




Antofagasta plc has made sustainability a strategic cornerstone of its management and of the growth in its business. In 2008 we formalised this commitment by publishing our Sustainable Development Principles which govern all companies in the Group and their contractors. We also continued to implement systems which enable us to include social and environmental matters alongside economic considerations in a unified and consistent manner throughout the Group. The challenge now is to embed a culture of sustainability within our organisation so that these three variables are always incorporated into our decision-making processes.

When managing social aspects, particularly in our mining companies, our aim is to create conditions for local development beyond the lifespan of our operations. A significant part of our effort focuses on providing training opportunities to foster skills and employability in the areas in which we operate.

We set ourselves high environmental performance standards. We are studying new ways to control our impacts on air, water and soil. We are investigating alternative and non-conventional renewable energies with the aim of developing cleaner solutions for our energy needs. We have also begun working to measure our carbon footprint.

Antofagasta plc helps to generate growth and value in the communities where its activities take place. That is why we are committed to contributing solutions to the challenges which surround us. We have learned that it is no longer enough just to operate with technical competence. It is also fundamental to engage with local communities – and with society at large – and provide our stakeholders with more and better information about our economic, social and environmental performance. Among other activities our second full Sustainability Report represents our effort to communicate transparently with all our stakeholders.

We trust this full Report will continue to build our relationships with our stakeholders and deepen our commitment to doing business in a sustainable way.



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Chairman



MESSAGE FROM
THE CHAIRMAN