



The Sustainability Strategy



# SUSTAIN ABILITY,

We actively strive, within all our capabilities, to develop and produce better products for a better planet.

#### Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

FROMM is one of the world's largest PET recycling companies. At our plant in the German town of Wolfen, we convert used PET bottles into a basic product with outstanding properties for the production of our polyester strapping, for new PET bottles (bottle to bottle) and other food packaging.

#### **Our Commitment**

But our quality thinking goes one step further: FROMM is committed to the environmentally sound use of resources, to the non-use of environmentally and health-damaging materials, to the efficient use of means of transport and to the sustainable reduction of direct and indirect CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

Where applicable, sensible and possible, our plants are certified by ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System) and/or ISO 50001 (Energy Management System). Besides solar energy, our plastics production and Recycle facilities have controlled closed water circulation systems with internal filtration installed.

Wherever possible and efficient, the waste heat produced by production is used for internal heating and other purposes. We invest in reducing noise and dust as well as minimizing production waste and further processing of the materials.

#### **Our Cooperation**

Regardless of our commitment to environmental protection through recycling, green initiatives, new product development, and building partnerships with relevant nonprofit organizations and partner companies, we strive to keep our populations healthy and prosperous.

#### **Our Vision**

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle – Reduced resource consumption by better efficiency, reuse of products and recycling and conversion of materials. We do our part conscientiously and will continue to do so in the future.

We actively strive, within all our capabilities, to develop and produce better products for a better planet. Together with our customers, we will find the most practical and sustainable solution – where logistically possible and environmentally conscious, we bring the materials back to our recycling facilities or look for other ways to achieve sustainable responsible results.

Reduce resource consumption Reuse products Recycle and convert materials



## PRODUCTION

## Controlled water circulation

Our plastics production and recycling plants operate with controlled, closed water circulation systems with integrated filtration. In some cases recycled wastewater is used. So we can almost do without high-quality drinking water in our production.

We will continue to make further efforts to reduce the amount of water needed, even more in the future.

#### Certification

We understand our impact on the environment as an important responsibility. In order to achieve a further continuous improvement of our environmental performance, we have, where appropriate, reasonable and possible, certified according to the environmental management standard DIN EN ISO 14001 and the DIN EN ISO 50001 in the field of energy management system.

#### Noise and Dust

The reduction of noise and dust in our production facilities is part of our continuous improvement policy. In this way, we create an **optimal working environment** for our employees, meeting or exceeding the legal requirements – and of course also benefits our environment.

Environmental protection is a very important part of the social responsibility of our company.





#### Solar energy

Due to investments in energy-saving measures, some of our production and recycling plants are already equipped with solar cell roofs. These generate enough electricity that sometimes even up to 35% of the energy consumption is CO<sup>2</sup>-emission-free.

Solar power gives us the opportunity to realize a **power supply without unnecessary resource consumption** and without environmental damage.

#### Waste processing

Our production facilities work towards or meet almost 'zero waste to landfill'; no waste is disposed to landfill. Metal, paper, cardboard, wood and glass are separated and fully processed and recycled by local waste companies. The film and strap waste, generated during production, is recovered in a closed cycle.

This allows waste streams from STARstrap polyester strap and HDPE Airpad films to be internally **reclaimed**, **recycled and re-processed** in the — production process, or used as an energy-efficient, low-emission fuel in waste incineration processes.

Overall, the sorting rate of the entire material is over 95%.

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# PRODUCTS

#### Polyester Strap

STARstrap™ plastic straps belong to the lightest polyester straps available today, with up to 25% less polyester base material.

The straps are manufactured in our production centers using up to 98% recycled polyester bottle material on state-of-the-art extrusion lines. The majority of this recycled raw material is produced, amongst others, in FROMM's own plastic recycling plant Texplast GmbH in Wolfen. These plastic straps are therefore environmentally friendly and comply with the European Packaging Directive 94/62 / EC.

Through deliberate optimization of truck loads and the shortest possible transport routes for our raw materials, recyclates and end products, we try to limit the environmental impact as much as possible.

#### Protecting with air

For our Airpad air cushions, we offer our customers special HDPE films (25-65 microns) with a recycling rate of up to 60%, biodegradable films or paper alternatives that guarantee a high load capacity. The intelligent cushioning system consists of up to 99% air - this saves a lot of weight, volume, costs and, above all, raw materials.

The worldwide patented Airpad air cushion system guarantees best protection, weight saving, transport costs reduction, minimum space requirement and high environmental compatibility.



## Wrapping with up to stretch potential Stretch wrapping Highly efficient, material-saving packaging and optimal pallet securing through the combination of our offered tear-resistant quality stretch films (8-23 microns) and our wrapping machines, with a pre-stretch unit of up to 400%. Up to five meters of film can be made from one metre. Responsibility Our tools and machines are designed Protecting with up to for a long service life and low energy consumption. Only high quality materials are used which are easy to disassemble and easy to recycle. Thanks to low-wear, efficient components, energy savings of up to 25% are realized. Our specially developed service program "Lifecycle Care" offers more than 12 months warranty and service life extending solutions for tools and machines. The Lifecycle Care Service Program aims for the lowest possible Total costs of Ownership (TCO). FROMM 7

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# RECYCLING

#### **PET-Recycling**

Returned used PET bottles are converted in the FROMM recycling plant to high-quality regrinds, regranulates and agglomerates for the production of PET straps, food packagings, textiles and beverage bottles.
FROMM recycled PET products meet or exceed the highest ecological and food industry standards.

#### **Texplast**

The PET recycling company Texplast in Wolfen (Germany), has been a subsidiary of FROMM Plastics GmbH since 2004. Texplast produces **PET pellets and PET flakes.** We use the flakes for our own production of STARstrap PET strap and supply manufacturers of beverage bottles, food thermoforming films and fibers.

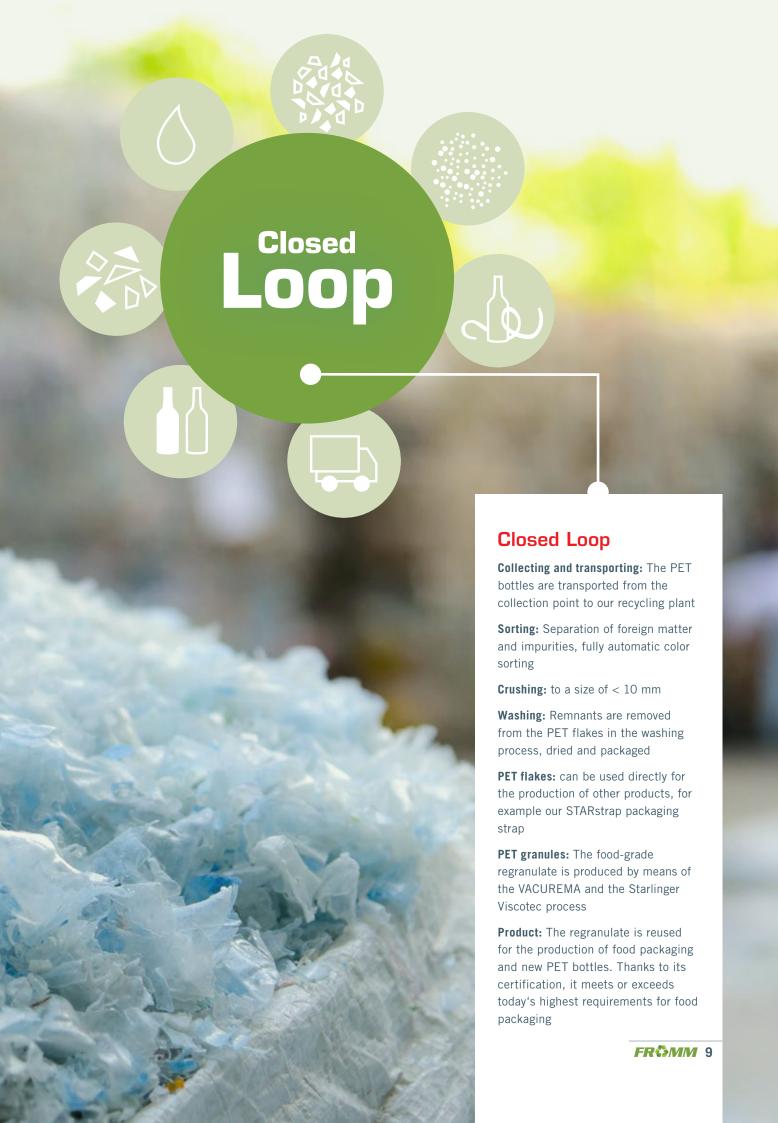
With an input capacity of over 50,000 tons of bottles per year, we are one of **rPET's leading recycling specialists in Western Europe**, especially for used beverage bottles.

### Gelber Sack



With the founding of a joint venture in cooperation with the Austrian food packaging producer ALPLA, FROMM is dedicated to the recycling of PET waste from the so-called "yellow bag". Which is the collection of Plastics from German households.





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# PEOPLE

#### Support

In cooperation with the Swiss sports club Grasshoppers Zurich, we have donated various sports materials such as jerseys, sports pants, etc. to children and youth football in Malawi, Africa.

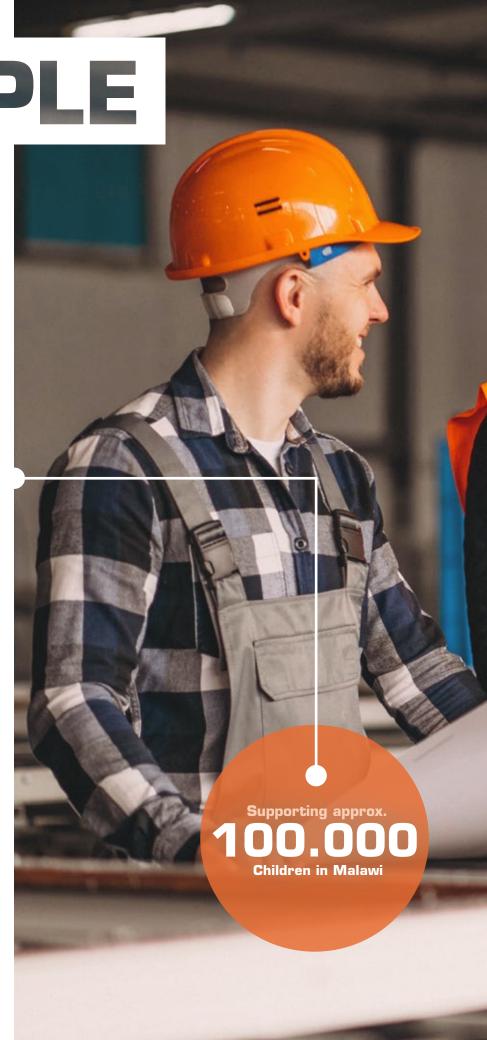
With this we supported the **Zikomo Foundation**, which actively supports
Malawian children. Giving them hope
and perspectives, so that they can
take their future into their own hands.
More than 100,000 children are to
be given access to **education**, **healthy food and sport**.

#### **Sponsoring**

As with our products and our corporate ethics, we attach great importance to quality and sustainability in our sponsoring.

In direct cooperation with Swiss Tennis and other sports teams, FROMM paves the way for young and aspiring talents. We support athletes who continue and follow the steps of the world's leading professionals such as tennis-pro Stanislas (Stan) Wawrinka\*.

\* For over 10 years, FROMM was sponsor of Stan Wawrinka.





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