

## Safety, quality and environmental protection

A major contributor to our success is the incorporation of aspects of environment, health and safety (EH&S) in all our relevant business processes.

In 2003, both production locations gained ISO 9001:2000 certification for their Quality Management Systems, and their Environmental Management Systems have been ISO 14001:2004 certified since 2000. What this means is that everything is being done to avoid environmental pollution and to conserve natural resources. To enhance safety, our equipment is automatically monitored and supervised by qualified personnel.

Systematic risk analyses are carried out and implemented in line with the appropriate directives. We are strongly committed to protecting the environment: we use a special concentration process for waste water at both production locations. The concentrate is incinerated so less contaminants are released, thus protecting groundwater. We have reduced airborne pollution to a minimum: in Hedingen, a two-step exhaust-gas scrubbing system and a bio filter ensure that emissions are clean. Adopting the ‚Artare‘ energy-saving project has reduced our energy use also resulting in considerable savings.

We are already taking steps to improve and develop products to accommodate future statutory requirements. Product and safety information is also important as is meeting the highest standards.

### ISO Certification

Dr. W. Kolb AG Switzerland and Dr. W. Kolb B.V. Netherlands are ISO 9001 certified since 1994.

In 2000, both companies achieved ISO 14001 certification for environmental management systems.

In December 2006, Kolb was successfully re-certified to ISO 9001: 2000 and 14001: 2004.

