

ALcontrol and sustainable development

*The Heaven is eternal, the earth is sustainable
Why do heaven and earth last eternally?
They live not for themselves...
That is the secret of their sustainability*

(W.W.Dyer, the living TAO)

Corporate Social Responsibility gets more and more attention. The exhaustion of non-renewable natural resources and the overall influence of man on the living environment are the most important factors driving this. Because of this increased interest companies are becoming more aware of the responsibility they have on social responsible behavior. A sustainable world can only be realized if individuals and organizations dare to make the choice to break through existing patterns.

ALcontrol BV is an environmental laboratory located in Rotterdam. The company plays an important role in the environmental value chain by delivering analytical services for public and commercial customers. As an actor in the environmental value chain we take our responsibility to embrace Corporate Social Responsibility and support the sustainable development. ALcontrol has been certified according to ISO14001:2004 since 2004 with the goal to improve her environmental performance. In 2009 we decided to take this a step further by assessing our CSR performance in more detail.

The IDTF (*Integrated Drafting Task Force*) of the ISO Working Group on Social Responsibility has setup a standard for guidance on Corporate Social Responsibility to help organizations that want to implement this. This standard, the ISO 26000 "*Guidance on Social Responsibility*", was the base for the model study on the performance on Corporate Social Responsibility of ALcontrol (draft 4.2, 2009).



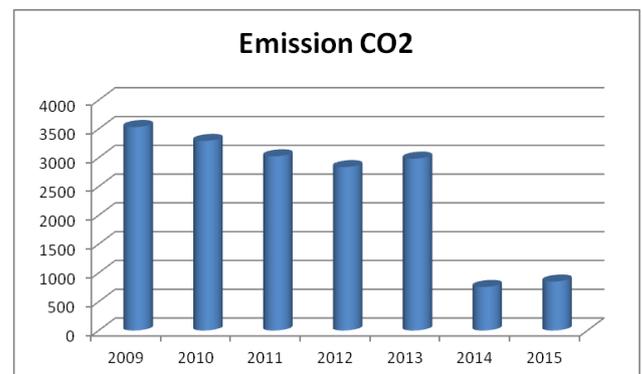
The seven main categories from ISO 26000 were assessed (Organizational governance, Human rights, Labor practices, The environment, Fair operating practices, Consumer issues, Community involvement and development).

The results of this study are that ALcontrol has scored satisfactory in 6 of the 7 parts that were investigated with an average mark of 72 out of 100 points. The category for improvement is the use of renewable energy (sustainable



resources) and climate mitigation and adaptation. For both subjects we started a sustainability program to reduce energy use, to focus on energy efficient equipment and resources and to map our CO2 emissions and find ways to reduce them.

As a first step we've measured our CO2 footprint* since 2009 on an annual basis as one of the Kpi's for further improvement. Examples of measures we took to start reducing our footprint were an investment in new low-energy consuming lighting and the use of E-conference to reduce (air) travel.



*According to GHG protocol

In 2013 a new project has started to increase our efforts further and involve the whole company in our effort to reduce our footprint. A first high impact decision in this project was to change our electricity contract to a "Green Energy" contract.

During a cold spring in 2015 we consumed more gas, our gas consumption contributes 85% to our CO2 emissions. In 2015 we started a project to reduce paper, and started to separate plastics from our residual waste.

ALcontrol will continue to work on reducing its footprint and adapt CSR in its way of working towards the future. We would like to invite our customers, suppliers and all other actors in our value chain to work together in making the world a better place to live!

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