



# Leaders in the sustainable use of natural resources

Sustainability Master Plan





















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### Leaders in the sustainable use of natural resources

For the eco-efficient production of special pulp and renewable energy





## Sustainable forestry and biomass

- Ence is a reference regarding the responsible and sustainable management of the agricultural and forestry sector in Spain
- 3.1 Mn tons of wood acquired in the surroundings of our biomills from certified responsible sources: over 78% are FSC<sup>®</sup> (Licence code: FSC-C081854) and/ or PEFC certified
- 1.7 Mn tons of biomass acquired in the surroundings of our power plants, while applying our voluntary decalogue that guarantees its sustainable use in energy generation
- Ence manages ca.66,000 hectares of forest land in the Iberian Peninsula: Almost 86% of them are FSC® (Licence code: FSC-C099970) and/or PEFC certified and 22.5% are dedicated to ecosystem protection



# Eco-efficient production of special pulp

- Ence is the leading European eucalyptus pulp producer, with 1.2 Mn tons of installed capacity
- Wood used for pulp production is 100% locally sourced
- Its production process is environmentally friendly and constitutes a great example of energy efficiency (100% self-generated renewable energy) and circular economy (less than 2% of total waste generated is sent to landfill)
- The environmental parameters of our biomills are well below those of European regulations (BREF)
- We produce natural, renewable and biodegradable materials, substitutes for plastic



### Renewable energy generation

- Ence is the largest renewable energy producer with forestry and agricultural biomass in Spain, with an installed capacity of 266 MW and a 505 MW pipeline
- Our biomass plants are fully manageable and contribute to the EU decarbonisation goals
- We draw upon local agricultural and forest by-products, mitigating their environmental impact and reducing fire risk
- The new plants are an example of fair energy transition, since they have been located in sites previously occupied by other industrial activities (such as coal-based power generation) and contribute to maintain local jobs

### Our activity contributes to tackle upcoming global challenges

It is an important driver for employment and wealth in rural areas





### Sustainability as a competitive advantage

### Sustainability Plan





### Safe and ecoefficient operations

- ✓ Zero accidents
- ✓ Circular economy
- √ Water footprint
- ✓ Energy efficiency
- ✓ Odour
- ✓ Air quality



# Climate action

- ✓ Carbon footprint
- ✓ Climate change adaptation



# Sustainable products

- ✓ Special pulp with higher added value
- ✓ Renewable energy



# Community engagement

- ✓ Social plans
- ✓ Job creation in rural areas



# People & values

- ✓ Talent promotion
- ✓ Equality & diversity



# Sustainable agroforestry

- ✓ Sustainable sourcing
- ✓ Certified supply chain



### Corporate Governance

- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Best practices

**Reduced production costs** 

Leadership and differentiation

Social license to operate

**Risk minimization** 

### 1) Our operations are safe and eco-efficient

We are a reference in safety and a benchmark in circular economy





#### **Priorities**



#### **Health and safety**



#### Industrial environmental performance



Goals









How

- Establishing health and safety as one of Ence's priorities
- Keeping the frequency and severity rates well below the industry average
- ✓ Focusing on reducing not only the frequency and severity rates of **Ence's staff** but also our **subcontractors**
- ✓ Implementing an early prevention protocol against COVID-19
- ✓ Thanks to our prompt response, Ence was able to keep the industrial activity going and the jobs throughout 2020

- Boosting circular economy: 2021Goal: obtain the Zero Waste Certification in all plants
- Reducing water consumption in our biomills (-20% in the last four years in Pontevedra).
- Reducing odour impact.
- Reducing particle emissions in all our biomass plants. All our plants meet the 2020 target <10 mg/Nm3</p>



2020 Highlights



98,2% Waste valorised
AENOR "0 Waste"
Certification



Lower water consumption vs. 2019 Pontevedra: -6% Navia: -11%



Industry reference Covid-19 Prevention Protocols



-46% in Navia -45% in Pontevedra Minutes of odor in biomills



Emissions < 10 mg /Nm3 in all our biomass plants



### 2) We contribute to mitigate the effects of climate change

### Reducing emissions and managing climate risk





#### **Priorities**



#### **Climate change mitigation**



#### Adaptation to climate change



Goals

Contribute decarbonizing the economy

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How

- Generating renewable energy in our biofactories and independent plants to help decarbonize the national electricity mix
- Designing special cellulose products that substitute fossil-based materials
- ✓ Contributing to absorb CO2 in our forest land
- ✓ Analyzing and reporting our organization and product carbon footprint
- ✓ Establishing GHG emission reduction targets in our biomills

Mitigate risks and benefit from opportunities derived from climate change

- Implementing the recommendations from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD)
- Creating specific working groups by area to identify and assess climate risks and opportunities
- Designing our own models to analyze the effects of climate change in the future (2100 horizon) for RCP 4.5 and 8.5 scenarios on our facilities and wood and biomass supply areas
- ✓ Adapting our forest genetic improvement programs in order to produce resistant and adapted material



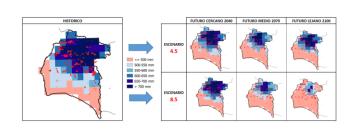
2020 Highlights



25% Scope 1 & 2 Emissions In 2025 vs. 2018 base year



**EU taxonomy** criteria alignment analysis -Mitigation and adaptation to CC power plants



Ad hoc climate models in Ence's wood and biomass supply regions



### 3) We produce renewable energy and special pulp

### With a lower environmental footprint and alternatives to plastic





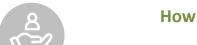


Goals

2020

**Highlights** 











**Priorities** 



#### Sustainable products development





- Developing and manufacturing environmentally-friendly differentiated products which substitute plastics:
  - Naturcell: unbleached pulp product
  - Powercell: high-strength pulp product that can replace softwood-based products
- ✓ Setting sales targets for differentiated products in the management variable remuneration schemes
- ✓ Increasing transparency towards our clients through the development of **Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)** for the company's main products



#### Renewable energy generation

Grow in renewable energy generation and technology diversification

- Including growth in renewable generation among the company's strategic goals
- Contributing to Spain's renewable energy generation targets
- ✓ Increasing our renewable energy installed capacity
- Diversifying biomass sources (agricultural and forest by-products)
- Diversifying **power generation technologies** (focusing on PV)





**9% Of Pulp Sales**Vs. 6% in 2019

Development of sustainable products with reduced environmental footprint and potential for plastic substitution



European Ecolabel as raw material for the pulp at Navia and Pontevedra +36%
Installed generation capacity with biomass

With the set-up of the new plants in Puertollano and Huelva

### 4) We get involved in the communities where we operate

### Contributing to local development and holding back rural depopulation





#### **Priorities**



### **Proactive relationship**



### **Structuring effect**



Goals

Establish relationships with our communities to contribute to their development

Enhance Ence's contribution to the communities where it operates





How

- ✓ Defining **Annual Engagement Plans** with the communities of Navia, Huelva and Pontevedra, including stakeholder visits to the facilities (ca. 600 visits in 2020)
- ✓ Maintaining Ence's Pontevedra Social Plan endowed with 3 million euros per year for the development of social and environmental projects in the community
- Establishing Collaboration Agreements with the City Councils of Navia and San Juan del Puerto (Huelva) and other agreements with municipalities close to ours plants
- ✓ Investing in the community: +3.2M€ (2019)

- Stimulating rural areas and **fighting population loss**, by generating job opportunities in these areas (in the industrial, forestry, agricultural and transport industries), in order to counteract **rural exodus**
- Creating +11,500 jobs in Asturias and Galicia around our Navia and Pontevedra biomills
- ✓ Creating 8,000 jobs in Andalucía, Extremadura and Castilla-La Mancha around our independent power plants



2020 Highlights



+3,2M€

The Pontevedra Social Plan and other investments in the community



Involvement with the local communities: the plants received almost **600** visits, adapted according to Covid-19 prevention protocols



### 5) Ence's people and values at the centre of the organization

Committed to talent development and equal opportunities





**Priorities** 



**Equality and diversity** 

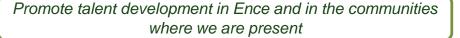


**Talent development** 



Goals

Ensure equal opportunities and respect for diversity





How

- Setting annual equality goals
- ✓ Increasing the **presence of women** in the workforce (+9% vs 2019)
- ✓ Promoting the hiring of women in management roles and individual contracts (64% of new hires)
- Encouraging the recruitment of women under 30 with a university degree – they represent 71% of new hires

- Increasing training / employee hours (+22% in 2019 vs. 2018)
- Promoting specific training programs on equality and sustainability
- ✓ Establishing career plans and individual development plans for individual contract staff
- Endorsing in the incorporation of recent graduates through internships "Programa Talento" in all centres
- Creating job opportunities and fighting population loss in rural areas



2020 Highlights



,8% Gender Pay Gap



+9% women employed

**71%** of hires < 30y with university degree are women

**64%** of management hires are women



Great Place to Work certified





### 6) We promote sustainable rural and agroforestry development

Drawing upon local resources from responsible sources





#### **Priorities**



### Sustainable forestry management



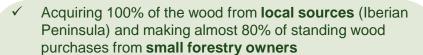
### **Sustainable management of biomass**



Goals

How

Wood supply from responsible and traceable sources



- Promoting internationally recognized sustainable forestry schemes such as FSC® and PEFC: 86% of own forest land is FSC® (Licence code: FSC-C099970) and/or PEFC certified and almost 80% of wood inputs are FSC® (Licence code: FSC-C081854) and/or PEFC certified
- Dedicating 22.5% of Ence's own forest land to biodiversity protection and preservation
- Establishing strict supplier homologation and supply chain traceability systems

Biomass supply from sustainable sources and solution of environmental problems in rural areas

- Developing a voluntary **Decalogue of Biomass** Sustainability, that sets sustainability criteria for the use of biomass in power generation going beyond the new requirements established in RED II Directive
- Prioritising the consumption of surplus agricultural biomass (57% 2020 vs. 21% 2016)
- Using biomass for energy generation as a solution to uncontrolled on-site burning, which generates emissions, increases wildfire risks and wastes the biomass potential for energy production



2020 **Highlights** 



85.6% Managed area FSC®- Licence code FSC-C099970 and/or PEFC certified

78.3% Wood inputs FSC®- Licence code FSC-C081854 and/or PEFC certified



100%

Certified wood and biomass suppliers





Standing wood purchased from small producers.

Implementation of the Decalogue of biomass sustainability

### 7) We have a strong corporate governance

### With best practices in sustainability





#### **Priorities**



#### Sustainability governance



#### **Corporate Governance System**



Goals

How

Ensure the integration of sustainability in Ence's culture



- Setting annual sustainability goals reporting monthly to the Board of Directors
- Approving a Sustainability Plan 2019 2023
- Establishing a **Sustainability Committee** chaired by the **President**
- Appointing a General Manager of Sustainability with direct report to the President
- Linking 25% of management's long-term variable retribution to ESG targets
- Developing an assessment framework for ESG risks, with special focus on climate risks, following TCFD recommendations

Progress in the incorporation and consolidation of best governance practices

- Completing and updating the internal regulatory framework (i.e. Anti-Corruption Policy, Responsible Procurement Policy)
- **Enhancing Board diversity**
- Creating the Board competence matrix
- Defining and implementing an **Updated Training Program** for the Board members
- Strengthening transparency, increasing public reporting regarding the corporate governance bodies
- Consolidating the relationship with proxy advisors and analysing their recommendations in order to address their progressive incorporation







1H20 **Highlights** 

Long-term 25% incentive plan linked to 550 targets



Women present in the Board of Directors vs. 2017



Increased functions of the **Lead Independent Director** 



Votes in favor at the AGM for approving the **new Directors Remuneration Policy 2020-**2022























# **Delivering value Delivering commitments**

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