that digital transformation supports sustainability transformation and we closely monitor the positive effects of digitalization efforts in the textile industry. Within the scope of our project with the acronym "DefectFree", which was entitled to be funded under "Eureka Sustainability Call" that started in 2024, we are developing autonomous fault detection systems in complex fabric structures with artificial intelligence and machine learning and focusing on new technologies to apply the principle of "zero waste production" to the industry with our Portuguese partner. In 2024, we submitted a digitalization project proposal with a budget of 7 million EUR to Horizon Europe Program. We worked with 12 partners from 6 countries focusing on digitalization of our apparel manufacturing processes, making the workforce more qualified, developing artificial intelligence supported robotic systems that will enable higher efficiency production by spending less energy and resources by performing quality control stages with digital technologies and integrating them into industrial production environment.

Within the scope of PLASTICE Project, which was initiated based on the fact that only 20% of total plastic produced today is recycled, we are working on recycling plastic waste into the circular economy with four different chemical recycling technologies. Currently, we have succeeded in separating polyester content from polyester-cotton blended fabric wastes in a quality level that can be reused in textiles. We continue to work on the reuse of the recycled yarns and fabrics in different products in textile industry. PLASTICE Project is carried out by a consortium of 25 stakeholders from academia, industry, research and technology institutes based Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Netherlands and Turkey.

In line with our strategic goals, we attach importance to the transition to a safe circular economy and take into account all design, production, use and end-of-life processes. Within the scope of TORNADO Project, which we carry out with 14 partners from 5 countries in order to support these efforts, we focus on functional raw materials that will provide "Safe and Sustainable by Design Criteria" and we are working on development and application of bio-based, environmentally friendly and easier recycling water and oil repellant chemicals in different sectors. In 2024, we continued our process development efforts to apply developed bio-based water and oil repellant chemicals to textile materials.

As a part of our goal to contribute to green transformation in the industry in line with our sustainability targets, we are working to increase the amount of textile-to-textile recycling and to introduce bio-based and sustainable products to the market within the scope of the BioSusTex Project, which we carry out

with 13 partners from 8 countries. In this project that started in 2024, we focus on the reuse of cellulosic textile wastes in the textile industry by recycling them with appropriate methods and carry out several activities to recover cellulosic fabric wastes containing dyed, printed and elastane with environmentally friendly methods.

#### Sustainable supply chain management

We have been improving our Sustainable Supply Chain Performance Management Systems each passing day to ensure the sustainability of the environmental, social, and economic aspects of the value chain for increasing the resilience of the textile supply chain, which is very vulnerable to risks affecting the whole world such as the climate crisis, extreme climate events, economic crises, energy crises, logistics crises, and pandemic.

It is essential for all supply chain stakeholders to carry out compliance studies in collaboration as part of the regulations that have been first implemented by the European Union and will become widespread all over the world in the near future such as the Circular Economy Action Plans, Green Deal, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, Extended Producer Responsibility, etc.

We, together with our stakeholders, have holistic management processes based on international standards and our stakeholders' sustainability criteria to proactively manage all risks in our supply chain, identify opportunities, and strengthen our processes to make them resilient.

We provide product traceability and environmentally friendly production processes throughout our entire supply chain with sustainability certificates, and by implementing auditing processes in line with our customers' criteria and international standards, we guarantee the compliance of our suppliers with all dimensions of sustainability. We have improved our supply chain auditing and evaluation mechanism, which we started to implement many years ago, and as of 2019, we have put our Supply Chain Sustainability Performance Management system into operation, and we continue to implement it by improving our system according to global conditions and customer criteria every year.

# **Digitalisation**

As part of our goals to increase resource efficiency, we are making our disruptive innovation efforts more agile through start-up collaborations. In the years 2020-2021, we developed the industry's first integrated, automatic quality control system for circular knitting machines in collaboration with a start-up company, Smartex. Using artificial intelligence-based image processing technology, we can detect defects that are difficult to identify with the naked eye and even those that cannot be detected before the dyeing process. This helps prevent errors at the source, avoiding material and energy losses. We completed a successful PoC with 17 machines and invested in resulting technology. Thanks to new investments done until the end of 2024, we continued our efforts with 24 machines; 6 double jersey and 18 single jersey; up from 17 machines in the previous years.

By replacing all monitoring tablets on our existing machines with industrial tablets, we aimed to reduce usage-related maintenance and failure rates by 10-15%. Thanks to the dual-sided inspection project that we started in 2023, we found that error types not captured by a single-camera system could be detected with a dual-camera system. Bu completing the project in 2024, we experienced the effectiveness of this especially in detecting and preventing hard-to-spot errors on the backside of fabric qualities such as double-sided interlock. These results resulted in a new collaboration between Sun Tekstil R&D Center and Smartex and it is taken to a new dimension in 2024 and turned into a new project to develop systems suitable for complex fabrics. This project was officially launched on 01.10.2024 by qualifying for

funding within the scope of Eureka Sustainability Call by European Commission.

In 2023, we commissioned the Digital Factory web platform in line with the requirement analyses we carried out in our knitting business. Thanks to the "Fabric Defect Map" on this platform, we started to track the defect types and locations on the knitted fabric on a single screen. With the additional development we realized in 2024, we classified the defect types as "A, B, C and D" and ensured that only products in category D are taken for detailed examination in quality control processes. In this way, we increased our quality control efficiency by 10-30%.

With the 2024 updates, we increased the error prevention stops by 48% and realized a total of 2,133 error prevention stops. Thus, by preventing 2,240 hours of defective production, we prevented 33,330 kg of defective fabric production and saved \$ 199,979. At the same time, we made a significant contribution to our sustainable production goals by preventing the environmental impacts of 3,732,938 liters of water, 299,968 kWh of electricity and 74,692 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions.

We organized a comprehensive training program for our operators so that they can use our AI-supported quality control system effectively. As a result of the evaluation exam held after the training process, 6 of our operators were awarded the "Artificial Intelligence Expert" certificate. Within 2024, 12 knitting operators and 3 lean leaders underwent theoretical and practical training on the system's usage, improvement, and artificial intelligence topics. Our technical expert, whom we employ full-time, supports our Operators so that they can use our AI-supported quality control system effectively. Our colleagues developing new competencies in information technologies contributed to the development of a qualified workforce.

In October 2023, we started to test the artificial intelligence-supported Quality Control application, which we installed and started demo studies, in the Final Quality Control process and we were able to detect the errors that our operators could not catch to a great extent. Especially in the control of light-colored fabrics, the application was very successful in identifying errors that are difficult to detect by eye. In addition, while the control of light-colored fabrics caused eye fatigue in the operators after a while and reduced the control speed; thanks to the automatic control system, we were able to perform the controls faster and improved the control time by 20%. We integrated this test process, which progressed successfully, into the post-paint drying machine and started tests during production. Thus:

- To prevent errors that may occur during production,
- Reducing waste rates,
- Reduce workload by sending fewer products to Final Quality Control and
- We aimed to increase the efficiency of Final Quality Control.

In 2024, we expanded this process, which has been running successfully for six months, to a new line and started using a more advanced version, version Q2. Compared to Q1, version Q2 has a 3.5 times faster operating system and 4 times higher camera resolution. This has improved the quality of the image pixels captured and we can clearly see the errors. In addition, we can measure color more consistently thanks to the moving spectrophotometer, and monitor ambient conditions with temperature and humidity sensors on the device.

#### **UN Global Compact**

We have been a signatory of the UN Global Compact (UN GC), the largest corporate sustainability

platform in the world, since 2014, and we have been supporting its activities. We publish our Communication on Progress Report on the 10 principles of UN GC publicly every year. We are among the active members of the local network of Global Compact Türkiye and contribute to the mission of "to support the achievement of a sustainable and inclusive global economy by cooperating with the private sector and other social stakeholders in Türkiye and abroad. You can access our Communication on Progress Reports that we have published since 2015 and our commitment to comply with the 10 principles that we update and our Chairperson of the Board of Directors sign each year on the UN Global Compact website. As a member of the platform that supports companies worldwide to align their strategies and operations with 10 principles in the areas of human rights, labour standards, environment, and anti-corruption, we also set ambitious goals for SDGs as part of the business world's goals of achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **Our Environmental Investment Initiatives**

Our environmental investment initiatives include various measures to achieve our sustainability goals. We focus on effective use of water resources with a water recycling facility and aim to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by using hybrid vehicles. For example, in 2024, the budget allocated for wastewater treatment at the Sun Tekstil Headquarters and Ekoten Dyehouse amounts to 15,929,215,00 TL. Additionally, company invests on; Renewable Energy Certificates (IREC) to reduce the company garment and fabric manufacturing facilities' environmental footprint, activities aligned with the zerowaste initiative, environmental testing and analysis, environmental verification and certifications, such as ISO 14001 etc. The cumulative cost of all environmental investments and expenditures for the year of 2024 is 1,730,236.00 TL

By utilizing more efficient steam boilers, we increase energy efficiency, and with artificial intelligence-based image processing technology that detects errors in knitting machines, we reduce waste generation and energy consumption. Additionally, through automatic quality control machines, we enhance the quality of our production processes while striving to minimize environmental impacts. These investments reflect our commitment to conducting our business in an environmentally conscious and sustainable manner.

#### **Sun Tekstil Information About Our Working Principles**

# **Sun Tekstil Workplace Practices Overview**

As Sun Tekstil, we actively support internal promotion opportunities to support employees' career development and encourage them to advance in their jobs. This approach increases employee motivation, keeps talent and experience within the company, assists in workforce planning and contributes to the long-term success of our company. In addition, by offering internal promotion opportunities to our employees, we help them achieve their personal career goals as well as their roles and responsibilities in their jobs. In 2024, 130 positions were filled through internal promotions. We designed new leadership and career paths for 39% of our star employees and realized promotions. At the same time, we revised our job evaluation processes by re-evaluating 200+ positions in total.

In the group organization of Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, "promotion" is defined as the advancement of an employee to a higher level. The higher-level position can be within the employee's current department (internal promotion) or in another department (promotion resulting in a transfer). Promotion requests that arise due to the creation of new positions or significant changes to existing positions are evaluated

based on the "Job Evaluation Methodology." These requests are initially assessed by the Group Human Resources Department, and the levels of the positions are determined with the approval of the General Manager. The approved level and salary increase rate, determined by top management, are communicated to employees in November each year. Generally, promotions also entail salary increases. For salary increases, the reference market comparison level is first examined, and typically, the starting salary for the promoted position is set as the relevant level reference. In our company, when employees are promoted to a higher position through talent or job enrichment resulting in a change in their duties, their fringe benefits are redefined based on their new tasks or positions, with the approval of the Group Human Resources Department.

Regarding flexible working in our company, remote working pilot trials started in 2022, and after successful results, permanent practices were implemented in 2023. As a result of the analysis, all departments and individuals who can work remotely were included in the application with the approval of senior management. Our goal is to ensure that this practice continues effectively and creates value for our company.

Furthermore, we provide support to our employees by providing them with various trainings on topics such as health and safety, environment, emergency response, skills and career development training. In 2024, the data on these trainings related are as follows:

Average training hours	12.4 hours per person
Training costs total	804,752.72 TL
Employee health & safety training hours	11,550

In line with the ISO 9001 Quality Management System standard, which has been implemented since 2020, the products and services provided continue to be offered to customers at the level they expect and in a continuous quality. In line with our company's sustainability strategies and quality targets, we established our Lean Production Management unit in 2021 in order to carry forward our lean management practices that we have adopted for many years. Our unit, which operates under the Process Improvement Directorate under the Assistant General Manager of Operational Excellence, has increased the speed of improvement in all our processes with the contributions of our experts with more than ten years of experience in their field. Thanks to our lean management practices, we use our resources more efficiently by preventing inefficiencies where they occur, reduce waste, save energy and labour, comply with our customers' quality criteria, increase efficiency throughout our supply chain, and continuously improve our holistic sustainability strategies by optimising our occupational safety efforts. In 2024, we provided a total of 4347 hours of lean management training to 1792 employees, thanks to our inclusive management approach that ensures the participation of our senior management through Hoshin Kanri activities and all our colleagues through suggestion systems. Our teams, who received training on before-after kaizen, standard kaizen, kobetsu kaizen, A3, engineering approaches and project management, gained awareness and competencies in line with the analysis of the points where losses such as setup time (preparation time required for model/product type change), machine/production stoppages, unnecessary transports, unplanned/high costs.

Lean Production Management Unit aimed to prioritize the implementation of highly profitable and costreducing kaizen projects as the foundation of the lean philosophy within our organization in 2024. In 9 project teams formed in our departments that received training on analysis and kaizen projects, 45 employees carried out detailed analysis and improvement studies under the mentorship of Lean Production Management. Over the course of two project development periods, which lasted five months each and involved collaboration among individuals with different roles and positions, a total of 258 improvement initiatives were identified and approved. Among these, 17 suggestions were implemented as pre-post kaizen projects. As a result, in 2023, we achieved approximately 773,914 TL in financial gains through resource savings and increased efficiency.

With the actions taken within the scope of the Improvement of Longitudinal Mark Error in Raising Machine project, the maturation of the defects in the fabric improved the repair rate. In this way, we reduced 30.79 tons of CO2 greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, by eliminating costless labor and transportation within the scope of the project, we saved the products from an additional cost of \$30,054. In addition, those provided in the machine capacity are provided.

With the 2nd Quality Rate Improvement Project due to Needle Breakage, we prevented 2,546 kg of fabric from going to waste annually. In this way, we reduced 16,335 tons of CO2 greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, with the project, we eliminated external dependency on consumable machinery and equipment. We reduced our consumable costs by working with domestic alternative suppliers on original parts.

In 2024, we took actions to eliminate occupational accident risks in our high-impact Kobetsu Kaizen projects. As a result, we reduced the risk score from 900 points to 90 points. We provided sustainable improvement at every level of the business with Lean Leadership, a front-line leader training program. In addition, we made Kobetsu Kaizen the goal of our Lean leaders by ensuring that the same goal flows from the bottom to the top of the business with the hoshin kanri logic. In this context, our Lean leaders successfully completed 9 Kobetsu Kaizen projects in 2024. Our Lean Leaders, who we included in the project, gained competence in teamwork and project management and also increased their competence in presentation skills by presenting these.

In 2024, projects were initiated by providing A3 training to engineers and white-collar employees for their individual lean goals. We digitalized our suggestion process to increase the kaizen participation of all employees and to make suggestions traceable and reportable. We included the Daily Management System (DMS) dashboards, which were prepared in lean management format and commissioned in 2022, among the topics in 5S audits to keep them up-to-date. We implemented the 5S methodology, an important aspect of lean production, in all of our production units, warehouses, and offices. To make 5S a part of our daily lives, we provided necessary training to all departments and initiated the implementation. Regular monthly audits are conducted to ensure the continuity of our practices.

#### **Our Corporate Culture**

As Sun Group of Companies, we continue to work in a way that respects human rights as stated in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO). We provide equal opportunities throughout all stages such as recruitment, working conditions, remuneration, performance management, promotion, continuous learning, and retirement. We support diversity, inclusivity, and participation, stand against harassment and discrimination, and demonstrate a commitment to treating everyone fairly while protecting the health, safety, and dignity of our colleagues. We conduct recruitment procedures in all our workplaces based on the principle of equal opportunities. We do not discriminate based on gender, sexual identity, religion, nationality, marital status, ethnic origin, social class, disability, illness, pregnancy, age, language, social background,

immigration status, trade union membership or affiliation, political views, beliefs, or disciplinary matters in our recruitment processes or throughout our employment or termination procedures. In our recruitment processes, we employ individuals who possess the knowledge and skills that meet the job requirements and align with our work principles and values. All our employees equally benefit from wages, social benefits, career opportunities, training, job allocation and retirement opportunities.

We have completed the "Our Values That Make Us Who We Are and Beyond" trainings by adding new ones to the promotion studies we carried out in 2024 with our colleagues in order to ensure that the 5 values we revealed in 2020 are memorable, understandable, attractive and meaningful until 2023.

We aimed to increase the permanence by using gamification applications in our training consisting of the titles of Our Values, Working Principles, Corporate Culture and Social Compliance. We brought together our Working Principles and Ethical Principles booklet that we created based on our Sun Route and our Human Resources Policy, and ensured that our colleagues can access all our documents at once. At the same time, we made our Values and Working Principles into an animated video with the voice-over of our colleagues and published them on our digital training platform, Sun Academy, and made them enjoyable and fun to watch regardless of time and place.

In 2022, we included the principles of inclusion and diversity in our working principles, which we created based on our company values and shared with all our employees. Again in 2022, we received training to increase our competencies in this field at the UN Global Compact Inclusion and Diversity workshops and gained from the experiences of other participating organisations. Thanks to the important reference sources provided by the workshops, we prepared our inclusion and diversity current situation analysis in 2023 based on the guide prepared by the UN Global Compact. In this direction, we started basic work by determining our priorities. Firstly, we shared awareness-raising information with the members of the Sustainable Human Resources Task Force. With our "Working Principles" that we updated in 2024 As Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we continue to work in a manner that respects human rights as stated in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the basic conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO). We offer equal opportunities at all stages such as recruitment, working conditions, remuneration, performance management, promotion, continuous and retirement. support diversity, inclusion and learning We participation, against harassment and discrimination, and are committed to fair treatment of everyone by protecting the health, safety and dignity of our colleagues.

To improve our diversity results, we will implement a diversity plan that aims to achieve greater diversity in our workforce in the coming years.

In order to increase women's participation in the labor market and provide equal opportunities for women in the workplace, we provide regular nursery assistance to our female colleagues who have children aged 0-72 months. Additionally, we ensure that male employees who legally have the responsibility for childcare also benefit from nursery assistance.

#### **Skills Development**

Sun Tekstil's strong belief in investing in people is reflected in its attitude towards personal and professional development. The company programs conducted with all employees and business partners provide opportunities for everyone's growth. In 2024, through our digital training platform Sun Academy, we released a total of 29 new training programs in the categories of "Personal Development and Competency Training," "Computer Programs and Software Training," "Operational Process

Training," "Sustainability Training," and "Corporate Governance and Development Training." Along with the training programs we have released in previous years, we have achieved a 76,3% completion rate in 2024.

Similarly, following the same categories, we organized in-person and online training sessions for our colleagues and suppliers. With a 98,0% training participation rate, we conducted a total of 25.727 training hours.

Gender Equality, being one of our sustainability goals, involved providing training to our colleagues in production and production support units in a classroom setting. Additionally, through Sun Academy online platform, the same training was extended to a substantial number of colleagues.

Within the scope of our Personal Development and Competency Trainings and Sustainability Trainings, we organized "Team's Safe Harbor Valuable Leadership", "Team Coaching", "Leader's Logbook Workshop", "Gender Equality and Zero Tolerance for Violence", "Mother Support Program" and "Father Support Program" trainings by focusing on our values. With our Team's Safe Harbor Valuable Leadership training, we focused on the power of being a team by focusing on topics such as team management, team motivation, creating synergistic teams and establishing harmonious teams. Again, with our interviewer hat and our leaders, we aimed to reach the right candidate with the right questions in the recruitment interviews.

With the Leader's Logbook Workshop, we brainstormed together with our leaders on acquiring and retaining talent with their human resources hat. We have published the Leader's Logbook series in 3 volumes: Volume 1: Corporate Culture and Value Leadership, Volume 2: Our Working Conditions and Personnel Processes, Volume: Our Recruitment and Interview Processes. Each volume of the series focuses on important leadership issues. It guides leaders to develop effective management skills, strengthen corporate culture, and make sustainable improvements in organizational processes. In order to ensure the sustainability of our business processes, we organised our operational process trainings, which we conduct with our colleagues, for our suppliers and producers. We also reached our suppliers and producers with our sustainability trainings, where we focus on our Sustainability Development Goals. In 2024, we achieved a 100% training participation rate in our producers and suppliers and provided 2557 hours of training.

Within the scope of Human Rights Policies, we organized a 2-hour "Our Values and Social Compliance Training" at Ekoten with the participation of 32 people. With this training, we aimed to strengthen our company's social compliance standards and convey its core values to the participants.

We have successfully completed our 54-hour Product Management Technical Development Program, which we started in April 2024. We supported our colleagues on the journey of "We Do Our Best" in reaching our customer goals with pattern, sewing, and machine training.

#### • Offer Your Solution Program

It is an internal development program within the organization that aims to involve process stakeholders in solving issues within existing processes, and as a result, it focuses on developing/prompting presentation skills, project management, communication skills, teamwork, and more. In 2024, 13 of the 38 suggestions received from employees were implemented.

#### • "Team Leader Sun Route"

The "Team Leader Sun Route" training journey in order to strengthen the leadership competencies of our Team Leaders and to train new Team Leaders among our colleagues, continued in 2024. Within the scope of the programme, we aimed to ensure the sustainability of our business processes by providing personal and leadership development trainings as well as technical and applied trainings. In addition to the 33 trainings carried out within the scope of the programme, we designed measurable systems to monitor the effectiveness of the process and the progress of our colleagues through the evaluation studies we carried out. We also monitored the reflections of our development journey on practice with the evaluation centre we established.

#### **Increasing Employees' Digital Competencies**

We aim to increase employees' digital competencies, promote the use of digital platforms, reduce user errors, and encourage user contributions to system improvements. In line with this goal, after the ERP transition, we organized 651 hours of training in 2024 under 67 different training topics to enhance the digital competencies of 520 colleagues and ensure the correct use of the system.

In the project we carried out in cooperation with WTECH, we ensured that SAP modules were explained practically to young talents who care about data analysis with a total of 637 hours of programme. Our six employees also participated in this programme. As a result of the programme, we employed 6 of the 10 external students in our company.

#### **Other Trainings and Career Development**

To enhance the sustainability performance of our suppliers, we organized training sessions to increase their knowledge and awareness of sustainability topics. In total, we provided 2,629 hours of training to 1,648 individuals in 107 of our manufacturers on social, technical, and environmental subjects. These training sessions also included customized sharing sessions conducted at their own facilities to address the specific needs of each stakeholder. Through oral interviews conducted after the training, we determined that the knowledge and awareness levels reached the desired targets. Thus, we anticipate that the success of our suppliers in all audits will continue to increase, leading to an improvement in our supply chain resilience. We aim to regularly analyze and evaluate this development.

As the Human Resources and managers, we identify potential employees for positions at all levels through evaluation processes based on performance results, managerial opinions, and competencies. We take the lead in Career Architecture efforts. With our Career Architecture approach, we ensure early identification of high-potential employees, provide them with the necessary professional knowledge, skills, and development opportunities, and prepare them for roles requiring greater responsibility.

With our Career Architecture, we evaluate the performance and potential of our colleagues using the 9-box system twice a year to identify development opportunities and training needs, identify key positions, create succession plans, and ensure the sustainability of our talents. Additionally, we created development plans by meeting with our leaders for colleagues who can be promoted based on the performance-potential matrix. Each year, through reassessment in our career architecture, we aim to increase the potential of our talents and update career and development maps for colleagues with development areas to reach the next level. In 2024, we reviewed our career architecture, and reevaluated all our colleagues by creating a unique career map that focuses on the roles and leaders the company needs, where personal talent is important, and where potential is also prioritized along with performance. We designed new leadership and career paths for our Star Employees, who are 39% of our company, and made their promotions. At the same time, we revised our job evaluation processes by re-

evaluating a total of 200+ positions.

Since 2022, we have been conducting "Employee Experience Interviews" to ensure the loyalty of our new colleagues, to understand their needs and to listen to their suggestions. In order to provide a positive and participatory employee experience, we aim to create employees who are sincerely committed to our company by organizing one-on-one interviews with our new colleagues in the 2nd and 6th months. We are developing together with our colleagues with our talent management and development journey projects that we implemented with the suggestions of our colleagues we interviewed in 2023. In 2024, a total of 111 people were interviewed in the 2nd month and 112 people were interviewed in the 6th month.

As in the previous year, we aim to shape our action plans in 2024 with the suggestions from our colleagues.

We aim to digitalize our career architecture processes, where we focus on constantly monitoring potential, with our "Measuring and Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Job" system that we will implement in 2024.

At Sun Tekstil, we hold in high regard the talent of our dedicated team. Emphasizing our commitment to fostering professional and career growth, we actively encourage and support opportunities that enhance skills and contributions. All employees can leverage valuable on-the-job learning experiences, a diverse range of learning resources, and pathways for career advancement. Moreover, the company offers an education assistance program for approved career-related studies, further helping them in reaching the pinnacle of success in their role.

In 2024, we continued to enhance the digitization of our HR processes. With our SunIK platform used by all our colleagues, we developed a new evaluation module in 2023, where our colleagues' 2nd and 6th month evaluation forms can be filled in digitally by our leaders. With this module, in addition to making evaluations on time and completely, we also prevented paper waste and provided a positive impact on the environment. In 2024, we transferred this module to the mobile application.

In 2024, we started developing our Talent Management and Recruitment modules. In 2025, we aim to digitize all human resources functions such as Termination, Promotion, and Change of Duty by making them end-to-end traceable, and to increase the efficiency of our business processes and our positive impact on the environment.

In 2025, we aim to transfer our Policies and Procedures to the SunİK platform in order to ensure that all our colleagues follow them up-to-date.

#### **MES Portal Project**

In addition to in-house field applications, our Operational Excellence Department continuously develops our own software by analyzing internal process needs and carries out our efforts to migrate to web-based solutions. As of June 2023, we started projects to transfer our Windows-based software to the web environment and these efforts are still ongoing. In this context, we started to use many processes such as Customer Complaints Management, Sample Chemical Trial Follow-up Process, Internal Audit Activities, Business Demand and Follow-up Processes, and Lean Production Unit live. In this way, we have significantly increased our digitalization rate. By 2025, we aim to move all our internal processes to the MES Portal and enable all our employees to access the system via the web.

We have been continuing our projects to transfer Windows-based software to the web environment since June 2023. While we continue to actively use the 5 processes we transferred to the web environment in 2023, we have put 15 different modules into service in 2024, such as the Customer Complaint Module, Lean Leader Tracking System, and Fair Catalog Tracking System. Thanks to these modules, we have transferred many processes that we carry out manually or semi-automatically to the digital platform, reducing paper use and preventing unnecessary e-mail traffic. We aim to continue adding new modules in line with needs in 2025.

# **Digitalise The Next**

With our young talent program called "Digitalise the Next," our aim is to contribute to the orientation and employment of students studying in the field of information technology. The young talent internship program 'The Future at Sun' was held with the participation of 13 students studying in Textile Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Computer Engineering and Software Engineering departments. At the end of the program, we supported 2 young talents to take the first steps in their career journey by providing them with employment opportunities.

# **Occupational Health and Safety**

Our Occupational Health and Safety Units continue to work diligently to monitor occupational health and safety practices in Sun Tekstil and Ekoten. The units meet regularly to ensure the interaction of labor and disciplinary processes. We constantly improve our processes as well as provide training sessions required by the regulation and awareness training in order for the employees to adopt the occupational health and safety culture. In all our activities, we adopt the focus of "zero occupational accidents and zero occupational diseases".

At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we have been expanding our occupational health and safety teams to promote a proactive approach, implement improvement activities, and enhance field observation processes across all areas. We support our practices with 5S, Kaizen, and Lean Production initiatives to make them more effective. At Sun Tekstil, we obtained results aligned with the key performance indicators we established according to our goals.

To advance our proactive approach, we have established Field Observation Teams in our businesses. These teams, composed of different individuals responsible for each unit, work under the mentorship of our Occupational Health and Safety Department. By observing, identifying, reporting, and improving risks proactively, they make significant contributions to risk management. We standardize the working method of these teams through procedures, and by directly sharing the reports they create with our top management, we ensure active participation of our employees in our management processes and implement good practice examples recommended by international occupational health and safety standards.

We aim to achieve integrity among legal regulations, international regulations, and business processes. We apply and follow our Occupational Health and Safety Policy in our actions, regularly sharing our key performance indicators with top management. Our activities comply with ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, and ISO 9001 Quality Management System. Additionally, our activities undergo audits by independent international auditing firms directed by our global brand customers and platforms that measure the maturity of our working conditions, such as the Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP) and Higg Facility Social & Labor Module (FSLM). We utilize the results of these audits, which demonstrate successful outcomes

due to the implementation of our good practices, to continuously improve our roadmaps.

The company and its subsidiaries have a total of 1,325 employees as of December 31, 2024. In this context, the company deploys a number of occupational physicians, occupational safety experts, and other healthcare personnel during its operations. The qualifications, training, duties, authorities, and responsibilities of the occupational safety experts involved in occupational health and safety services are regulated within the scope of the Regulation on the Duties, Authorities, Responsibilities, and Training of Occupational Safety Experts. Within the company, there is one occupational safety expert, one workplace physician, and one workplace nurse for the garment production facilities operating in the low-risk category. For the fabric production facilities operating in the high-risk category, there are two full-time occupational safety experts, two full-time occupational safety technicians, one full-time workplace physician, one workplace nurse, and one full-time occupational safety field personnel. Both garment factories and fabric production facilities have at least four employee representatives in each facility due to the number of employees exceeding 500.

The company aims to create safe working environments and promote a culture of occupational health and safety with its world-class production approach. The proactive approach is emphasized in all areas, including occupational health and safety, using the Occupational Health and Safety Management System (ISO 45001) to target zero occupational accidents and zero occupational diseases. In the year 2024, there is no occupational disease. In addition to all these, our social compliance departments keep continue to provide OHS trainings for our supply chain in 2024.

For consumer health, Sun Tekstil has a Quality Assurance department that is responsible for the final product health and is hierarchically independent from production managers. At Ekoten, we ensure quality through both ISO 9001 compliance, laboratory tests, and independent laboratory tests. Additionally, we are supported by special certifications such as OEKO-TEX and certifications specific to baby clothing.

The OEKO-TEX certificate is a globally recognized standard for textiles, ensuring that products meet stringent environmental and human safety criteria throughout the entire manufacturing process. This certification guarantees that textiles are free from harmful substances, contributing to consumer confidence in the safety and sustainability of the products. It encompasses various product categories, from raw materials to finished items, and provides a reliable assurance of compliance with ecological and social responsibility standards in the textile industry. Companies holding the OEKO-TEX certificate demonstrate their commitment to producing textiles that prioritize both environmental health and consumer well-being.

#### **Human Rights Policy**

We strive to respect human life and fundamental freedoms in accordance with international human rights law. We uphold both self-respect and the respect shown by others towards individuals. We recognize that ethical issues need to be examined within the framework of human dignity and human rights. We stand against discrimination by individuals or groups that violates human dignity.

At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we conduct our work in a manner that respects human rights, as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO). We provide equal opportunities at all stages, such as recruitment, working conditions, remuneration, performance management, promotion, continuous learning, and retirement. At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we do not allow discrimination based on race, gender, color, religion, marital

status, sexual orientation, political opinion or affiliation, ethnic identity, health condition, family responsibilities, trade union activities or membership, disability, or age.

# **Forced and Compulsory Labor**

Forced and compulsory labor refers to any work or service in which a person is coerced, threatened with violence or punishment, and compelled to work against their will. Our company provides a dignified working environment for all employees. We categorically reject any actions of "forced labor" that may be demanded by any employee, manager, customer, supplier, or non-employees of the company.

#### **Child Labor**

We ensure that the employment age complies with the definition and age limits set by labor laws and customer standards. Child labor is the process in which children work in inappropriate conditions that can harm their development. This process is in violation of child rights and jeopardizes the future of children. At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we stand against all forms of child labor.

#### Freedom of Association

We support our employees' freedom of association and collective bargaining rights. We do not engage in behaviors that violate Human Rights Principles, force or compel labor. Every employee has the right to join the professional organization of their choice, engage in union activities, and participate in collective bargaining.

# **Competition Policy**

At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we commit to comply with fair competition rules and supporting laws and regulations, and we avoid unfair competition practices. We adhere to agreements with our competitors and do not accept attempts to restrict or limit competition.

### **Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy**

As employees of Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we do not engage in debt-credit relationships that could compromise the company's reputation and relationships with customers, suppliers, or colleagues. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards irregularities, corruption, and bribery that come to our attention in company records. Our company, which has been carrying out ethical, transparent, and principle-based trade processes with its stakeholders since its founding, established the governance mechanism many years ago to be among the exemplary organizations that advocate the fight against bribery in the business world. Our company has presented its policies and procedures to all stakeholders in the fight against bribery and corruption in all processes in our supply chain. In addition to the happiness of sharing the same values with our partner suppliers, we make our commitment to these principles legally accountable through the contracts and commitments. At this point, we develop our practices every day by benefiting from the expertise of our company lawyers and consultants. With our commitments to UN Global Compact and other platforms, we aim to maintain the advocacy of these essential principles and fight bribery and corruption by cooperating with all business representatives.

#### **Ethics Committee**

One of the fundamental principles of the company is to embrace responsible and ethical business

practices and ensure that our employees adhere to these principles in their behavior. Our corporate structure, shaped by our values and organizational culture, is based on our ethical principles.

Our ethical principles are at the core of our corporate structure shaped by our values and corporate culture. We have implemented our principles, which have been internalized by Sun Tekstil and supply chain stakeholders for many years, under the supervision of our Human Resources, Social Compliance, and Internal Inspection Departments and under the leadership of our Board of Directors. We strengthened our governance mechanism with the establishment of our Ethics Board in 2021. We incorporated our Ethical Principles into our work processes by including them in our Code of Conduct and made them accessible to our employees and suppliers. We aligned our Ethical Principles with our values and working principles. Based on this alignment, we created an "Ethics Committee" to enable our colleagues to express their ethical concerns freely and established an ethics hotline where they can freely raise their issues. Our Ethics Committee carefully examines the notifications sent to our Ethics Hotline and e-mail address by keeping confidentiality and managing the required investigation process.

#### **Our Supplier Criteria and Audits**

As Sun Tekstil, we demand that all our suppliers adopt and ensure the following standards at every stage of their product manufacturing. As a prerequisite for doing business with Sun Tekstil, our suppliers must commit to fulfilling basic human rights (freedom of association, child labor, forced labor), environmental standards, and labor conditions, including but not limited to the following. Accordingly:

We expect our suppliers to comply to Sun Tekstil's working principles regarding child labor. No one under the age of 15 (or under 14 if permitted by national legislation) shall be employed, and individuals younger than this legal working age shall not be employed. Business partners must take necessary preventive measures to ensure that individuals below the legal working age are not employed.

We expect our suppliers to comply with Sun Tekstil's working principles regarding forced labor. Workers cannot be compelled to work through direct or indirect violence and/or intimidation. On the contrary, every employee should have sought and/or been employed through their own free will. Each employee will be reported to local labor/social security institutions by Business Partners, and any illegal employment practices will not be tolerated.

We expect our suppliers to comply to Sun Tekstil's working principles regarding human rights and non-discrimination. The principle of equality will be embraced in the workplace. Any form of discrimination is strictly prohibited in recruitment and employment practices. Discrimination based on race, class, skin color, gender, age, religious belief, political opinion, membership in trade unions, physical or mental disability, ethnic, national or social background, or any other personal characteristics, including exclusion or preference, is prohibited.

Additionally, as Sun Tekstil, we also demand that all our suppliers protect the environment with a sustainable production approach. Our suppliers must comply with all conditions specified in global and local environmental regulations and take necessary precautions at every stage of production.

Product traceability throughout the entire supply chain and environmentally friendly production processes are ensured through sustainability certifications. Suppliers undergo audit processes based on customer criteria and international standards, guaranteeing their compliance with all dimensions of sustainability. The supply chain inspection and assessment mechanism, which was implemented many years ago, has been improved, and as of 2019, the Supply Chain Sustainability Performance

Management System has been implemented.

Monthly inspections are conducted at the production facilities of suppliers who account for at least 80% of the total production among approximately 300 suppliers in five regions of Turkey. These inspections include the evaluation of international standards and performance scoring developed to cover the needs of stakeholders. Feedback is provided for areas that require improvement based on the evaluations, and consultancy and mentoring support are provided for improvement efforts.

Documentation evaluation is carried out for all new suppliers and sub-producers, site visuals, documents within the scope of OHS and Labour Law are requested and production permits are granted to approved companies. This ensures that stakeholders joining the supply chain network for the first time meet the sustainability criteria, and through inspections, they are included in the value chain, guaranteeing the adequacy of existing stakeholders in all dimensions of sustainability and organizational resilience. We work with a sense of responsibility throughout the entire supply chain, not just within Sun Tekstil facilities, to guarantee the implementation of environmentally friendly processes based on global climate goals, circular economy, and biodiversity conservation. We implement practices that go beyond basic human rights, ensuring work standards that aim for dignified treatment and economic growth, as well as practices that promote ethical compliance and equality. After defining all processes, risks, and opportunities in economic and managerial dimensions, we work towards ensuring the continuous development and resilience of all stakeholders.

In addition to using a well-structured supply chain management system in procurement and production processes, it strictly carries out social compliance, environmental, OHS and technical audits. We do not work with business partners and suppliers that do not comply with our Code of Conduct and do not comply with the law.

However, we endeavour to improve suppliers that fail environmental report card audits and not to exclude them from our supply chain. However, despite our mentoring support, suppliers who do not overcome their chronic problems or do not strive to overcome them, who fail our audits, our customers' audits and/or independent institution audits are excluded from our supply chain for a period of time or indefinitely, and our contracts are terminated.

We reserve the right to terminate the business relationship in the event that our Business Partners violate any of the principles in our Code of Conduct, including human rights standards and environmental criteria specified in this document, or if they do not commit to compliance with our sustainability approach.

Within the scope of our management system, our expert audit team conducts field visits to create sustainability performance scorecards. These audits include questions from international sustainability indexes and customer-specific criteria. Based on the findings identified during the audits, our expert teams provide mentorship to our suppliers at a consultancy level. We apply our scorecards in nine main categories: technical audit, social audit, operational success, environmental audit, financial status, self-improvement and technical competence, managerial competence, evaluation of subcontractors, and ethics. We have developed digital forms to automatically generate our scorecards after the implementation of the question sets, enabling more effective application of scoring during field audits. Each scorecard consists of subheadings with different priority levels, and coefficients determined according to the importance of each subheading. Scores are given based on verified information during field audits, and these scores are multiplied by the importance coefficient to obtain the final performance

scores. By giving each supplier score targets aligned with their own development, we ensure continuous improvement.

Through special projects applied to all suppliers based on the findings, we overcome chronic problems. Achieving the score targets we set allows us to measure suppliers' performance results, while the rate of all suppliers reaching their target scores also allows us to measure the performance of our audit team, which provides mentorship and consultancy support. Thus, we strengthen our suppliers in all dimensions of sustainability and proactively manage the processes. This not only ensures full compliance of our supply chain with our goals but also mitigates the risks of being excluded from our supply chain when critical findings are identified during audits conducted by global brands and independent organizations. Monthly improvement activities are carried out in line with the scorecard scores and findings shared monthly. We meet quarterly at performance review meetings with the participation of Sun Tekstil senior management and officials responsible for performance management, the management of our supply chain stakeholders and sustainability officials to determine our short-medium term targets together.

#### **Whistleblowing Policy**

At Sun Tekstil and Ekoten, we encourage our employees to express their own ideas and opinions, voice their concerns and complaints, and ask questions within legal and ethical boundaries through our "open door" policy. We protect the confidentiality of the notifications of the persons who report violations of our principles and ensure that no retaliation is made to the notifiers due to these notifications. We do not tolerate potential retaliation against whistleblowers. The whistleblower may not be subjected to demotion, disciplinary action, dismissal, reduction of salary, change in position or similar actions (without prejudice to the sanctions to be imposed due to the whistleblower's misconduct) due to actions such as reporting a victimisation, security concern, management weakness, abuse of duty or authority or violation of legislation.

# **Information Security Management System Committee**

We continuously improve our information security management practices, recognizing the importance of information security in light of the risks posed by advancing technology. Our goal is to reach the level of international best practices through our compliance efforts with the ISO 27001 Information Security Management System Standard, which we started in 2021. We aim to ensure the information security of our own processes and stakeholders through our practices that will be certified by independent auditing organizations. Starting from 2022, we have begun the process of certification by independent auditing organizations for our practices, thereby guaranteeing the information security of our own processes and stakeholders with the most effective management systems.

We conduct our activities under the coordination of the committee we formed as part of our Information Security Management System (ISMS) implementation process. Our committee is responsible for creating the necessary documentation for our company's Information Security Management System (ISMS), disseminating it to the relevant offices and keeping the documentation up-to-date by making revisions when necessary, keeping up-to-dateness of the asset lists, and taking required actions for the identification and evaluation of ISMS risks.

#### **Data Privacy Policy**

Safeguarding the operational safety and security of the products and services provided to our customers and stakeholders is a fundamental priority for Sun Tekstil. Our objective is to attain integration,

compliance, and stability throughout all business processes. A cohesive and dynamic business strategy necessitates ensuring the security, privacy, integrity, accessibility, and continuity of our information assets.

We proactively implement measures to mitigate risks that could jeopardize the security, privacy, integrity, and accessibility of the products and services that bring value to our customers and stakeholders. Sun Tekstil embraces a systematic approach to risk management in this regard. We are committed to full compliance with all laws and regulations concerning information security.

Our Data Privacy Policy ensures the protection of sensitive customer information, including personal data and identification details.

#### **Our Achievements**

- Being listed in Borsa Istanbul Sustainability Index with successful LSEG scores.
- Increasing our Corporate Governance Rating Score to 9.35. \*(Highest Score: 10) (Rating organization: SAHA Corporate Management and Credit Rating Services Inc.)
- SBTi approval of Ekoten's near-term science-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
- The Most Innovative Project Award in TechXtile Innovation League organized by Uludağ Textile Exporters' Association (R&D Center)
- The "Most Effective Institution Start-Up Collaboration" category award within the scope of "Corporate Entrepreneurship Awards" organized by Entrepreneurial Institutions Platform, Özyeğin University and Fast Company in partnership with our R&D Center (R&D Center)
- The "Most Exporting Company" Award from Aegean Ready-to-Wear and Apparel Exporters' Association. (2024 Sun Tekstil)
- The 2024 Export Platinum Award from the Aegean Ready-to-Wear and Apparel Exporters' Association.
- The "Best Supplier" Award in the Innovation & Responsible Sourcing field at the Tesco Partners Conference.

#### **Our Collaborations**

In 2024; as a member of the TÜSİAD Circular Economy and Waste Management Sub-Working Group, we support our business world's efforts to adapt to circular economy action plans and business models, and to increase resource efficiency.

In 2019, within the scope of our scholarship protocol signed with Izmir University of Economics Textile and Fashion Design Department, we support two students with educational scholarships and accompany them with internship opportunities, mentoring and networking support on their journey to become designers who make a difference in our industry. One of our students, who also spent his internship period at Sun Tekstil, graduated in the fall semester of 2024 and started his professional career in the Design Department of our company at the end of the summer semester.

In 2021, we signed a scholarship protocol and became one of the corporate supporters of Koç University

Anatolian Scholars Program. Within the scope of the Anatolian Scholars Program, which offers a second opportunity to scholarship candidates who are preparing for university in disadvantaged regions of our country with limited educational opportunities and who cannot get the right to receive scholarship education at Koç University despite being in the top 1% of the placement exam, we support one student in 2021 and two students in 2022 throughout their education life.

We provide educational scholarships to the children of our employees within the scope of the valuable cooperation we started with the Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation - EÇEV in 2018. We supported 41 students in the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year and 42 students in the fall semester of the 2024-2025 academic year through processes carefully carried out by EÇEV experts. Within the scope of our valuable cooperation, our students have more development opportunities thanks to the activities, education and social responsibility experiences offered by EÇEV. In the 2023-2024 period, we supported 10 students affected by the earthquake within the scope of the EÇEV Need-based Scholarship Program, which lasted for 14 months. 4 of our students graduated at the end of the semester and 6 students continue their education lives as part of our regular program with EÇEV.

We set up LÖSEV Shop's booths with carefully prepared products in our company and supported the organization with two bazaars that attracted great interest from our employees. At the stands, our colleagues also received information about the programs at LÖSEV where they can volunteer and become regular donors.

Ensuring that our colleagues lead a healthy life is one of our top priorities. Throughout October, we organized many events as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As a company with a high percentage of female employees, we draw attention to breast cancer and emphasize the importance of awareness.

We inform our female colleagues and their leaders with "Pregnancy Training". We provide trainings on both working conditions and healthy working conditions to our colleagues whose pregnancy process is clear. In this way, we offer our pregnant employees a supportive, safe and healthy working environment. We also inform our leaders about the processes of our pregnant colleagues through our Sun Academy training platform. In 2024, we prepared the content of the Motherhood at Work Pregnant Employee Handbook and shared it with our colleagues.

We have prepared handbook content to raise awareness and raise awareness among all our colleagues about menopause. We ensure the continuity of all the content we prepare for our corporate development by digitally memorizing it in our corporate memory in the HR Library and support the practical access of our colleagues.

The social welfare and psychological well-being of all our colleagues are among our top priorities. We come together at the events we organize and share our common motivation and happiness. We increased our awareness and refreshed our energy with office yoga, face yoga, sweet break events, special day souvenir photo shoots, exhibitions, positive thinking and healthy eating events.

We continue to organize various trainings and events to increase the environmental awareness of our colleagues. In this context, we organized Environmental Awareness trainings with the active participation of 110 participants. In our trainings, we addressed topics such as sustainability principles, energy efficiency, waste management, environmentally friendly practices and protection of natural resources. By increasing the environmental awareness of our employees, we have taken a step towards raising the general level of environmental awareness of our society.

On March 8, International Working Women's Day, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Women's Studies Branch Directorate organized Gender Equality Training with 315 colleagues.

With our "Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy" prepared within the framework of ILO Convention No. 190 on Violence and Harassment (C190), we declare that we will not tolerate any form of violence and harassment both in the household and in business life and that we will take all necessary measures to prevent, report and address such behaviors. We share our application mechanisms poster on Zero Tolerance to Violence with our teammates and suppliers, and ensure the sustainability of our work with digital media and reminder information.

On May 9th for Mother's Day and on June 14th for Father's Day, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Women's Studies Branch Directorate organized Mother and Father Support Program Trainings with 326 colleagues.

For the health of both the community and our colleagues, we came together with 1,195 teammates with trainings given by our workplace physician on Anemia, Ergonomics and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

As part of our goal to support earthquake-affected regions, we made a donation to the Eymir Cultural Foundation for the reconstruction of Hatay Iskenderun Technical University Vocational School. We sincerely believe that the education provided at the school, which was completed and put into operation in October 2024, will support the development of the region with its healing power

At the Izmir Marathon, as Team Jimmy Key, we took our steps for the Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey (TSÇV). We provided support for our disabled children in the earthquake to access the special education, physiotherapy and psychological counseling services they need. Our colleagues also opened individual donation campaigns to collect donations and increase our contribution.

In the Waste Recycling Event we organized in cooperation with IzDoğa, we met with the participation of 24 volunteer colleagues for cleaning work in Izmir South Gediz Delta. We worked to clean 20 m2 area, which is the home of many birds, especially flamingos, from pollution.

In cooperation with our Spanish customer, we carried out the "Zero Tolerance to Violence and I Support Equality Project" in 8 of our suppliers. Within the scope of this project, in the first module, authorized persons determined by our suppliers participated in online trainings on Zero Tolerance to Violence and Supporting Equality and were awarded training certificates representing their individual competencies. In the production facilities, 5 posters and 1 infographic on the subject were hung on visual notice boards. In addition, trainings on the content of these posters were carried out interactively in the field with facility visits by our Sun Tekstil Social and Technical Compliance Management and Sun Tekstil Training Management units.

We attach importance to the development journey of our stakeholders in our supply chain and support them with trainings on communication, feedback, teamwork and leadership. In addition to technical trainings such as file reading, surveying, pilot planting, line balancing, effective management of natural resources, monitoring of water resources and waste management, we also attach importance to developing together for the adoption of our quality standards by our stakeholders and the sustainable success of our supply chain.

As Sun Tekstil, within the scope of the Back to School Program, which we started in 2019 in cooperation with our customer, a global brand operating in the UK, we provide motivation by wholeheartedly

supporting our employees who had to interrupt their education to complete their education and graduate, and contribute to their journey with scholarships and stationery aid. In the 2023-2024 spring semester and 2024-2025 fall semester, with the participation of our suppliers in Afyon and Düzce, a total of 30 people, 27 women and 3 men, participated in our program and shared their valuable success stories with us.

In cooperation with our Spanish client and with the support of a consultancy firm, we conducted the "Strengthening Internal Feedback Mechanisms in Factories Project" at our supplier Mude Tekstil. With this project, we aimed to strengthen social dialogue by increasing the effectiveness of internal grievance mechanisms in factories and to improve grievance and improvement processes at the operational level. In this context, we analyzed existing grievance systems and identified areas for improvement in terms of transparency, impartiality and effectiveness. While developing a new Operational Feedback Mechanisms (OGM) model in line with the needs of our customers and suppliers, we organized various training programs for management and employees covering topics such as human rights, effective complaint mechanisms, communication skills and conflict resolution. Thus, we aimed to strengthen the capacity of all employees. At the end of the project, we established effectiveness monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and became able to sustainably audit our complaint and improvement processes.

In line with the protocol we signed with the support of Torbalı District Directorate of National Education, we support Torbalı Cumhuriyet Anatolian Vocational High School. We carry out maintenance and repair of the machines in the school and donate machinery. In addition, we meet with students through personal development, occupational health and safety, and technical trainings with our professionals who are experts in their fields, and we attach importance to the training of qualified workforce in our region.

We attach great importance to raising occupational safety awareness and assuming social responsibility in this area. On the occasion of Occupational Safety Week, we organized a comprehensive training with the participation of our Occupational Safety and Health managers at Torbalı Cumhuriyet Vocational High School in order to raise the awareness of young people on the subject.

In order to raise awareness of Gender Equality among young people studying in our region, we organized "We are valuable because we are equal" seminars on Gender Equality and Zero Tolerance to Violence with Dokuz Eylül University Labor and Home Economics students, Dokuz Eylül University Business Student Community and Bakırçay University.

We continue to contribute to the work carried out for public health and environmental sustainability. As Sun Tekstil R&D Center, we are pleased to support the "We Produce What is Customary Workshop" initiated under the leadership of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality. Within the scope of the workshop, reusable hygiene pad design developed by our R&D Center and reusable pads that 100 women will need for a year were produced using fabrics with technical features and presented to women. The garment processes of the products were carried out by people trained in the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Vocational Factory garment workshop.

Within the scope of the "We Produce Together" workshop organized by Devri Daim Institute for Women in Hatay on International Women's Day, underwear was sewn for women affected by the earthquake with the participation of volunteers. Within the scope of this valuable workshop, we provided support with our most suitable Ekoten fabrics.

## **Employee Satisfaction**

We continue to focus on our values, sustainability and working principles with the "Life at Sun Survey" we conduct regularly every two years. In this context, the most recent survey was carried out in 2023, and our satisfaction score was 75.3%. From 2018 to 2023, we have observed that our "Passion", "Commitment" and "Satisfaction" ratios have increased. We know that when the Employee Commitment and Satisfaction survey results show an upward trend for three years or more in a row, they will switch to a downward curve again. Based on the results we obtained in 2023, we have created action plans to redesign our human resources practices for 2024-2025.

Over the preceding five years, we observed an increase in the rates of "Passion," "Commitment," and "Satisfaction." We also observed an increase in our Net Promoter Score (NPS), which we have been measuring for the past three years.

## **Sun Tekstil Company Structure**

## **Company General Information**

Scope of Activities of the Company	Our company provides consultancy and contractor services in
	the manufacturing, export, and domestic trade of weaving,
	knitting, textile, and apparel products. We also specialize in
	establishing and operating industrial facilities and factories
	required for the production of these goods. Additionally, we
	engage in the production, purchase, sale, import, export, and
	marketing of textiles, fabrics, ready-to-wear garments,
	souvenirs, leather garments, and apparel products. We have
	branches and stores both domestically and internationally and
	offer agency services.
Capital:	474,600,000 TL
Environmental Expenditures	17,659,451.00 TL
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## **Employee Information**

Number of Employees	1,325
Women Employees Ratio	42.1%
Women Managers Ratio	63.1%
Gender Pay Gap Percentage	100%*
Employees With Disabilities	2.0%
Number of Employees With Disabilities	25

% of employees represented by	48%
trade union	

% of employees covered by	48%
Collective Bargaining Agreement	

<sup>\*</sup>There is no difference in pay for men and women

# Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder	Communication Method	Content	Communication Platform
Employees	Life in Sun Survey	Measuring awareness and maturity through sustainability questions included in the survey	•
	Sun Academy Sustainability Training Programs	Increasing awareness and knowledge through sustainability training programs consisting of various modules	Sun Academy
	In-Class Sustainability Training Programs	Increasing awareness and knowledge through sustainability training programs consisting of various modules	In-class training
	Launch of the Sustainability Report	Information about the publication and content of our sustainability report of the relevant year and sharing motivation for reviewing it	In-house e-mail Presentation and event Video sharing through common area televisions and Sun Academy
	Senior Management Message	Sharing the senior management's message specific for that year about our sustainability strategies and vision	In-house e-mail Sun Academy Sun IK Announcement System Sun Cloud
	Events Attendedby Our Executives	Information about participated events, summaries orcitations from our executives' posts, and sharing therecords of the participated session	In-house e-mail Sun Academy Sun IK Announcement System Video sharing from Sun Academy

Customers	Launch of the Sustainability Report	Information about the publication and content of our sustainability report for the relevant year	Company website
	Sustainability Presentations	Sharing customer-oriented sustainability presentations that cover our current sustainability activities	Online meetings Physical meetings and events
Suppliers	Launch of the Sustainability Report	Information about the publication and content of our sustainability report for the relevant year	Company website Sharing e-mail with the letter from the CEO
	Sustainability Presentations	Sharing customer-oriented sustainability presentations that cover our current sustainability activities	Online meetings In- class training
	Supplier Sustainability Training Programs	Increasing awareness and knowledge through sustainability training programs consisting of various modules for the needs identified in line with the scorecards and strategies. We completed total of 3,326 training hours on topics such as Renewable Energy and Green Energy certificates, Circular Economy, Sustainability Criteria of our Customers, CAP Report, Environmental Management System Requirements, SLCP Registration and Module Usage.	Online meetings In- class training
Shareholders/ Investors	Launch of the Sustainability Report	Information about the publication and content of our sustainability report for the relevant year	Company website Sharing e-mail with the letter from the CEO
Regulatory Bodies and Local Administrations	Sustainability Presentations	Sharing customer-oriented sustainability presentations that cover our current sustainability activities	Online meetings Physical meetings and events
All Stakeholders	Sustainability Presentations	Sharing customer-oriented sustainability presentations that cover our current sustainability activities	Online meetings Physical meetings and events Social media posts

In addition to our stakeholder communication strategy, in 2023, we organized online meetings during Sustainable Supply Chain Gatherings events. We also engaged with suppliers in various training sessions and provided mentorship during audits for sustainability performance scorecards. We held sustainability meetings with employees across departments, conducted quarterly general situation assessment meetings with our employees to share our company's ESG+Financial status, and had annual strategic planning meetings with company executives. We gathered with shareholders and investors in the general assembly meeting, collaborated with NGOs and associations on projects and events, participated in activities with universities and students, engaged in joint programs with private sector representatives, collaborated with entrepreneurs on joint programs and partnerships, and communicated with all stakeholders through social media, websites, and newsletters.

Breakdown of Shareholders Holding More Than 5% of the Capital and Voting Rights

Shareholder	Group	Share in Capital (TL)	Ratio in Capital (%)	Voting Right Ratio(%)	
ELVAN ÜNLÜTÜRK	A	23,100,000	34.12	37.15	
	В	138,810,000			
ŞEFİKA GÜNSELİ	A	19,950,000	28.58	31.47	
ÜNLÜTÜRK	В	115,710,000			
MEHMET MUAMMER	A	3,150,000	5.53	5.67	
ÜNLÜTÜRK	В	23,100,000			
AZİZE CEYLAN	A	3,150,000	5.53	5.67	
ÜNLÜTÜRK YEŞİLOVA	В	23,100,000			
AYŞE ÜNLÜTÜRK	A	3,150,000	5.53	5.67	
	В	23,100,000			
PUBLIC	В	98,280,0000	20.71	14.37	
TOTAL		474,600,000	100	100	

The Company has no cross shareholding.

## **Company Capital**

Sun Tekstil has accepted the registered capital system in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets Law No. 6362 and has switched to the registered capital system with the permission of the Capital Markets Board dated 10 February 2022 and numbered 07/181. The registered capital ceiling of the Company is 600,000,000 TL (Six Hundred Million Turkish Liras) and is divided into 600,000,000 shares with a value of 1 (one) Turkish Lira each.

The company has completed the public offering of a total of 23,400,000 TL nominal value, consisting

of 15,600,000 TL nominal value of 15,600,000 bearer shares of Class B, issued due to the increase in the company's issued capital from 120,000,000 TL to 135,600,000 TL, and a total of 7,800,000 TL (3,900,000 TL owned by Elvan Ünlütürk and 3,900,000 TL owned by Şefika Günseli Ünlütürk) owned by existing shareholders. The public offering was completed on May 11-12-13, 2022. Starting from May 20, 2022, the shares are traded on Borsa Istanbul Star Market under the symbol "SUNTK." The company's issued capital is 135,600,000 TL, and the entire issued capital has been fully paid without any fraudulent intention. This capital is divided into 135,600,000 shares with a par value of 1 TL each, of which 15,000,000 shares are registered (Class A) and 120,600,000 shares are bearer (Class B).

The Issue Document and Draft Amendment to the Articles of Association regarding the shares with a nominal value of 339,000,000 TL to be issued within the scope of increasing the Company's capital from 135,600,000 TL to 474,600,000 TL by fully covering the emission premium were approved by the Capital Markets Board's decision dated 27 October 2023 and numbered 64/1386.

The amendment of Article 6 titled "Capital" of the Articles of Association, which was amended within the scope of increasing the issued capital of the Company from 135,600,000 TL to 474,600,000 TL by fully covering the emission premium, was registered by the Torbalı Trade Registry Directorate on 3 November 2023 and the announcement regarding the registration was published in the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette No. 10950 dated 3 November 2023.

#### **Voting Rights of Preferred Shares**

The Company's shares are divided into two groups, namely (A) and (B). In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, privileged Group (A) shares hold 11.06% of the capital and have the privilege to nominate and nominate candidates for the board of directors and to vote in the general assembly. Group (B) shares do not have privileges.

The company's capital can be increased or decreased within the framework of the Turkish Commercial Code and capital market legislation when necessary.

The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the issued capital by issuing new shares up to the authorized capital limit, as deemed necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets Law. The Board is also authorized to make decisions regarding the restriction of rights of privileged shareholders, limitation of shareholders' rights to subscribe for new shares, and issuance of shares below par value or at a premium, in compliance with the applicable regulations. The authority to restrict the rights of new share subscription cannot be used in a manner that would lead to inequality among shareholders.

### **Statutory Provisions**

Provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code No.6102, the Capital Markets Law, the capital markets legislation and other relevant legislation shall apply in respect of matters not covered by the Articles of Association.

#### **Sun Tekstil Board of Directors and Structure Information**

#### **Board Functionality**

At Sun Tekstil, our board is dedicated to steering our company effectively. We strategically define missions, allocate resources, and ensure legal compliance. Financial oversight, key decision-making, and member management are our priorities, fostering transparency and public trust. We invest in

programs aligned with our mission, setting goals that reflect our commitment to innovation and excellence. Governance rules ensure a smooth decision-making process. At Sun Tekstil, our board's approach encompasses strategic planning, resource allocation, legal compliance, financial oversight, decision-making, member management, public relations, program investment, goal setting, and governance rule establishment, driving our commitment to sustainable growth and corporate excellence.

#### **Board of Directors Members**

Name-Surname	Gender	Title	Profession	The First Election Date To Board	Whether Executive Director or Not	Whethe r the Director has at Least 5 Years' Experie nce on Audit, Account ing and/or Finance or not	Independe nt Board Member or not	Committees Charged and Task
ELVAN ÜNLÜTÜRK	Female	Chairma n of the Board	Businessman / Businesswoman	09/03/2022	Non- Executive	No	Dependent Member	
MUSTAFA SABRİ ÜNLÜTÜRK	Male	Deputy Chairma n of the Board	Businessman / Businesswoman	09/03/2022	Executive	No	Dependent Member	
İSHAK AYDIN ÖZTÜRK	Male	Member of the Board	Managing Director / Chief Executive	27/06/2024	Non- Executive	No	Dependent Member	
MELİS VEKİLOĞLU	Female	Member of the Board	Managing Director / Chief Executive	09/03/2022	Executive	No	Dependent Member	
ELİF İDİL TÜRKMENOĞLU	Female	Member of the Board	Businessman / Businesswoman	09/03/2022	Non- Executive	No	Independen t Member	Corporate Governance Committee (Committee Chairperson), Audit Committee (Committee Member), Early Detectiom Committee (Committee Member)

MARC	MURAT	Male	Member	Businessman	/29/09/2023	Non-	Yes	Independen	Corporate
SAĞMAN			of the	Businesswoman		Executive		t Member	Governance
			Board						Committee
									(Committee
									Member),
									Audit
									Committee
									(Committee
									Chairperson),
									Early
									Detectiom
									Committee
									(Committee
									Chairperson)

You can access the resumes of our Board of Directors members through the following link:

#### https://www.suntekstil.com.tr/en/board-of-directors/

In accordance with the Corporate Governance Communiqué II-17.1 issued by the Capital Markets Board, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee carry out their duties as determined by legislation and the Board of Directors' decision. The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring the fulfillment of these duties. The decision regarding the functioning principles of these committees was made by the Board of Directors during the meeting held on June 15, 2022, under resolution number 2022/26, and their working principles are regulated under the Corporate Governance Committee Working Principles. Information on the structure and independence of the Committees can be found in Annex 3. The areas of responsibility, working principles, and composition of the committees were determined by the Board of Directors and disclosed to the public on the Public Disclosure Platform (KAP) and the company's corporate website. The chairpersons of the Board committees are Independent Board members, and all members except for the Investor Relations Manager are non-executive members of the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer does not participate in these committees.

The Nomination Committee works on establishing a transparent system for identifying, evaluating, training, and rewarding suitable candidates for the Board of Directors. They also provide recommendations regarding the number of Board members and executives.

The affairs and management of the company are conducted by a board of directors consisting of a minimum of 6 (six) and a maximum of 10 (ten) members, to be elected by the (A) Group shareholders or their nominated candidates, or from among the (A) Group shareholders, for a maximum period of 3 years, following the principles of capital market legislation and the Turkish Commercial Code. The board of directors will be composed of an even number of members, with 1/2 (half) of the total members to be elected from among the (A) Group shareholders or their nominated candidates. To avoid any doubt, in a board of directors with 6 (six) members, 3 (three) members are elected from the (A) Group shareholders; in a board of directors with 8 (eight) members, 4 (four) members are elected from the (A) Group shareholders; and in a board of directors with 10 (ten) members, 5 (five) members are elected from the (A) Group shareholders or their nominated candidates. The number and qualifications of independent members who will serve on the board are determined in accordance with the regulations on corporate governance issued by the Capital Markets Board and other capital market legislation.

The number and qualifications of independent members who will serve on the board, with a minimum of 2 (two) members, are determined in accordance with the regulations on corporate governance issued by the Capital Markets Board and other capital market legislation. The board members elected from among the candidates nominated by the (A) Group shareholders will consist of members other than the independent members.

For the year of 2024 Sun Tekstil's Board of Directors consists of a total of 6 members including 2 independent members and their term of office is 3 years.

As of 2024, the percentage of women on the Board of Directors is 50%. Our company, with female founders and managers, has made gender equality an integral part of its corporate culture since its establishment in 1987. We continuously improve our activities within the framework of the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs), which we signed in 2015. Our commitment to gender diversity within our Board of Directors is further elucidated in our policy "Board of directors women member policy."

Furthermore, the company aims to increase the diversity of the Board of Directors in terms of geography, age, race, gender, and ethnic origin. The number of women on the board demonstrates our commitment to this issue.

In addition, Sun Tekstil is a member of the 30% Club. The 30% Club is a business-led campaign aimed at increasing female representation at the board and senior management (C-Suite) levels in the world's largest companies. The global mission of the program is to achieve at least 30% female representation in all boardrooms and senior management globally. Based on this, our goal is to achieve a 40% female representation among the employees of the board of directors.

The members of the Board of Directors whose term of office expires may be re-elected. In the event of a vacancy in a Board of Directors membership, the Board of Directors will appoint a temporary member, subject to the approval of the next General Assembly meeting, and the appointed member will serve until that meeting. The appointed member, whose appointment is approved by the General Assembly, will complete the term of their predecessor. Board of Directors members may be removed from office at any time by a resolution of the General Assembly, provided there is a justifiable reason, even if there is no relevant item on the agenda.

The General Assembly elects a sufficient number of independent Board of Directors members in accordance with the principles of independence stated in the Capital Markets Board's Corporate Governance Principles. The tenure of independent board members is determined in compliance with the regulations on corporate governance issued by the Capital Markets Board. If an independent member loses their independence, resigns, or becomes unable to perform their duties, the provisions of the capital market legislation and the Capital Markets Board's regulations on corporate governance shall be followed. The determination of the remuneration for independent board members complies with the provisions of the capital market legislation.

The Board of Directors is authorized to make decisions that are not within the scope of decisions to be taken by the General Assembly in accordance with the Turkish Commercial Code, the Capital Markets Law, relevant legislation, and the Articles of Association.

The General Assembly is authorized to determine the remuneration for the Board of Directors members and other financial benefits to be provided to them, in compliance with the regulations of the Capital Markets Board.

The company is managed and represented by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is authorized to make decisions regarding all kinds of matters and transactions necessary for the realization of the company's business purpose, except for those within the authority of the General Assembly as stipulated by the Turkish Commercial Code, capital market regulations, and the Articles of Association. For the validity of all transactions and documents issued by the company, they must be signed by individuals authorized to represent the company under its name.

The Board of Directors convenes with the majority of the total number of its members as required by the business and operations of the Company and resolutions are adopted with the majority of the members present at the meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors has one voting right.

If none of the members requests a meeting, Board of Directors decisions can be made in the form of a decision based on a written proposal by one of the members on a specific matter, provided that written approval is obtained from at least the majority of the total number of members. It is a prerequisite for the validity of the decision taken in this way that the same proposal is made by all board members. The

presence of approvals on the same paper is not required; however, it is necessary for the decision's validity that all papers containing the approvals or a decision incorporating the signatures of the approving members are attached to the Board of Directors' resolution book.

Board of Directors meetings can be held through electronic means. Those who have the right to attend the company's board meetings can also participate in these meetings electronically in accordance with Article 1527 of the Turkish Commercial Code. The company can establish an Electronic Meeting System that allows shareholders to participate and vote electronically in these meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Communiqué Regarding the Meetings To Be Held Via Electronic Media In Commerick Companies Except for General Assemblies of Joint Stock Companies, or it can purchase services from systems created for this purpose.

Subject to the provision in clause b of Article 4.3.6 of the Corporate Governance Principles, the board members whose term has expired may be re-elected. The General Assembly may change the members of the Board of Directors at any time if it deems necessary.

Number of board meetings	12
Board Average Tenure	3 years
Board Meeting Attendance Average	90%
Committee Meetings Attendance Average	100%
Board Attendance	Elvan Ünlütürk: 100%
	Mustafa Sabri Ünlütürk: 98%
	İshak Aydın Öztürk: 98%
	Melis Vekiloğlu: 100%
	Elif İdil Türkmenoğlu: 71%
	Marc Murat Sağman: 76%

#### **Sun Tekstil Compensation Policy Information**

The Corporate Governance Committee presents its recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the compensation to be provided to the Board members and executives with administrative responsibilities. The Board of Directors is responsible for achieving the operational and financial performance targets set by the Company, which are determined and disclosed to the public. An assessment is made regarding whether the Company has reached its disclosed operational and financial performance targets, and if not, the reasons are explained in the annual activity report. Performance evaluations are conducted for both the Board of Directors as a whole and individually for each member and executive with administrative responsibilities. The compensation of Board members and executives with administrative responsibilities is determined taking into account these evaluations.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and members may receive a fee/attendance allowance based on meeting attendance for the services they provide in these capacities. The amount to be paid is determined at the General Assembly meeting. The expenses incurred by Board members and executives with administrative responsibilities in carrying out their responsibilities and duties are covered by the Company. Independent Board members receive a compensation amount that ensures their independence, and profit sharing, stock options, or performance-based payment plans are not used in their remuneration. The compensation provided to Board members and executives with administrative responsibilities, as well as any other benefits provided, are disclosed to the public through the annual activity report.

The rights granted to senior executives are determined based on market and/or sector conditions, inflation trends, the executive's position, level of responsibility, qualifications, and individual performance, and monthly compensation is paid throughout the term of the employment contract. The salaries are determined taking into account information related to market and/or sector conditions, the salaries received by executives at similar companies in the sector, the Company's achievement of short and long-term goals, and its future prospects.

The compensation of senior executives consists of two components: fixed and performance-based. The fixed (monthly) salary is reviewed once a year, unless there are no changes in market conditions, within the framework of the principles determined as the basis for determining the salary. The salaries will be in line with the Company's ethical values, internal balances, and strategic objectives. Executives with administrative responsibilities will be fairly compensated, considering the responsibilities they undertake. In order to support the compensation management with additional benefits, the Company provides fringe benefits. The fringe benefits offered by the Company encompass principles of being market-appropriate, competitive, and fair. In addition to other benefits such as complementary health insurance provided to senior executives, benefits such as company cars can also be provided. Although the Company currently does not have a non-financial performance-oriented compensation policy, it is planned to be established in the upcoming years.

Similarly, the purpose of our Variable Compensation management is to reward our employees for outstanding performance, support them in achieving the budget targets of our company, and exceeding their targets, as well as to establish a performance-oriented culture focused on goals in our company. In this regard, the bonus practices are as follows: Bonuses are payments made to enhance the effectiveness of managers in achieving corporate objectives, ensuring performance continuity, differentiating successful managers by highlighting individual performance, and rewarding managers who create added value for the Company. Bonuses are determined for the relevant calendar year and are defined based on predetermined weights approved by the Board of Directors, taking into account the achievement of specific targets, general economic conditions, and the individual performance of the employee.

#### **Sun Tekstil General Assembly and Structure Information**

The Company General Assembly meets regularly or extraordinary. Ordinary General Assembly meetings are held within 3 (three) months following the end of the Company's fiscal year, and extraordinary General Assembly meetings are held when required by the Company's activities, the provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code (TCC), and capital market legislation.

The convening of the General Assembly meeting is subject to the provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code, Capital Market Law, and relevant regulations. Notifications regarding General Assembly meetings are made in accordance with the provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code and capital market legislation. In addition to the procedures prescribed by the legislation, the announcement of the General Assembly meeting is made at least three weeks in advance of the meeting date, using all means of communication, including electronic communication, except for the meeting dates.

At the General Assembly meetings, each Class A share carries 5 (five) voting rights for its owner, while each Class B share carries 1 (one) voting right for its owner. According to Article 479/3(a) of the TCC, voting privileges cannot be used in amendments to the articles of association. The right to attend and vote at the General Assembly cannot be subject to the requirement of the shareholder depositing their share certificates or documents proving their share ownership with a credit institution or elsewhere.

During the Company's General Assembly meetings, matters specified in the TCC, capital market

legislation, and the Capital Markets Board's regulations are discussed and resolved. It is obligatory to include in the general assembly agenda the matters that are requested to be discussed or notified to the shareholders by the SPK, even if they do not comply with the principle of agenda adherence. The quorum requirements for General Assembly meetings and decision-making are subject to the provisions of the TCC, capital market legislation, SPK's corporate governance principles, and other regulations.

#### **Audit Committee**

The working principles of the Audit Committee are as follows:

- > To carry out studies on the efficiency and adequacy of the internal control system and report to the Board of Directors,
- > To ensure that necessary measures are taken to ensure that internal audit is carried out transparently and that internal audit activities are independent and impartial,
- > To review the work and organisational structure, duties and working principles of the Internal Audit Department, to inform the Board of Directors about the issues that limit or prevent the work of the internal auditors and the effectiveness of their activities and to make suggestions.
- > To approve the Internal Audit Regulation and provide assurance to the Board of Directors regarding the following matters in accordance with the procedures and principles specified in the Regulation:
  - Compliance, effectiveness, and added value of activities with Institution's policies, plans, procedures, and legal regulations
  - Protection of Institution's assets
  - Effective and efficient utilization of resources
  - Achievement of operations and programs in accordance with established principles and desired objectives.
- ➤ To make assessments regarding the examination of audit performance.
- > To review and evaluate findings related to deficiencies in risk management, internal control, and corporate governance processes reported by the Internal Audit Unit, as well as special review and advisory reports.
- > To evaluate the scope of advisory activities of the Internal Audit Department and examine the effectiveness and compliance with the principle of independence.
- > To assess the scope and adequacy of the services to be obtained from the Internal Audit Unit in cases deemed necessary due to audit, review, and special examination, particularly in scientific, technical, and specialized matters.

#### Lawsuits That Could Affect the Company's Financial Position and Operations

According to our latest report dated December 31, 2024, there are no legal cases within the last 12

months that, if decided against the company, would individually or collectively have a significant adverse impact on the company's operations, operational results, or financial condition. During the same period, there are legal cases related to reinstatement and labor receivables, totaling 879,348 TL, arising from the financial situation or profitability of the issuer and/or the group, as specified in the audit report.

Additionally, there are no environmental fines. We are exempt from environmental impact assessments. There were no confirmed cases of corruption during the reporting period, no employees dismissed or disciplined for this reason, no business partnership agreements terminated or not renewed due to corruption violations, and no public lawsuits filed against the organization or its employees.

## **Company Donations and Aids**

Regarding donations and assistance, compliance with relevant legislation, including the Capital Markets Board's regulations on hidden gains and transfer prohibition, and mandatory corporate governance principles, is ensured. The total amount of donations and assistance made by the company in the year 2024 is 1,209,424,00 TL.

### Annex 1: Additional Information's regarding Sun Tekstil Company Structure

### Further clarification regarding litigation expenses:

According to our 31.12.2024 report, in the last 12 months total of all litigation expenses incurred: 879,348 TL

The litigation expenses were realized during the reporting period and have been recorded as an expense item under the Income Statement. This amount is treated separately from provisions set aside for anticipated outcomes of ongoing legal cases (legal provisions) and has been directly associated with the income statement rather than the balance sheet.

## Further clarification regarding policy executive retention:

Performance evaluations are conducted for the Board of Directors and executives, and their compensation is determined accordingly. The Board members may receive a fee/attendance allowance, and the Company covers their expenses. Independent Board members receive compensation for their independence. Senior executives have fixed and performance-based compensation, aligned with market conditions and the Company's goals. They may receive additional benefits such as fringe benefits and company cars.

In line with its comprehensive compensation policy, Sun Tekstil aims to attract, motivate, and retain high-caliber executives, including the CEO, executive directors, non-board executives, and other management bodies. The policy ensures transparency through disclosed compensation and benefits, taking into account performance evaluations, market conditions, individual contributions, and adherence to ethical values and strategic objectives. It encompasses both fixed and performance-based components for senior executives, along with additional fringe benefits. Furthermore, Sun Tekstil plans to establish a non-financial performance-oriented compensation policy in the future, complementing its existing variable compensation system that rewards exceptional employee performance.

#### Further clarification regarding policy shareholder engagement:

The Company arranges a yearly shareholders' gathering wherein shareholders have the chance to inquire and discuss matters related to the Company. Ordinary General Assembly meetings take place within three months after the conclusion of the Company's fiscal year.

Also, pursuant to Article 437 of the Commercial Code, which also applies to Sun Tekstil:

- (1) Financial statements, consolidated financial statements, the annual activity report of the board of directors, audit reports, and the board of directors' proposal for profit distribution shall be made available for examination by the shareholders at the company's headquarters and branches at least fifteen days before the general assembly meeting. The financial statements and consolidated statements shall remain accessible to shareholders at the headquarters and branches for a period of one year. Each shareholder may request a copy of the income statement and balance sheet, with the expenses borne by the company.
- (2) Shareholders may request information from the board of directors during the general assembly regarding the company's affairs and from the auditors regarding the manner and results of the audit. The obligation to provide information also includes the subsidiary companies of the company, within the scope of Article 200. The information provided must be diligent and truthful in terms of accountability and honesty principles. If information has been provided to a shareholder on a matter outside the agenda due to their status, upon the request of another shareholder, the same information, with the same scope

and detail, shall be provided, even if it is not related to the agenda.

#### Further clarification regarding shareholders vote on executive pay:

Shareholders of the company have the right to vote on executive compensation through a non-binding consultative vote on the remuneration report. The remuneration report includes details of the principles governing the compensation of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, as well as the amounts paid to members of these bodies in the current year. The determination of the specific amounts to be paid is made during the General Assembly meeting, where shareholders have the opportunity to review and approve the overall remuneration report.

#### Further clarification regarding succession Plan:

We have revised our career architecture, where we can evaluate all groups independently of each other by putting talent at the center, and aim to prioritize the right development needs for each group in 2022. Based on this model, we have created a unique career map that focuses on the roles and leaders the company needs, where personalized talent is important, and where potential is prioritized along with performance, instead of the old seniority-oriented model that did not fully match talent management. With this change, we reviewed the career architecture works for all our colleagues. In according with this, Sun Tekstil also has a succession plan in place for executive management (key board members). The plan aims to identify potential candidates who can fill these key executive positions. The succession plan ensures that there is a pool of qualified individuals who can step into these roles if the need arises.

#### **Further clarification regarding compensation Improvement Tools:**

Sun Tekstil has the necessary internal improvement and information tools for the board members to develop appropriate compensation/remuneration to attract and retain key executives. The compensation committee has the authority to hire external consultants or advisors to assist in performing its duty in fixing executive remuneration. This ensures that the board has access to expert guidance and industry insights to make informed decisions regarding executive compensation.

#### Further clarification regarding policy board experience:

All members of the board of directors have successfully completed their undergraduate education in their respective fields and possess extensive experience in the sector. The composition of the Sun Tekstil's Supervisory Board must consistently ensure that its members possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and industry expertise to effectively carry out their responsibilities. Sun Tekstil aims to uphold a well-rounded board by ensuring a sufficient representation of diverse experience and expertise, encompassing both financial and industry knowledge.

#### **Further clarification regarding auditors:**

In Sun Tekstil's Annual Report, it is stated that the independent audit firm conducting the financial audits, Sun Bağımsız Denetim ve Yeminli Mali Müşavirlik A.Ş, has been working with the company for two years.

## **Annex 2: Board of Directors Competency Matrix**

## Sun Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret AŞ

**Board Skills Matrix** 

This tool is designed to help boards assess the level of experience each director has in various skill areas, as well as the overall composition of the board as it relates to diversity.

**Directions:** In the *Skills & Experience Section*, rate each board director using a scale of High(3) to Low/Not Applicable (1) to reflect the level of experience possessed in a particular area. In the *Demographic Background Section*, enter the qualifications as it relates to each director.

	Priority L	egend
1	High	3
)	Medium	2
	Low/NA	1

Term Expiration Date							
Term Beginning Date	Mar- 2022	Mar- 2022	Haz- 2024	Mar- 2022	Eyl- 2023	Mar- 2022	
Term Expiration Date	Mar- 2025	Mar- 2025	Haz- 2027	Mar- 2025	Mar- 2025	Mar- 2025	
Skills & Experience							
Accounting / Financial Expert	3	2	3	2	3	2	
Auditing	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Board of Director Experience	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Capital Markets	3	2	2	2	3	2	
CEO Succession Planning	3	2	3	3	2	2	
Corporate Governance	3	2	2	3	3	3	
Cyber-security	3	1	2	1	1	1	
Data Analytics	2	2	3	2	3	2	
Government Relations / Public Policy	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Human Resources / Human Capital	3	3	3	3	2	2	
Industry Knowledge	3	3	3	3	2	3	
Innovation	3	3	3	2	1	3	
Integrated Reporting/ESG	2	2	3	3	1	2	
International Knowledge	2	3	3	2	3	2	
Investor Relations	3	2	2	2	3	2	
Internal Control Systems	3	3	2	2	2	2	
Legal	3	2	2	2	1	2	
Marketing/ Public Relations	3	3	3	2	3	3	
Mergers & Acquisitions / Investment Banking	3	2	2	2	3	1	
Information Technology	3	2	2	1	2	2	
Tax	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Climate Change Management	2	2	2	2	1	2	

**Demographic Background** 

Age

25-40							
41-55		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
56-70	Yes		Yes				
Over 70							
Ethnicity							
African origins							
Asian origins							
Caribbean origins							
European origins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Latin, Centreal and South American origins							
North American Aboriginal origins							
Oceania origins							

## **Annex 3: Structure and Independency of the Committees**

## **Corporate Governance Committee**

The duty of the Corporate Governance Committee is to determine whether the corporate governance principles are applied in the Company, if not, to determine the reasons for not applying these principles and to determine the conflicts of interest arising from not fully complying with these principles, to make recommendations to the Board of Directors to improve corporate governance practices and to supervise the work of the investor relations department. The Committee also fulfils the duties of the nomination and remuneration committee specified in the Corporate Governance Principles. The Committee convenes as often as it deems necessary and keeps a written record of all its activities.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Name Surname	Committee Role	Independent Board Member	Whether Executive Director
		or not	or Not
Elif İdil Türkmenoğlu	Chairperson	Independent member	Non-Executive
Murat Sağman	Member	Independent member	Non-Executive
Selma Çubuklu	Member	Investor Relations	Non-Executive
		Manager	

#### **Audit Committee**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the effectiveness and adequacy of the internal control, risk management and internal audit systems, the functioning of these systems and the accounting and reporting systems, and the integrity of the information produced, making the necessary preliminary assessments for the selection of independent audit firms by the Board of Directors, and regularly monitoring the activities of the independent audit firms selected by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly. The Audit Committee consists of the following members and convenes at least four times a year, at least quarterly.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Name Surname	Committee Role	Independent Board Member	Whether Executive Director
		or not	or Not
Marc Murat Sağman	Chairperson	Independent member	Non-Executive
Elif İdil Türkmenoğlu	Member	Independent member	Non-Executive

## **Early Detection of Risk Committee**

The Early Detection of Risk Committee is responsible for early detection of risks that may jeopardise the existence, development and continuity of the Company, taking necessary precautions against detected risks and managing the risks. The Committee convenes as often as it deems necessary and keeps a written record of all its activities. The Committee submits reports containing information about its activities and meeting results to the Board of Directors.

## EARLY DETECTION OF RISK COMMITTEE

Name Surname	Committee Role	Independent Board Member	Whether Executive Director
		or not	or Not
Marc Murat Sağman	Chairperson	Independent member	Non-Executive
Elif İdil Türkmenoğlu	Member	Independent member	Non-Executive

#### **Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Committee, established in line with corporate goals, consists of our board members, company managers, human resources manager, corporate communication manager, sustainability manager and environmental engineers. The Sustainability Committee convenes as often as it deems necessary, but not less than three times a year. Sustainability-related risk analyses, climate-related issues and strategies are discussed and action plans determined by the committee and the needs of our companies are acted upon. Our activities, value chain and expectations of our business partners are also evaluated in this context. Our stakeholders are consulted and sector reports and customer strategies are analysed.

## **Management Discussion and Analysis**

In 2024, Sun Tekstil continued to strengthen its integrated sustainability strategy, prioritizing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance across all operations. In this context, we assess both financial and non-financial factors through sustainability-focused investments, managing our environmental impacts and operational costs effectively. We achieved significant progress in reducing our environmental footprint, including a 41% decrease in Scope 1 emissions and maintaining 100% renewable energy usage for Scope 2 emissions. Our water recovery facility reached a 65% reuse rate in pilot operations, and we are targeting 90% recovery at full capacity by 2025. We invested in digital and AI-based technologies for design and production, increasing efficiency and reducing fabric waste by over 33,000 kg. Our commitment to circularity was reflected in producing 75% of our products with sustainable raw materials and enhancing traceability through globally recognized certifications. On the social front, we supported career development through 25,000+ training hours and filled 130 positions via internal promotions. Employee well-being and inclusion remained key priorities, with strengthened diversity practices and nursery support for working parents. From a governance perspective, we sustained a high corporate governance rating and reinforced risk management processes through COSO-based climate risk assessments. We also expanded our sustainable supply chain performance management, reaching 67% supplier engagement on the Higg FEM platform. Looking ahead, we will continue investing in innovation and science-based climate targets to align with global sustainability and compliance frameworks. In line with our environmental and financial responsibilities, we continue to integrate ESG criteria into our business processes and maintain transparent and sustainable communication with our stakeholders.