

Comprehensive **data recording**

Targets against which we can measure ourselves and be measured by others

In the last few years, we have consistently extended the amount of data collected and validated on environmental safety, plant safety and occu-

pational safety in the Bayer Group. We have responded to many ideas that have emerged from discussions with international stakeholders and opinion-formers on how to further improve our information capabilities. Not only are we open to dialog with all social groups, we want to actively encourage it. This is the aim of the present compendium of data and targets for the Bayer Group. It is based on statistics from all the countries in which we have production facilities. After all, an impartial, and targeted discussion with the critics and supporters of our environmental and safety policy is only truly possible if we can refer to sound and reliable data. This is why we attach major importance to having our information systems validated by external experts. Arthur D. Little, corporate consultants, have served as our independent auditors for the third time. We want to benefit from critical comments and recommendations in order

to continuously improve our global data recording in the Bayer Group. Collecting comprehensive, precise data on emission prevention, plant safety and safety at work within the Bayer Group is therefore not an end in itself. Instead, it represents an important cornerstone of risk management, along with other instruments. The aim is to identify negative developments as soon as possible and to counter possible hazards in the most effective manner. We also want to use our data to obtain an objective evaluation of our corporate targets, for example to help us decide on specific technical improvements to our plants and processes, or to design the ongoing training of our employees.

We already market a large number of products that satisfy the claim to meet the needs of society in a special way. We want to strengthen this process in the future, because it is no longer enough just to offer good products at competitive prices. For the coming years, we have again set ourselves targets in all the business segments of our company against which we can measure ourselves and be measured by others.



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