

CIRCULAR ECONOMY POLICY

of the joint-stock company Železiarne Podbrezová

Železiarne Podbrezová a. s. Adheres to the principles of the circular economy as one of the fundamental pillars of its environmental and industrial strategy, with an emphasis on sustainability, economic efficiency and competitiveness.

The policy is based on the fact that Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. has been applying the principles of the circular economy since 1993 and currently recycles more than 95% of steel and cast iron waste in an ecological way, which constitutes its material input for the production of steel and seamless steel tubes.

Main principles of the circular economy

The company applies the circular economy throughout the value chain, based on the following principles:

- Contribute to the achievement of the European Union's climate goals through modern, environmentally friendly steel production based on the recycling of metal waste.
- Reduce the need for primary raw materials and reduce the energy intensity of steel and seamless steel tube production.
- Recover by-products from the metallurgical production process into environmentally friendly materials that can also be used in other industrial sectors.
- Prefer environmentally friendly recyclable packaging materials, thereby supporting a closed material cycle.
- Integrate elements of the circular economy by linking the production and recycling activities of subsidiaries and optimise the system for the return of input materials (steel scrap).
- Systematically support research and development in the field of recovery and reuse of by-products from the production of steel and seamless steel tubes.

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