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Les Franqueses del Vallés plant

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1. EMAS registration

1.1 Regulation (EC) nº 1221/2009

Regulation nº 1221/2009 on the EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) enables organisations to sign up voluntarily to a community environmental management and audit system.

This regulation envisages three main undertakings:

- Internal control of environmental impacts of processes and registration under the basic assumption of compliance with the environmental legislation applicable.
- Continual reduction in impacts, defining, publishing and meeting goals and targets and monitoring results via regular environmental audits.
- Full transparency with regard to society and institutions.

1.2 Environmental declaration

This is the core element of the system, since it means making the company's environmental data available to society:

- Consumption of raw materials, water, electricity and fuel; emissions, effluents, waste, etc.
- Corporate environmental policy for assuring compliance with applicable regulations and a commitment to continuous improvement based on quantifiable targets and the prevention of pollution.
- Validation of system audits and certification of compliance with the said Regulation by an accredited certification organisation.

In short, it means telling society what we do, providing key data and assuring that we comply with environmental requirements.

1.3 Befesa Aluminio, S.L. as a member of the system

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. with NACE Code 2453 (casting of light metals) joined the system voluntarily as a way of demonstrating to society that it is committed to the environment in its day-to-day operations. Those operations comprise the following:

“Solid and liquid aluminium alloys production. Aluminium waste treatments. Trading of by-products of aluminium and other non ferric metals”.

2. The company's activities, products and services

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. comprises 4 internationally renowned plants in Erandio (Bizkaia), Les Franqueses del Vallés (Barcelona), Bernburg (Germany) and Valladolid. The first three ones are aluminium refineries and the fourth one a salt slag recovery company. All these plants work in the eco-industry sector, recycling, recovering and valorising aluminium industry waste of all types. The total recycling process operated enables the free metal to be recovered from all the materials processed, along with the oxide always found with it. This provides an important alternative to primary aluminium (which takes a great deal of energy to obtain) and an endless source of metals that do not need to be mined, thus helping slow the depletion of the earth's natural resources.

Operations at Befesa Aluminio, S.L. are an essential step in the life-cycle of aluminium. Operations at primary aluminium production, processing and finishing plants and aluminium foundries in general would be unviable without firms such as Befesa Aluminio, S.L. to treat, recover and recycle the waste that they produce. Befesa Aluminio, S.L. turns that waste into usable raw materials. From the outset it has focused on producing aluminium alloys to a wide range of specifications for the injection moulding of parts for the automotive industry, domestic appliances and construction.

All this has made Befesa Aluminio, S.L. the leading company in its field in Spain and one of the biggest in Europe. The company's links with world-renowned corporations and groups and its use of the knowledge that it has acquired has helped it to secure suppliers and customers all over the world, including automotive manufacturers and the foundries that act as their suppliers.

3. Environmental management system

Our EMS comprises the following:

- Environment policy: this formally describes the guidelines and targets of Befesa Aluminio, S.L. in regard to the environment.
- Environmental management programme: this lists the operations required for those targets to be met.
- EMS documentation, consisting of:
 - Environment manual: this describes the company's responsibilities and how checks are run on all operations and parties that have or may potentially have an impact on the environment.
 - Procedures: these describe how the operations listed in the environment manual must be carried out.
- Internal environmental audits as a way of helping the management to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the EMS in place and to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Annual management reviews of the system to assess its implementation and effectiveness and set new targets for continuous improvement. Assessment of environmental aspects.

- A list of legislation and an indication and assessment of all the applicable requirements of law.

And there are three main objectives:

- An undertaking to comply with the legal and other requirements applicable to the plant.
- To conduct our recycling operations in an environmentally-friendly manner, paying particular attention to those activities and products that may entail risks for the environment.
- Continuous improvement in environmental terms.

These objectives are drawn from the guidelines laid down in our management policy

Quality, health & safety & environmental policy

As a leading aluminium recycler, Befesa Aluminio, S.L. acknowledges its responsibility and its important role in promoting the quality of its products and processes, protecting the environment, assuring the health and safety of its employees and fostering sustainable development.

The company management realise that to operate successfully they must fully satisfy their end customers, including the recipients of products and services, the society in which the company operates and, of course, direct and indirect employees.

In line with this ethos, we have also taken on the following commitments:

- To use the best available technologies and resources suited to the production process, so as to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as regards employee health and safety and pollution prevention, and to meet specific customer requirements in terms of providing products of the quality standards expected.
- To apply continuous improvement in production processes to ensure that products are of the standards expected, using proven, reliable techniques and expertise, monitoring and minimising environmental impacts and reducing, monitoring and eliminating risks. To do this, quantifiable annual targets are set for quality, safety, health and environmental issues. These targets are reviewed and assessed regularly by the general manager of Befesa Aluminio, S.L.
- To involve all company employees actively in the improvement of products and processes, the reduction of environmental impacts and the reduction, monitoring and elimination of risks by means of a suitable internal communication system.
- To establish the basis for a programme of training, research and prevention of defects and incidents through systematic, planned actions.
- To establish and maintain an integrated management system covering quality, prevention and environmental matters that can be reviewed and audited in line with internationally recognised standards.

The general management of Befesa Aluminio, S.L. undertakes to draw up a suitable training and communication plan to ensure that this policy is understood and accepted by all in-house personnel and contract workers.

This policy is available on request to any other interested party.

The General Manager

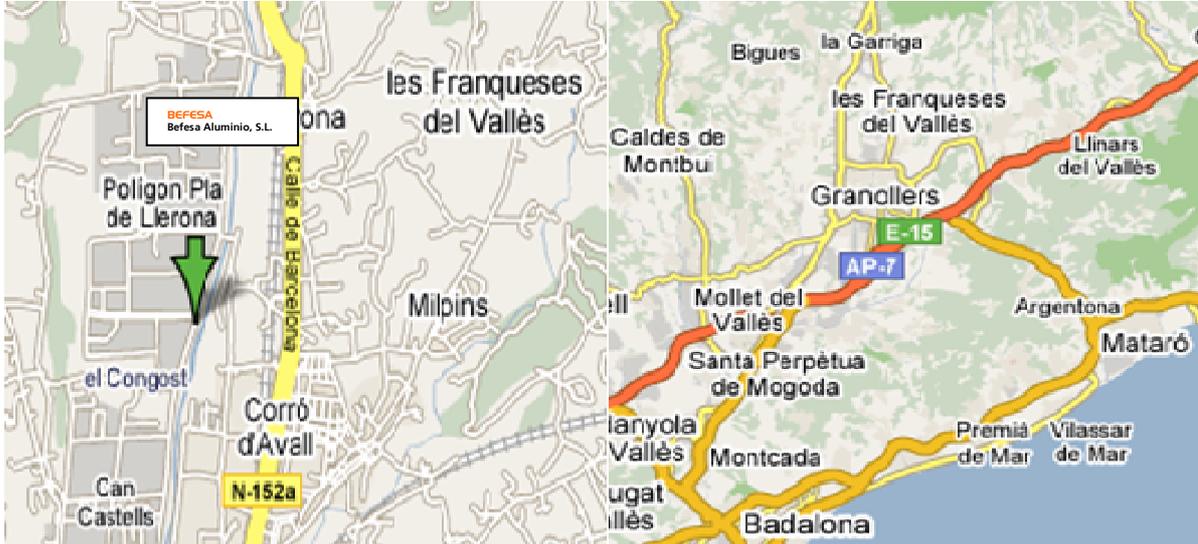
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Pursuant to ISO standard 14001: 2004, the managing director of Befesa Aluminio, S.L. has appointed the following person to oversee the application and maintenance of the environmental management system in place:

- **Oskar de Diego Rodríguez, Environmental Manager**, as the management representative in the establishment, implementation and upkeep of the environmental management system, with responsibility for ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental requirements.

Quality, risk prevention and environmental matters are currently managed as an integrated system at the company, to simplify efforts, to achieve joint progress in all three areas and at the same time maintain strict standards in all three individual concepts, so as not to compromise on welfare of future generations.

4. Befesa Aluminio, S.L.- Les Franqueses del Vallés plant



Befesa Aluminio S.L., is located in Les Franqueses del Valles (Barcelona) since 1985 and makes the following end products:

- * 7-10 kg ingots of aluminium and aluminium alloys for moulding.

Following, a layout of the facilities at the Les Franqueses del Vallés plant is shown:

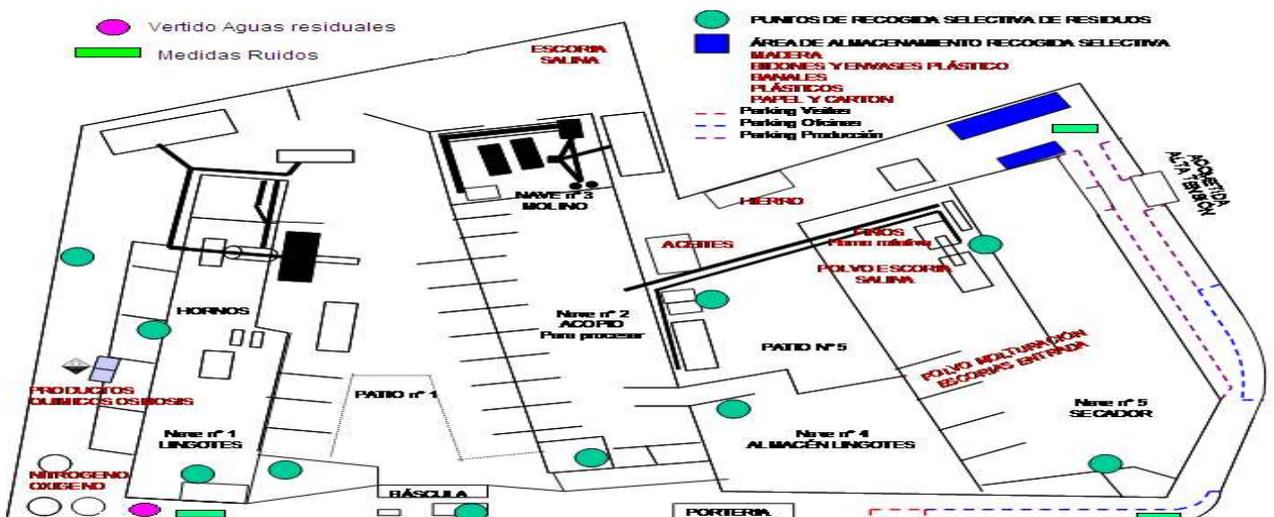


Illustration 1: Layout of the facilities at the Les Franqueses del Vallés plant.

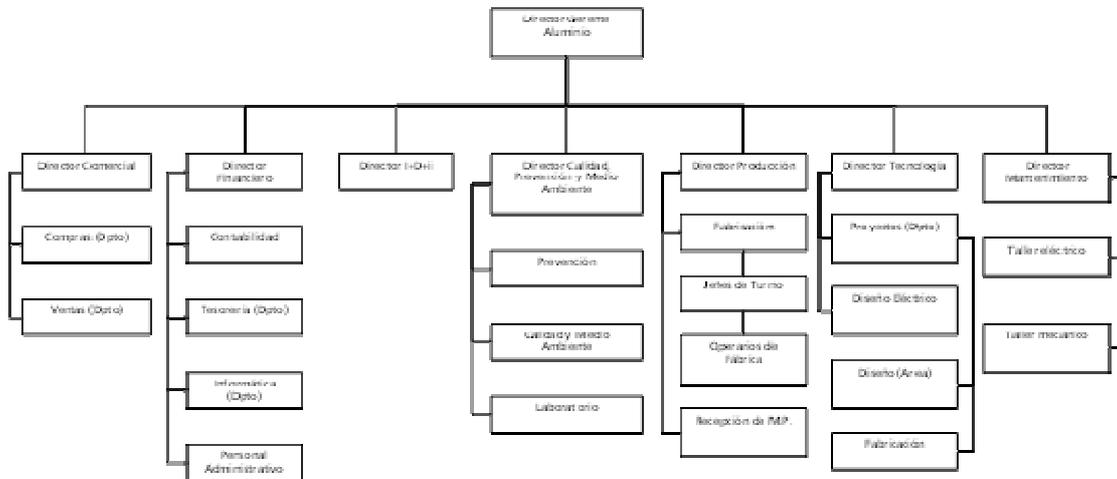


Illustration 2: Organization chart of Les Franqueses del Vallés plant.

The recycling and recovery operations at the Les Franqueses del Vallés plant comprise two main processes: smelting of material in rotary furnaces and then refining of the end products in reverberatory furnaces. Both these processes are carried out using equipment classed as BAT (Best Available Technology) in the European Commission's Reference Document on Best Available Technologies for non-ferrous metallurgy.

The first step in the production process is a correct selection of the right raw materials. These include offcuts, cables, sumps, pans, cans, foil, chippings, shavings and aluminium industry scrap and waste in general. After selection, these raw materials, and in the case of shavings, treated through the two shavings dryers, are smelted to the degree required to obtaining the approximate specification indicated by the end customer, using rotary furnaces designed in-house to which salts are added as flux and to protect the molten aluminium. This smelting does not just heat the raw materials to molten form: it also dissolved metal elements in suspension and fosters certain reactions that

clean the material. It is this last feature that distinguishes rotary furnaces from other types of furnace. Once it has been confirmed that the furnace temperature is correct, the material is in liquid form and the quality of the supernatant flux is as expected, the furnace is emptied in two stages: first the metal is drawn off and then the molten flux or salt slag.

The fumes produced during smelting are exhausted off by treatment systems that comprise coolers and bag filters where solid particles are retained and, at the same time, acidic combustion fumes are neutralised by the controlled addition of calcium hydroxide.

All the salt slag produced by the salts used in the smelting process is recycled and recovered to produce an aluminium oxide called Paval, which has numerous uses in the cement industry, thus completing the cycle of aluminium waste recovery.

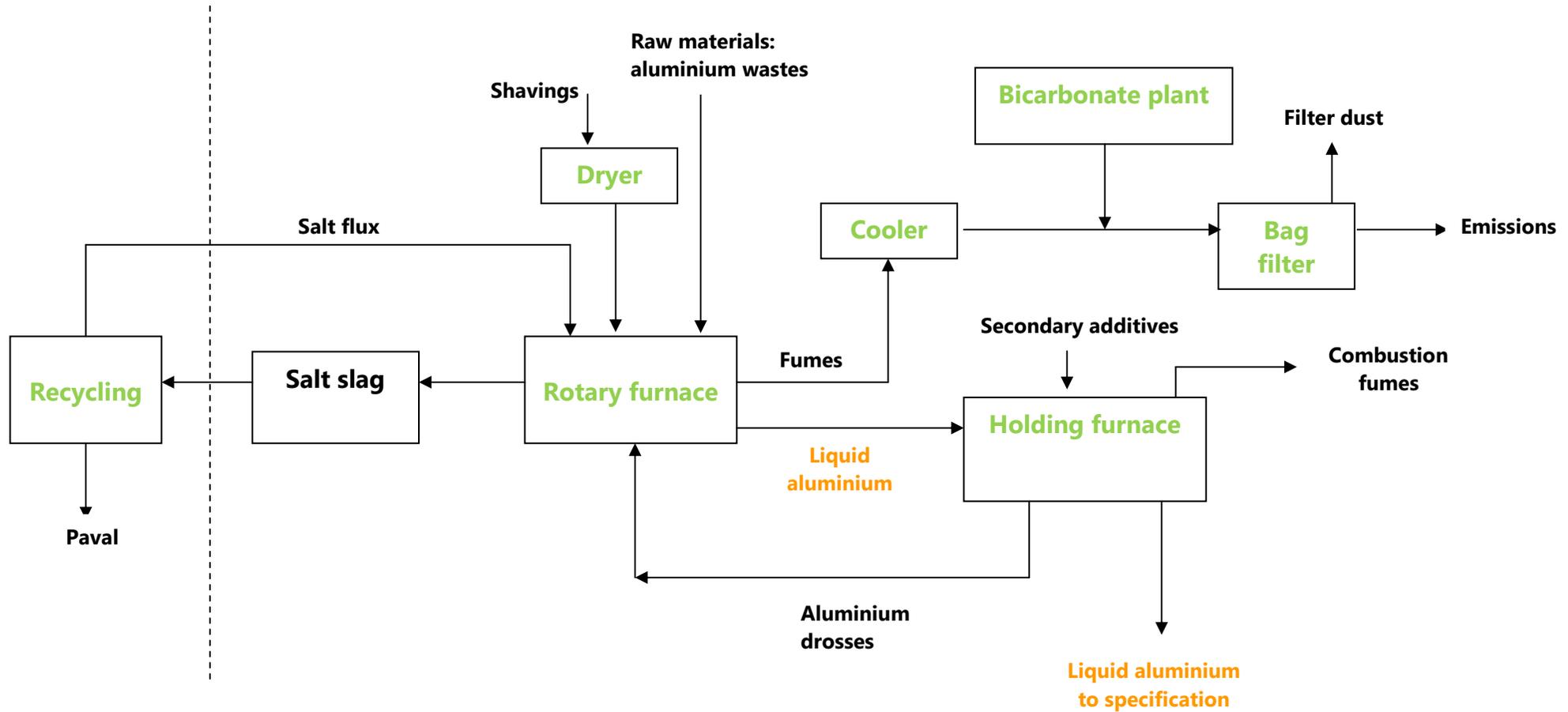


Illustration 3: Flow diagram of the process for obtaining aluminium in liquid form.

Once they have been melted in the rotary furnaces, the raw materials go on to phase two in reverberatory furnaces, where they are adjusted to the exact target specifications by adding secondary additives such as Si, Cu or Mg. Furnaces of this type are particularly suited to this last phase of production, since they provide metal that is at rest and the quality parameters of which can be adjusted under controlled heat conditions.

Once the slag has been skimmed off and the temperature adjusted, the metal is ready for pouring. The molten metal is sent to the pouring wheel for pouring into ingots. The pouring wheel comprises a chain of ingot moulds that guarantee the reliable, rapid production of ingots with high surface quality. The ingots are cooled, tipped out and conveyed to a machine that stacks them fully automatically in tiers, using a powerful computer that can form packages of different shapes to meet the requirements of each customer.

The water used during the cooling process is recirculated via three cooling systems fitted with parallel filters. The water used to bleed the filter systems during cleaning is treated to the same standard as run-off water and evacuated to the municipal main sewer via a single discharge point, which meets all the constraints imposed by the relevant integrated environmental authorization.

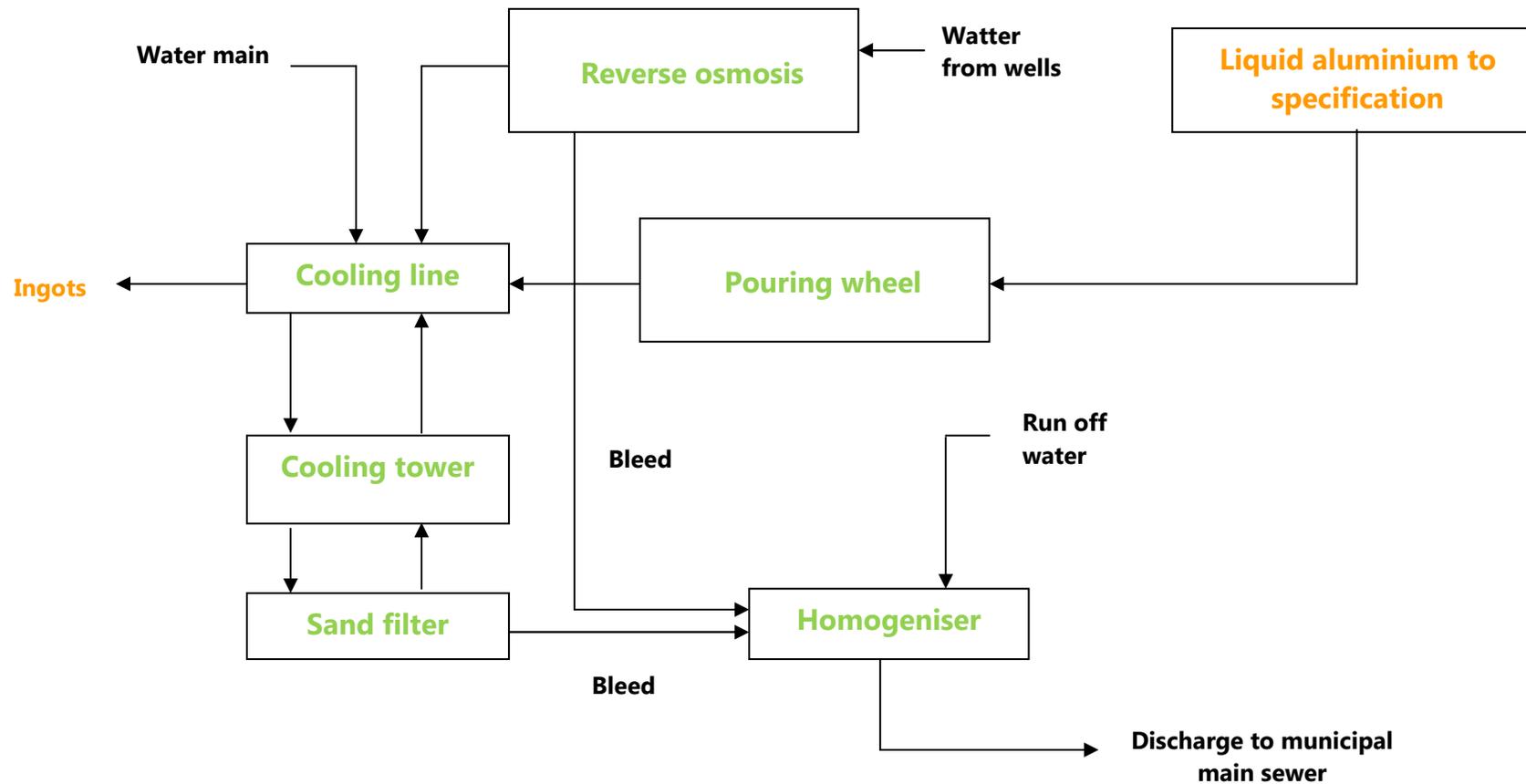


Illustration 4: Flow diagram of the ingot and liquid aluminium manufacturing process.

The average annual output at the Les Franqueses del Vallés plant from 2012 to 2014 was 53,208 t of finished product (see page 30), 20 % of it destined for national foundries and 80 % for foreign customers.

All products supplied by the company undergo final quality checks before shipping and are perfectly identified to ensure full traceability in terms of manufacturing processes, raw materials used and checks made. All this is handled via the company's quality management system, which has been certified as ISO 9001.

Moreover, in line with efforts to conserve natural resources and protect the environment, we believe that our operations should have as little impact on the local area as possible. Accordingly, we decided in 2003 to implement an ISO 14001 compliant environmental management system (EMS). In 2005 this system was verified as per EMAS with registration number ES-CAT-00203.

5. Representative environmental aspects of the company

The following environmental aspects are classified as representative:

A) Emissions into the atmosphere

There are currently nine hotspots at the plant, in the facilities where the production process takes place: the combustion fumes from shavings dryer nº 1, the combustion fumes from rotary furnace nº 1, fumes from the tilting furnace nº 2, fumes from rotary furnaces loading pit areas, fumes from shaving dryer, fumes from tilting furnace nº 3, fumes from laboratory furnaces, fumes from rotary furnace nº 2 and fumes from shavings dryer nº 2. A new hotspot has been recently installed related to the loading area of the two holding furnaces to capture the solid particles emissions during the loading processes.

An officially authorised certification laboratory (OCA) takes regular samples of emissions at these hot spots, and analyses the compounds required as per the integrated environmental authorization.

In-house procedures have been developed to ensure that the treatment systems associated with these hot spots work properly. These procedures, which form part of the integrated environmental management system, establish what continuous and periodic checks need to be made at plant level to detect any anomaly, and what corrective action is required.

B) Waste production

The company holds an integrated environmental authorization (BA20120011) which includes the former hazardous and inert waste producer permit (P-03570.1).

- **Hazardous wastes**

The main hazardous wastes produced by the company are the following:

- Salt slag: This originates from the use of salts (ClNa, ClK) as a flux to prevent the molten aluminium from oxidising inside the furnaces on coming into contact with the atmosphere. All this salt slag is recycled in a fully integrated aluminium waste treatment process carried out at Befesa, giving rise to salts that can be reused in production processes and an inert waste rich in aluminium oxide, known as Paval, which has numerous applications in the industry.
- Filter dust: This originates from the combustion fumes run through the treatment systems in place at the plant. It is stored in big-bags in a roofed area until its removal by an authorised waste manager.
- Aluminium dross dust: As a consequence of loads and movements of raw materials inside furnaces and shaving dryers.
- Filter bags: These are part of the combustion gas treatment system. Damaged and spent bags are replaced and sent to an authorised waste manager.
- Spent oil: This comes from facility and machinery maintenance operations. It is stored in properly identified, dated drums to await shipment to an authorised waste manager.
- Empty metal and plastic packaging: Containers that once held paint, solvent, oil, etc. are stored in properly identified dated cages for shipment to an authorised waste manager.
- Absorbents, rags and contaminated clothing: These come from maintenance operations. They are stored in properly identified, dated drums to await final shipment to authorised waste manager.

The company holds all the relevant acceptance documents from each of the authorised waste managers that handle these hazardous wastes.

- **Inert wastes**

The inert industrial waste produced at the plant comes mainly from repair, renovation and improvement work. It is managed as follows:

- Scrap: This is stored in a designated container. When the container is full a company specialising in the collection of this type of material is called in.
- Refractory bricks, rubble, wood, plastic and rubber: Waste refractory bricks come from maintenance work on the linings of the rotary furnaces and the holding furnaces. Rubble, wood, plastic and rubber waste come from civil work done at the company. These types of waste are selectively storage and sent to an authorised waste manager.
- General wastes no selectively collected: these go to landfill.

C) Depletion of natural resources

The company's integrated management system includes a method for identifying, monitoring and controlling the resources used, so as to help manage natural resource consumption at the plant. These resources correspond to the consumption of natural gas, used in the operation of ovens and dryers, electric energy consumption, water consumption for sanitary and cooling of ingots, to diesel (mobile machinery and dryers chip), oxygen (ovens) and nitrogen (used in holding furnaces for homogenization and degassing of the liquid metal).

6. Significant environmental aspects of Les Franqueses del Vallés plant

Direct and indirect environmental aspects are assessed yearly as a basis for drawing up environmental targets. The criteria applied include the likelihood and severity, and the degree of significance of each individual aspect is determined. This helps reveal the areas where future efforts need to be focused so as to get environmental impact of the company to be minimised.

Taken into account the criteria of likelihood and severity mentioned before and the methodology used by the company in the internal evaluation process of their environment aspects, the significant aspects for 2014 are as follows:

- Confined emissions of CO, NO_x, COT, Particles, HCl and PCCD/F, as a consequence of usual combustion processes in rotary, holding and laboratory furnaces and dryers.
- Confined emissions of HCl and PCCD/F as consequence of usual combustion processes in the rotary furnaces.
- Filter bags generation as a consequence of their use inside filters.
- Potential generation of legionella as a consequence of an incorrect maintenance of cooling systems and domestic water.
- Mud generation as result of cleaning processes of the cooling systems.
- Nitrogen consumption as a consequence of degassing operations inside furnaces.
- Gasoil consumption used for mobile equipment and dryers.

For all the significant aspects, Befesa Aluminio, S.L. defines a strict and periodic control, associating strategic objectives and environmental indicators of

improvement so as to guarantee the present and the future environmental performance of the company.

7. Outline of environmental targets and goals 2014

Environmental targets are set annually and laid out in the annual environment plan, which also indicates the goals associated with each target and the human and material resources allocated. The environmental targets set for 2014 are listed below, with a brief outline of the extent to which they were met:

Aspect	Target	Target value	Result
CO₂ emissions	To reduce 2 % for GHG emissions.	-2 %	- 8.97%
CO, NO_x, PST y CO emissions	To reduce 2 % for CO, NO _x , PST y CO emissions.	-2 %	+0.26%
HCl and PCCD/F emissions	To reduce 2 % for HCl and PCCD/F	-2 %	-90.64 %
		-2 %	-80.18 %
Natural gas consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-6.35 %
Natural gas consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to shavings dryers	-2 %	-25.06 %
Electricity consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-9.15 %
Gasoil consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-13.46 %
Water consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-7.96 %
Nitrogen consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-8.70 %
Oxygen consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-13.42 %
Lime consumption	To reduce 2 % consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-1.82 %
Slat flux consumption	To reduce 2% consumption associated to production processes	-2 %	-6.77 %
Salt slag generation	To reduce 1 % generation associated to production processes	-1 %	-0.07 %
Filter dust generation	To reduce 1 % generation	-1 %	+46.75 %
Mud generation	To reduce 2 % generation	-2 %	+18.90 %
Filter bags generation	To reduce 2 % generation	-2 %	-2.21 %

- **To reduce 2 % for GHG emissions associated to secondary aluminium production.**

At the beginning of 2014 a joint quantitative target was set for minimising GHG emissions at all Befesa Aluminio, S.L. plants. This target was associated with the two different scopes envisaged in the company's inventories: (1) direct emissions by the company and (2) indirect emissions by the company. The calculations for these emissions in 2014 show that the company has met its emission reduction target, achieving a relative reduction percentage of 8.97 % (0.2699 t eq CO₂/ t in 2014 vs 0.2965 t eq CO₂/ t in 2013) due mainly to the decrease in the relative consumptions of electricity (indirect emissions) related to the better management of the production processes and improvement in the design and structures of installations.

- **To reduce 2 % for CO, NO_x, PST y CO emission.**

The initial goal of reducing total emissions has not been reached. In 2013 the result was 3.79 kg NO_x + CO + COT + PST / t product manufactured, while in 2014 was 3.80 kg NO_x + CO + COT + PST / t. This increase is exactly of 0.26 %. The reason for this lightly increase in emissions is directly related to the quality of the materials used in the activity, which have been raw materials with higher amount of dust than in previous year.

- **To reduce 2 % for HCl and PCCD/F emission.**

The initial goal of reducing total emissions has been highly reached. In 2013 the result for HCL emissions was 0.1443 kg HCl / t product manufactured, while in 2014 was 0.0135 kg HCl / t. This decrease is exactly of 90.64 %. In relation to PCCD/F emissions, the objective has been reached as well. The obtained result in 2014 has

been 0.0065 kg PCCD/F / t product manufactured, while in 2013 was of 0.0328 kg PCCD/F / t product manufactured. That means a decrease of 80.18 %. The main reason for these decreases has been the good handling of the lime and active carbon equipment that have been used to neutralize these two parameters.

- **To achieve a 2 % decrease in total natural gas consumption associated with the plant's production processes.**

The relative consumption of natural gas has been decreased substantially in 2014 (1.092 MWh / t product manufactured), with respect to the values obtained in 2013 (1.166 MWh / t product manufactured). This decrease of 6.35 % achieves the annual objective.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in natural gas consumption associated to shavings dryers.**

The natural gas consumption associated to turnings dryers in 2014 has been of 0.299 MWh/ t treated which, compared with 0.399 MWh/ t treated in 2013, represents a decrease of 25.06 %. The annual objective defined for the year has been definitely achieved thanks mainly to the good maintenance processes of the dryers.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in electricity consumption associated with the plant's production processes.**

The relative consumption power in 2014 has decreased very significantly with respect to the values reported in 2013, mainly due to operational improvement

actions that have been carried out in all the facilities. The relative consumption in 2014 reaches values of 0.08863 MWh / t, which means an improvement of 9.15 % compared to consumption in 2013 (0.09756 MWh / t).

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of gasoil used in the plant's production processes.**

The proposed objective of reducing gasoil consumption directly associated with moving machinery and the product produced has been definitely achieved, decreasing consumption by 13.46 %. The relative value of 2014 has decreased compared to the year 2013 (0.090 GJ / t product made in 2014, by 0.104 GJ / t product made in the previous year 2013).

- **To achieve a 1 % drop in the amount of water used in the plant's production processes.**

The relative water consumption throughout the year 2014 reaches a value of 0.7252 m³ / t product manufactured, representing a total decrease of 7.96 % compared to the value of 2013 (0.7879 m³ / t product manufactured). Therefore, the objective has been achieved and can be considered as a relevant improvement. During this year the production of heaviest ingots and biggest packaging has been hardly pushed, reducing in that way the casting time and the water consumption related.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of nitrogen used in the plant's production processes.**

Relative nitrogen consumption in 2014 was 0.021 t / t compared to 0.023 product manufactured t / t product manufactured in 2013. That means that the relative consumption decreases over the previous year by 8.70 %, achieving the yearly reduction target. This fact can be attributed to the lower number of additives compounds needed to produce final alloys demanded in the market.

- **To achieve a 1 % drop in the amount of oxygen used in the plant's production processes.**

The relative oxygen consumption decreases from 0.149 t / t product made in 2013 to 0.129 t / t product manufactured in 2014, representing a decrease of 13.42 %. The objective has been achieved mainly because of scrap market circumstances, which make always difficult to maintain the same mix of materials used in the final production. Mix used in 2014 has been completely different to that of 2013, with higher metal yield materials used.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of lime used in the plant's production processes.**

The relative lime consumption reached a value of 1.65 t / t product made in 2013 compares to 1.68 t / t product manufactured in 2014. That means an increase of 1.82 %, not achieving the annul objective defined.

- **To achieve a 1 % drop in the amount of salt slag produced in the course of the plant's production processes.**

The objective of reducing salt slag generation has not been achieved, mainly due to the nature of the raw materials used in the production of final product and the quality of the salt flux used in production processes. The relative value in 2014 was 0.6147 t / t product made against the value of 0.6151 t / t product manufactured in 2013, representing a decrease of 0.07 %.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of flux used in the plant's production processes.**

The relative consumption of salt flux has decreased in the year 2014 (0.289 t / t) a total of 6.77 % compared to the value of 2013 (0.310 t / t). The objective has therefore been achieved, mainly due to the reasons stated in the objective associated with the generation of salt slag. That is, type of materials used and quality of the salt flux (higher percentage of KCl).

- **To decrease the amount of filter dust produced by 1 %.**

The relative amount of filter dust generated during the year 2014 has reached a value of 0.02119 t / t product produced, representing an increase of 46.75 % compared to the value of 2013 (0.01444 t / t product manufactured). It has to be mentioned that in July 2014, the characterization of the dust coming from the different filter systems located in the company is made, which allows company to handle it together with dust coming from the aluminium drosses. In that way, the 2014 amount of dust related in this particular point refers to both kinds of filter dust. Figures of 2014 and 2013 are not in this way comparable.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in muds coming from de purify systems**

The value for 2014 has been 0.1271 kg / t, compared to that of 2013 of 0.1069 kg / t. That means an increase of 18.90 %. Although the objective has not been reached, it has to be mentioned that this particular parameter depends deeply in the period of the year in which muds are retired to be sent to the authorized external company.

- **To achieve a 2 % drop in filter bags generation**

The value for 2014 has been 0.0663 kg / t, compared to that of 2013 of 0.0678 kg / t. That means a decrease of 2.21 which reaches the defined annual objective.

8. Environmental performance of the company

The environmental performance of the company is outlined below.

8.1 Aluminium waste recycling for aluminium recovery

All incoming materials except fluxes (NaCl and KCl) are classed as waste products under current Spanish and European regulations. They come mainly from other primary and secondary aluminium smelting facilities and from aluminium scrap dealers who obtain them from the machining, vehicle breaking, and domestic appliance and offcut markets. The underlying purpose of our whole production process is to recover all these secondary waste products as a direct alternative to primary aluminium obtained by processing natural resources.

The total quantity of waste processed in the last three years is indicated below, along with the quantity of secondary aluminium obtained from the company's recycling operations.



	Total processed waste	Total aluminium produced
2012	50,192	42,948
2013	63,222	52,958
2014	76,407	63,719

Graphic 1: Comparison of waste treated and aluminium produced (t) in the last 3 years.

8.2 Energy consumption

Energy consumption in the production process over the past three years is indicated below in absolute terms (MWh) and relative terms (amount per tonne of product produced). In 2014 energy consumption from renewable sources accounted for 26.8 %. This is shown as part of the total electricity consumption.

- **Natural gas**

Natural gas is used as fuel in the smelting and refining processes in the rotary and reverberatory furnaces and in shavings dryers. It is supplied directly from main.

Natural gas	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (MWh)	66,207.1	74,376,6	82,447.5
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (MWh/ t)	1.54	1.40	1.29

The relative consumption of natural gas has decreased substantially in 2014 (1.29 MWh / t product manufactured), with respect to the value reached in 2013 (1.40 MWh / t product manufactured). These values refer to the consumption of the total natural gas plant. It has to be mentioned that during 2014 has been made a separate tracking of natural gas consumed related to the production processes (obtaining a value of 1.092 MWh / t product manufactured) and to turnings treatment processes, (the value obtained in 2014 299 kWh / t treated). Separate objectives of both indicators have been monitored and reached in 2014 thanks mainly to the nature of the materials used which allows decreasing fusion times in rotary furnaces and the improvements in the turning dryers systems.

- **Electricity**

The company has two transformers located in buildings nº 5 and nº 1. These two transformers have an electrical power of 630 and 1,000 kW.

In relation to lighting, fluorescent are used mainly in offices, while in production and outside areas, mercury lamps are used. Maintenance is progressively changing these mercury lamps for metallic halide lamps.

Electricity	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (MWh)	4,574.1	5,132.2	5,602.7
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (MWh/ t)	0.106	0.097	0.088

Electricity consumption per ton of product produced has decreased substantially in 2014, mainly due to good management in production processes and drying of turnings. For next years, this indicator will be assessed taking into account separately consumption directly related to the production and consumption related to the treatment of turnings.

8.3 Ancillary material consumption

Energy consumption in the production process over the past three years is indicated below in absolute terms (t) and relative terms (amount per tonne of product produced) for the three main ancillary materials used.

- **Salt flux**

The flux used is mainly a blend of NaCl and KCl which is loaded into the rotary

furnaces along with the main raw materials. Its job is to protect molten aluminium from unwanted oxidation and to absorb any impurities contained in the raw materials used. This flux gives rise to a hazardous waste known as salt slag which is recycled within Befesa to produce an aluminium oxide that has numerous applications in the cement industry.

Salt flux	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (t)	12,791	16,213	18,326
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (t/ t)	0.30	0.31	0.29

The relative consumption of salt flux has decreased in 2014, with respect to the value reported in 2013, mainly due to the nature of the raw materials used to produce the final product and to the increase of the quality of salt flux, with lower humidity and higher KCl content.

- **Oxygen and Nitrogen**

There are two oxygen storage tanks and one nitrogen storage tank at the plant, which are owned by the supplier. Oxygen is used as part of the fuel for the smelting process in the rotary furnaces. Nitrogen is used for degasification in holding furnaces.

Oxygen	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (t)	6,232	7,908	8,222
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (t/ t)	0.145	0.149	0.129

The specific Oxygen consumption has decreased with respect to the data reported in 2013. It has to be mentioned in this point that it is very difficult to maintain the same mix of materials every year. This has caused a change in the melting processes, being the most relevant one the higher metal yield of the materials compared to those used in the previous year.

Nitrogen	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (t)	844	1,236	1,328
Production (t)	42,948	25,958	63,719
Relative consumption (t/ t)	0.020	0.023	0.021

The specific consumption of Nitrogen has decreased compared to 2013. The actions undertaken to improve of the melting processes made in 2014 have been effective, probably due to the lower amount of addition elements consumed during the year, decreasing the homogenizing times of aluminium inside holding furnaces.

- **Gasoil**

Gasoil is used in small quantities in Befesa Aluminio, S.L. to wet turnings received before drying operations and mainly as fuel for mobile machinery (front loaders and forklift trucks). Gasoil consumption changes depending on the percentage of humidity of the raw material before drying.

Gasoil	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (GJ)	4,338	5,505	5,734
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (GJ/ t)	0.101	0.104	0.090

As it can be observed from the table, the specific consumption of diesel has lightly decreased in 2014 compared to 2013. The data reported is only for the gasoil consumption associated to the production processes (consumption associated to mobile machinery) without taking into account gasoil used for the turning dryers.

8.4 Water consumption

Water is taken from municipal main network and from three legalized wells. The main uses of water are as follows:

- Cooling water: Evaporated water in the cooling systems, auto-cleaning operations of sand filters used to regulate the quality of the water, reverse osmosis to reduce the conductivity of fresh water and water for industrial boilers.
- Manufacturing process: Fresh water previous to turning drying operations.
- Domestic water: Toilets and changing rooms.
- General cleaning: Cleaning under pressure.
- Irrigation and fire-fighting systems.

Water coming from wells is used mainly for cooling the molten metal poured in the aluminium ingot manufacturing line. It is recycled through an enclosed circuit where it is cooled in three independent cooling towers to ready it for reuse. Almost 100 % of this water is recirculated (the exception being that used for back-washing the sand filters parallel to the cooling towers). The water consumption figures in the table below thus reflect the amount of water that evaporates during the process

described. It is calculated that 90 % of the water used in cooling processes evaporates.

Water coming from municipal main network includes the water consumed at offices, the workshop, laboratory and the changing rooms.

The company has a general water meter, meters for each well and a number of subsidiary meters distributed around the plant that indicate the total amount of incoming water and how much is used by each separate facility or process.

Water	2012	2013	2014
Consumption (m³)	41,729	41,722	46,108
Production (t)	42,948	52,958	63,719
Relative consumption (m³/ t)	0.97	0.79	0.72

The relative water consumption during 2014 was significantly lower than the previous year. During this year has increased the production of heaviest ingots and packaging and the cooling processes of the ingots have been optimized, reducing in that way the water consumption.

8.5 Waste management

The tendencies for the main waste produced and managed over the past three years are shown in the following table:

Waste managed	2012	2013	2014
Salt slag produced (t)	25,205	32,605	37,991
Ratio of salt slag to end product (t/ t)	0.59	0.62	0.61
Filter dust produced (t)	623	760	1,347
Ratio of filter dust to end product (t/ t)	0.015	0.014	0.021
Aluminium dross produced (t) (*)	1,720	2,120	2,600
Ratio of aluminium dross to end product (t/ t) (*)	0.040	0.040	0.041

(*) estimated figure.

The relative amount of filter dust generated has increased mainly due to the new way of handling of all filter dust produced in company. Since July 2014 dust coming from aluminium drosses is considered together with the filter dust coming from the filter systems.

Related to salt slags, it can be observed a lightly decrease compared to the previous year mainly due to the lower amount of aluminium drosses used in the production processes.

8.6 Impact on the biodiversity

The total surface area of the plant is 20,275 m². It has no impact on biodiversity,

since the site is not part of a protected area or closed enough to such an area to have any environmental effect on it. The size of the site has not changed in the past three years, and the ratio of land area occupied per tonne of product manufactured is as shown below.

Land area	2012	2013	2014
Relative land area (m ² / t)	0.47	0.38	0.32

8.7 Emission of pollutants into the atmosphere

8.7.1 Greenhouse gases (GHGs)

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. set up an overall GHG emission inventory in 2008 for its three aluminium plants (Erando, Les Franqueses del Vallés and Valladolid). This inventory calculates both direct and indirect emissions using a method based on ISO standard 14064. An independent verification report is available for this inventory.

"Direct emissions" are defined as emissions from sources under the control of the company, e.g. from the combustion process in its furnaces, from vehicles and machinery, from process equipment and leaks from equipment and facilities.

The figures for direct emissions over the past three years are shown in the following table:

GHG emissions	2012	2013	2014
Annual total for direct emissions (t CO₂ eq)	30,700.85	30,576.74	31,377.4
Relative annual total for direct emissions (t CO₂ eq/ t)	0.2675	0.2683	0.2481

8.7.2 Emissions of other pollutants into atmosphere

Total NO_x and particle emissions for the past 3 years and the ratio of emissions per tonne of product manufactured are shown in the following table:

Emissions of other pollutants	2012	2013	2014
NO_x emissions (t)	28.02	41.46	41.78
NO_x relative emissions (kg/ t)	0.65	0.78	0.66
Solid particles emissions (t)	7.76	9.16	9.27
Solid particles relative emissions (kg/ t)	0.18	0.17	0.15

8.8 Fulfillment of environmental provisions of law

8.8.1 Emission hotspots

The tables below show the last measurements taken at all the hotspots present at the plant for the parameters subject to limits as per the integrated environmental authorization, and a comparison with the maximum permitted levels. The integrated environmental authorization gives a periodicity of 2 years, corresponding the last ones to 2014.

- **Combustion fumes from rotary furnaces n° 1 and n° 2**

The treated fumes from the rotary furnaces are expelled through these hotspots. These furnaces use a blend of natural gas and oxygen to smelt materials and adjust process temperatures. The first part of the treatment systems comprises a cooler which brings down the temperature of the fumes from the combustion process. In the second part the cooled fumes are sent through a bag filter where solid particles are retained and acid fumes are neutralised by the controlled addition of calcium hydroxide and active carbon for PCCD/F.

Hotspot identification	Number of registration	Limits as per integrated environmental authorization 2012	Values for the last measurements 2014
Rotary n° 1	11,027	Solid particles: 50mg/Nm ³	21
		NO _x : 450 mg/Nm ³	26
		COT: 100 mg/Nm ³	12
		HCl: 30 mg/Nm ³	0.60 (informe BA-MAI-14-0506)
		*Dioxines and Furanes: 0.5 ng/ EQT-I/Nm ³	0.15 (informe BA-MAI-14-0410)
Rotary n° 2	18,497	Solid particles: 50	2
		NO _x : 450	48
		COT: 100	3
		*HCl: 30 mg/Nm ³	0.46 (informe BA-MAI-14-0506)
		*Dioxines and Furanes: 0.5 ng/ EQT-I/Nm ³	0.037 (informe 08-08-M01-2-004067)

- **Combustion fumes from tilting holding furnaces**

Tilting holding furnaces also use a blend of natural gas and oxygen as fuel. The combustion fumes produced in the combustion chambers of tilting rotary furnaces are exhausted directly to the atmosphere, because only clean raw materials with high metal content are smelted in them. This makes completely unnecessary to cool the fumes and to retain solid particles through filter bags.

Hotspot identification	Number of registration	Limits as per integrated environmental authorization 2012 (mg/ Nm ³)	Values for the last measurements 2014
Tilting holding nº 2	4,509	Solid particles: 50	33
		CO: 100	3
		NO _x : 450	14.33
Tilting holding nº 3	17,253	Solid particles: 50	9.33
		CO: 100	3
		NO _x : 450	6.67

- **Holding furnace loading pit area and dryers**

In view of the type of emissions produced at the holding furnace loading pits and dryers, the filter system comprises merely a bag filter to eliminate any solid particles in suspension. There is no need for preliminary cooling of fumes.

Hotspot identification	Number of registration	Limits as per integrated environmental authorization 2012 (mg/ Nm ³)	Values for the last measurements 2014
Holding furnace loading pit area	11,019	Solid particles: 50	7.33
Dryer hotspot	17,275	Solid particles: 50	8.67

- **Laboratory furnaces**

The laboratory facility has three small crucible furnaces which are used to characterise raw materials on arrival. The treatment system in place comprises a bag filter that retains solid particles.

Hotspot identification	Number of registration	Limits as per integrated environmental authorization 2012 (mg/ Nm ³)	Values for the last measurements 2014
Laboratory furnaces	17,274	Solid particles: 50	2
		CO: 100	3
		NO _x : 450	2

- **Turnings dryers**

The turning drying system is compound by two dryers (n° 1 and n° 2). Dryers use a blend of natural gas and oxygen to dry materials and adjust process temperatures. The first part of the treatment systems comprises a cooler which brings down the temperature of the fumes from the drying process. In the second part the cooled fumes are sent through a bag filter where solid particles are retained.

Hotspot identification	Number of registration	Limits as per integrated environmental authorization 2012 (mg/ Nm ³)	Values for the last measurements 2014
Dryer n° 1	5,374	Solid particles: 50	3
		NO _x : 450	30.33
		COT: 100	36
Dryer n° 2	29,351	Solid particles: 50	9.67
		NO _x : 450	18.67
		COT: 100	246* (inform BA-MAI-14-0342/2)
		COT: 100	8** (inform BA-MMN-15-0012)

* (inform BA-MAI-14-0342/2) : Higher value than the permitted value.

** (inform BA-MMN-15-0012) : New measurement with lower value than the permitted value.

8.8.2 Emissions discharge to mains drainage

The water outlets from the plant are grouped by water type as follows:

- Industrial water

This is water from the semi-enclosed cooling circuits (occasional back-wash bleeds to clean cooling tower filter) and run-off water collected in the plant.

- Domestic water

This is from the sanitary facilities in the offices and changing rooms.

The company now has a single discharge point for industrial and domestic water, which flows directly into the municipal sewer.

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. has an authorization to discharge, granted by the Consorcio del rio Besos on 30th of October 2006 and validated on 15th of September 2007. This authorization has to be renewed every year (next 30th September 2015). In this authorization some limits are defined:

- Conductivity < 8,000 uS/ cm
- Soluble salts < 9,500 uS/ cm
- Chlorides < 2,500 mg/ L

A continuous measurement of the conductivity is made in order to check the characteristics of water discharge in the waters coming from cleaning operations of sand filters. Besides, water is analysed every three months, to control the presence of legionnaire.

In case of not to have the analysis of the Consorcio, the company makes a complete analysis every year to control all the parameters established by the Consorcio.

Next, values for the three last analysis of water discharge are shown:

Parámetros	Limits	Average values of discharge		
		2012	2013	2014
Conductivity at 20°C	8,000 uS/ cm	3,120	2,520	2,520
Chlorides	2,500 mg/ L Cl	-	-	-
Solid particles	750 mg/ L	72	37	37
No decanted DQO	1,500 mg/ L O ₂	101	102	102
Decanted DQO	1,500 mg/ L O ₂	75	82	82
Inhibiting materials	50 Equitox/ m ³	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1
Total phosphorus	50 mg/ L P	1,6	1.5	1.5
Ammonia	-	18.1	21.7	21.7
Aluminium	20 mg/ L	-	-	-

As it can be observed, none of the parameters analysed exceeds the limits set.

8.8.3 Other environmental performance indicators

The factory makes a periodic control of its external noise as a consequence of its activity. It has to be mentioned that the factory is located in an industrial area (with other manufacturing companies and storages closed) and as a result of the proximity of traffic in the area, the noise associated to the activity goes unnoticed. Besides, the activity of the company is quite far away from the closer village of Les Franqueses del Vallés.

The current legislation related to external noise is order 176/2009 annex A. The company has made different changes in its activity after measurement in 2007, with the stop of its aluminium drosses mill and the decrease of some other heavy machinery. Because of that reason, new measurements have been made to check out again the real noise emissions. These measurements have been made in May 2011 and limits have not been exceeded.

9. Environmental targets 2015

To meet the company's commitment to continuous improvement in its environmental performance, as per its environment policy and in line with the environmental aspects identified as relevant, the following environmental targets have been set for 2015:

- To achieve a 2 % decrease in GHG emissions associated to the secondary aluminium production.
- To achieve a 2 % decrease in HCl and dioxins and furanes emissions associated to the secondary aluminium production.
- To achieve a 2 % decrease in total natural gas consumption associated with the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % decrease in total natural gas consumption associated with the plant's turning treatment processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in electricity consumption associated with the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of gas-oil used in the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of water used in the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of nitrogen used in the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of calcium hydroxide used in the plant's production processes.

- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of oxygen used in the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 2 % drop in the amount of flux used in the plant's production processes.
- To achieve a 1 % drop in the amount of salt slag produced in the course of the plant's production processes.
- To cut the amount of filter dust produced by 1 %.

10. Applicable environmental legislation

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. is a member of various sectorial associations that monitor, identify, provide and update applicable legal texts on a monthly basis. This is done to learn about any new requirements or changes, so that the company's in-house database of legislation can be updated with the latest applicable requirements.

Nevertheless, in relation to COT values in hotspot number 12, it has to be mentioned that higher values than permitted ones were obtained in one measurement. These measurements were repeated again getting good results lower than the permitted values.

A list of some of the main environmental legislation applicable to the company follows:

- Integrated environmental authorization BA2030044 awarded on 1st December 2004 by the Catalan Government Environment Office for the activity of non-ferric metals recovery with capacity > 20 t/day of aluminium. The authorization BA2060085 awarded on 22th September 2008, including a non-substantial change and the punctual modification of the annex of integrated environment authorization BA2030044 awarded on 29th April 2008.
- Renewal of the integrated environmental authorization BA20120011 awarded on 11st December 2012., and the following no substantial changes.
- Legislation of water discharge (Articles 24, 26, 29, 38 and 49) to award discharge authorization.

- RD 782/1998 (art. 15) of 30th April that approves the regulation for the development and execution of law 11/1997 of 24th April for containers and containers wastes.
- Law 22/2011 of wastes and contaminated floors, in relation to producers and recovery factories of wastes.
- Industrial Safety Legislation (fighting systems, oil installations, high voltage, pressure vessels, etc.).
- European agreement for the international transport of dangerous material by road (ADR).

11. Cooperation with environmental organizations

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. is an active member of the following environment-related associations:

- ACLIMA (Basque Environment Industry Cluster Association). The company has signed up to the Commitment to Sustainable Development (1999) and the Declaration of Bizkaia on the Right to the Environment (1999).
- ASERAL (Spanish Aluminium Recovery Association).
- Confemetal (Spanish Confederation of Metal Industry Organisations). The company is an active member of the Environment Committee of this organisation.
- OEA (Organisation of the European Aluminium Recycling Industry).
- ASEGRE (Spanish Association of Special Waste Managers): This association brings together hazardous waste managers based in Spain.
- Technical Committee of AENOR.

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. regularly participates in R&D programmes with various research centres and other European firms, mainly for the improvement of recycling, valorisation and the best possible use of aluminium industry waste.

12. Participation

Befesa Aluminio, S.L. pushes the participation of all their employees in the definition of all the environmental processes. For that purpose facilitates different ways for problems and improvements communications, using at the same time the company's committee to guarantee the communication between all the integrated parts of the company.

13. Availability

This environmental declaration is accessible via the corporate website (www.befesa.es).

14. Next environmental declaration

This environmental declaration is intended to provide information on our management policies to associates, authorities, customers, suppliers, the media and local residents, and to establish a constructive dialogue.

It is a public document validated by Bureau Veritas Certification, S.A. (ENAC-accredited environmental certification body nº E-V-0003), with registered address at calle Valportillo primera 22-24, edificio caoba, 28108 Alcobendas, Madrid.

This environmental declaration is valid for 12 months. The next validated declaration is to be submitted in June 2016.

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Glossary:

kg: kilogram.

Si: silicon.

Cu: cooper.

Mg: magnesium.

mm: millimeters.

t: ton.

t CO₂ eq: CO₂ equivalent tons.

MWh: megawatt per hour.

m³: cubic meter.

HCl: hydrochloric acid.

HF: hydrofluoric acid.

NO_x: nitrogen oxides.

SO₂: sulphur dioxide.

SST: solids in suspension.

NH₃: ammonia.

Zn: zinc.

Fe: iron.

g: gram.

NaCl: sodium chloride.

KCl: potassium chloride.

cm²: square centimeter.

h: hour.

kW: kilowatt.

V: volt.

R&D: research and development.

m²: square meter.

GHG: greenhouse gases.

mg/ Nm³: milligram per normal cubic meter.

Pb: lead.

Cr: chromium.

Mn: manganese.

Ni: nickel.

As: arsenic.

Cd: cadmium.

Hg: mercury.