

FANTON achieves environmental certification - ISO 14001

Conselve, 15th December 2011 - **Fanton's path to total quality reaches a new, essential milestone with UNI EN ISO 14001:2004 environmental certification.**

This important milestone is part of a long-term Project that began in the mid-1990s, the aim of which was to manage total quality processes. At Fanton everything has always revolved around continuous improvement - from planning laboratory tests to industrialisation and final production.

The path to certification is made up of three stages: **UNI EN ISO 9001:2008** for the Quality Management System, which Fanton obtained in 1997, **UNI EN ISO 14001:2004** just achieved and, finally **BS OHSAS 18001:2007**, the international standard for the Health and Safety of Workers, for which Fanton has already launched the major processes.

*“For Fanton environmental certification means **safeguarding the territory in which it works against negative impacts, at all levels in the Company** - explains Oscar Fornaro, Fanton's Quality Assurance and Environmental Manager - *This safeguard extends to all productive flows, designing of products and business procedures, in order to constantly improve environmental performance on the site on which the Company operates (waste management, reducing water and energy consumption, managing emissions into the atmosphere, etc.)”.**

The commitment to environmental sustainability actively and tangibly involves each business unit at Fanton, human resources, and all company processes. Simply consider that **10% of personnel working at the Company** are involved in Research & Development and are sensitised to eco-friendly design.

Fanton has invested more than **Euro 500,000 in planning, industrialisation and production of components for photovoltaic plants.**

The figures achieved for **waste separation and recycling** are also significant: 33 tonnes of paper and cardboard recycled, 35,4 tonnes of plastic, 5 of plastic from packaging, 4 tonnes of non-ferrous metals (copper, brass, etc.), 4 of steel and 1 of wood.

Replacement of ink for marking electric cables is in progress: already **50% of Fanton cables use water-based ink** with a low environmental impact. The consumption of diluent in the production process has been reduced by 40% and the use of hexavalent chromium has now been completely eliminated.

FANTON is also involved in complying with the **WEEE** directive for disposal of electrical and electronic equipment, both by designing products that are easier to dispose of and recycle, and by entrusting the **Ecolight** Consortium with disposing of material at the end of its life cycle.

All Fanton's eco-sustainability figures will be provided in the form of **indicators available via the website www.fanton.com**: and in this way the integrated quality and environmental management system will be factually and accurately reflected in the Company's day-to-day working.

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