





Agenda

Part 1: the sustainability & net zero journey

- Our sustainability strategy and initiatives
- Transparency on the environmental impact of our products
- Discussion: how do you evaluate sustainability?

Part 2: the circular economy journey

- Circular vision and innovation at GF
- Ongoing pilot projects
- > Discussion: what options for joint projects and innovation are there?





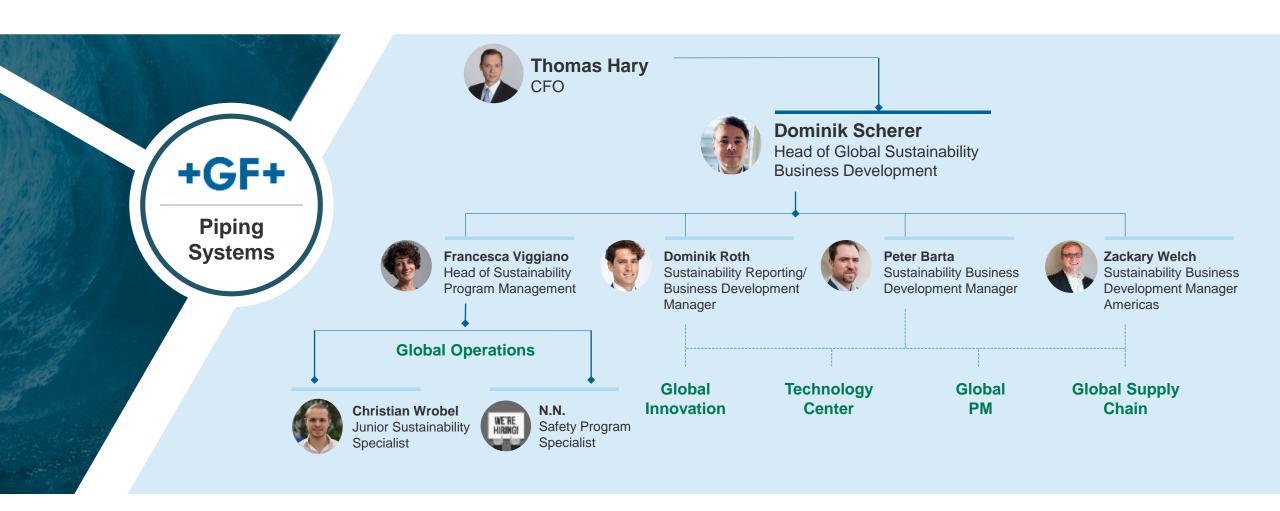
*Sustainability as essential element of our strategy



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- offering high-value sustainable products and solutions
- driving circular economy
- + fostering a diverse, engaging and safe working environment
- collaborating with stakeholders along the value chain

* Sustainability in the organization



Our sustainability targets



Product Portfolio

Innovate products and solutions for a sustainable lifecycle



Product portfolio

70% of sales with social or environmental benefits



Innovation

100% of innovations in products and solutions deliver sustainability improvements

















Climate & Resources

Decouple resource consumption from growth



SBT CO₂e emissions

Scope 1 + 2: -30% by 2026 **Scope 3**: -34.6% by 2030



Water

Reduce water intensity by 20% in high stress areas



Waste

Reduce waste intensity by 20% sent to landfill or incineration



Supply chain

Perform sustainability assessments for 80% of procurement spend















People & Well-being

Pursue a diverse, engaging and safe work place



Diversity and inclusion

25% of newly appointed managers are female



Employee engagement

At least 80% recommend GF as an employer of choice



Health and safety

Reduce accident rate by 30%

















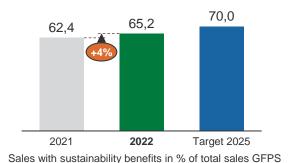






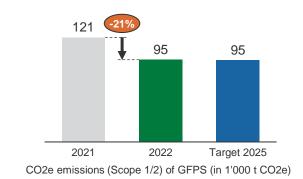
* Results by the end of 2022: we increased sales with sustainable solutions – and reduced our CO2 footprint!

65% (1.4bn CHF) of our 2022 sales deliver social or environmental benefits



Our solutions provide sustainability benefits in many industries

We further **reduced our CO2 Footprint by 21%** in 2022





Increasing awareness for safety resulted in a reduction of our accident rate by 38%



Safety
Awareness
Week!

BE SUFE

Safety events in all regions to build a safety culture



+ Continuous reduction of our environmental impact

Clean & renewable energy

- Purchase green electricity from external sources (e.g. hydro)
- Increase own renewable power generation capacities (e.g. PV)



Energy efficiency

- Retrofit / replace inefficient machines
- Efficient compressed air, vacuum and HVAC systems
- Building renovation
- Efficient cooling & lighting (LED)



Water

- Reduction programs:
 - Efficient cooling systems
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Awareness programs
 - Analysis of machines

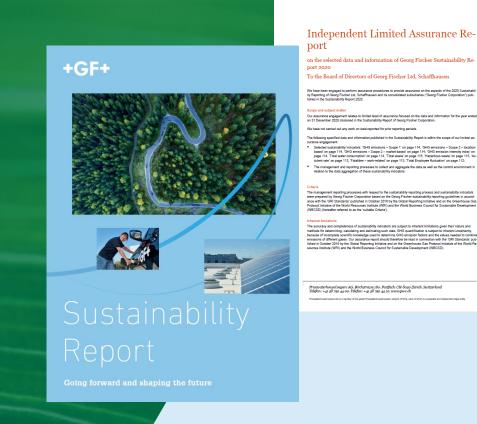


Waste

- Reduction programs:
 - Recycle / reuse plastic scrap
 - Recycle foundry sand
 - Recycle aluminum plates
 - Waste flows optimization
 - Centralize feeding systems



+ Comprehensive sustainability report





Externally assured by PwC



Follows international sustainability standards, such as GRI and SASB



Summarizes progress in the environmental and social sphere of GF's operations



Based on consolidated environmental and social data that are reported on site level



Publication during the first quarter of the following year on the GF website

*GF's sustainability leadership reflected in ratings





AA

Updated: May 2023



117 out of 548

Updated: March 2023



A- Climate



Updated: December 2022



Updated: August 2023



Leader 2023

GF was named **Climate** one of Europe's climate leaders for the third year in a row (2021, 2022 & 2023).



Gold

Gold for GF Piping Systems in 2023

Updated: July 2023



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GF was rated as number 9 of the world's 5'500 most sustainably managed companies 2020 by the Wall Street Journal.

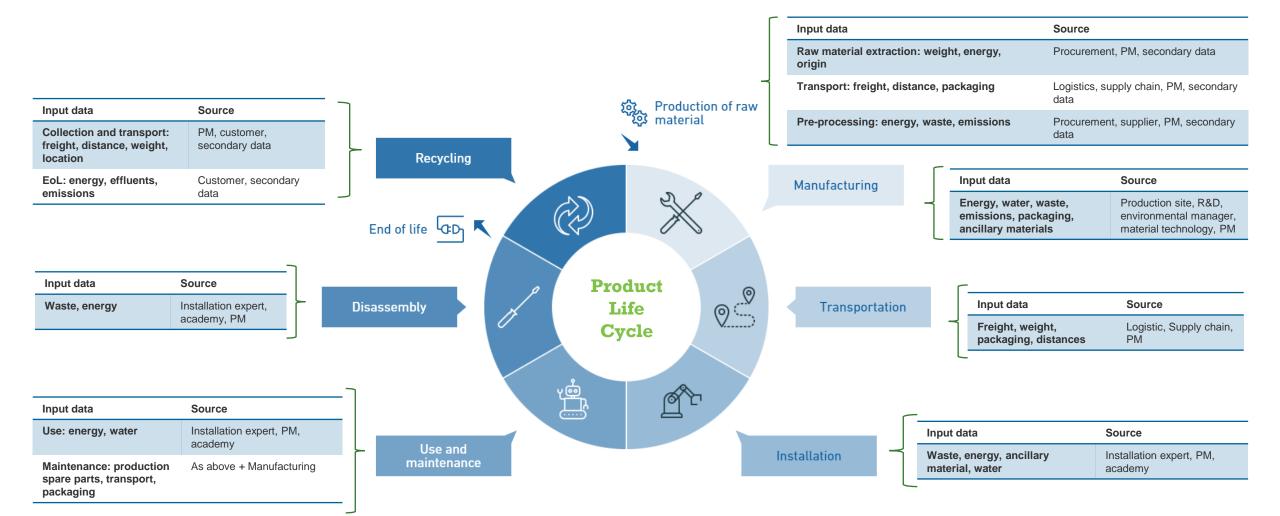


Swiss Sustainability Index



GF is member of SXI Switzerland Sustainability 25[®] index of the Swiss Stock Exchange since 2014.

* Sustainability data: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)





* Sustainability data: Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

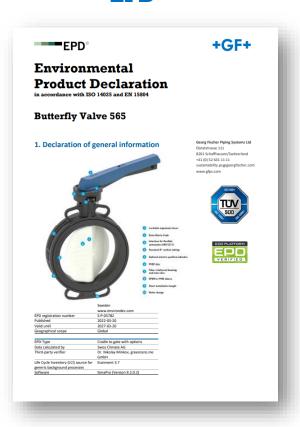
Internal LCA calculation project



External verification

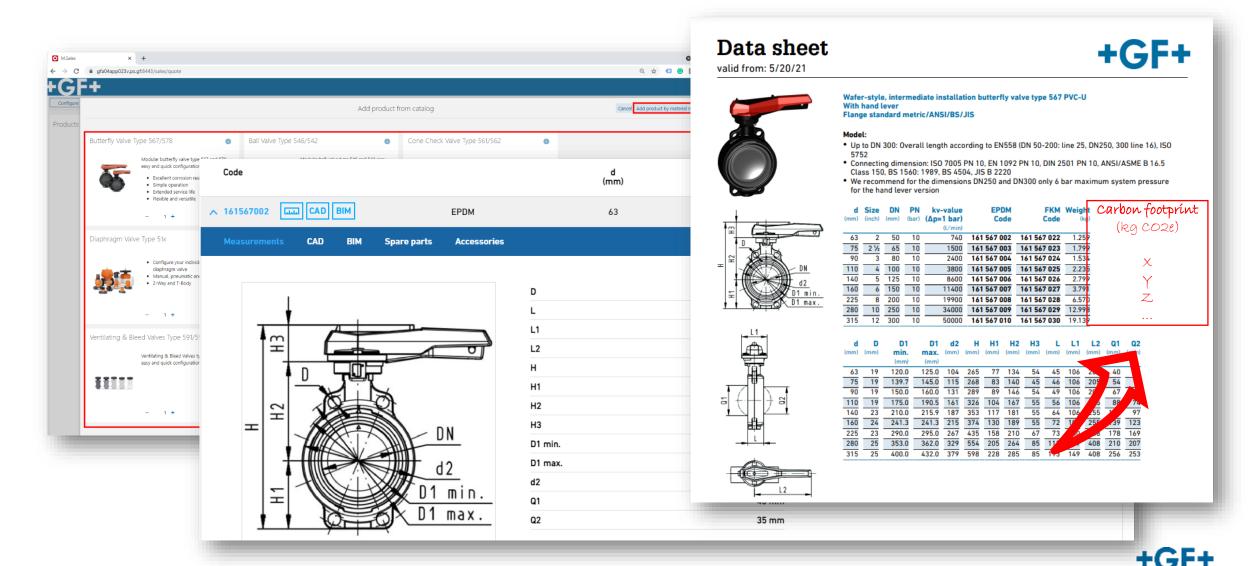


EPD

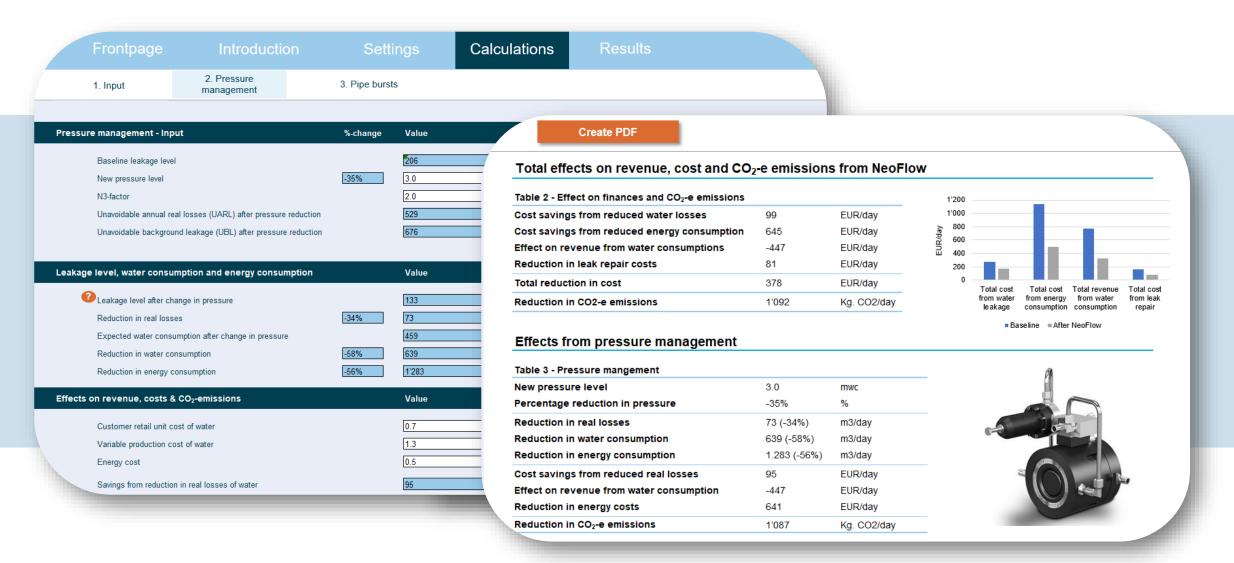




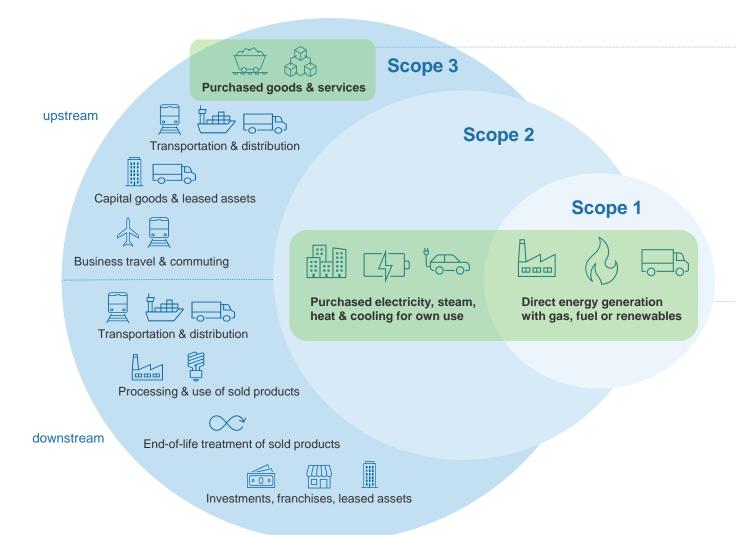
*Vision: provide carbon footprint data of our products on article level



* Sustainability calculators, e.g. for NeoFlow



+ GFPS: your partner on the net zero journey



Scope 3 emissions:

 For most companies, emissions related to purchased goods & services represent the largest part of their scope 3 emissions.

Due to a **lower embodied carbon footprint** of plastic, GF can contribute to supply chain emission reduction at customer.



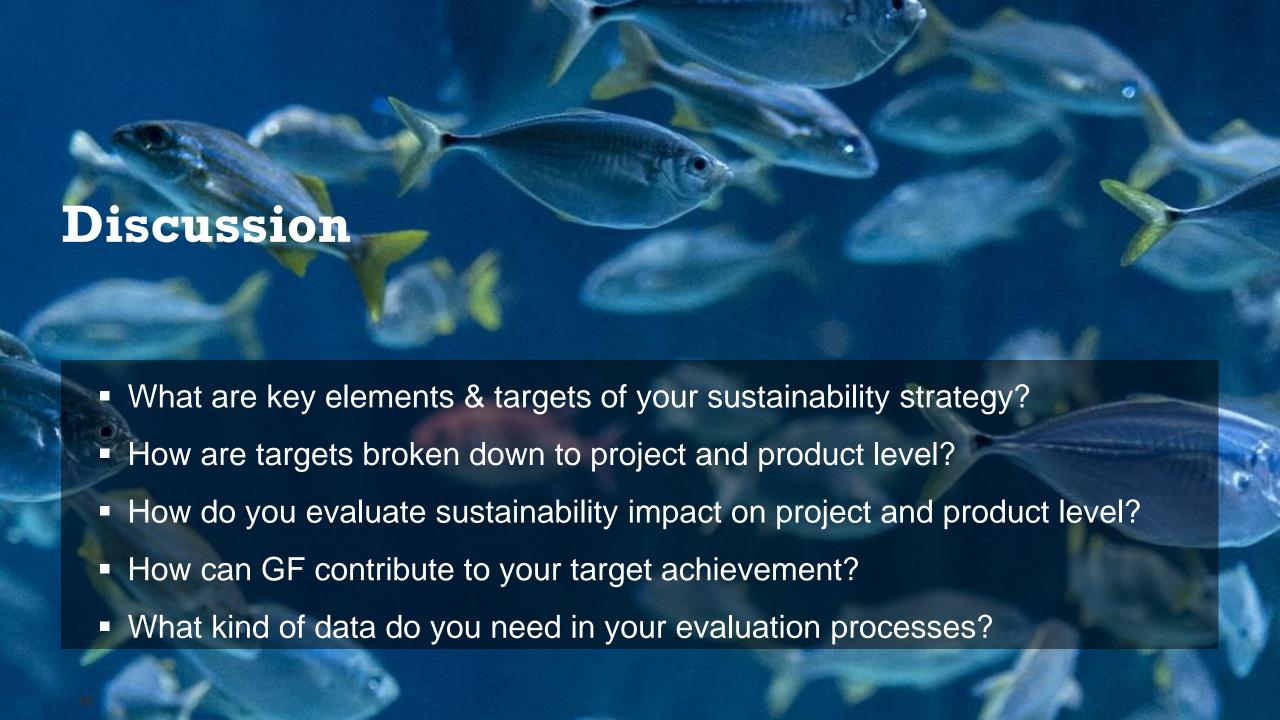
Scope 1 & 2 emissions:

- Improving operational energy & carbon efficiency is one of the key levers to reduce scope 1 & 2 emissions.
- Some GF systems have a proven ability to reduce operational energy consumption and related carbon emissions.



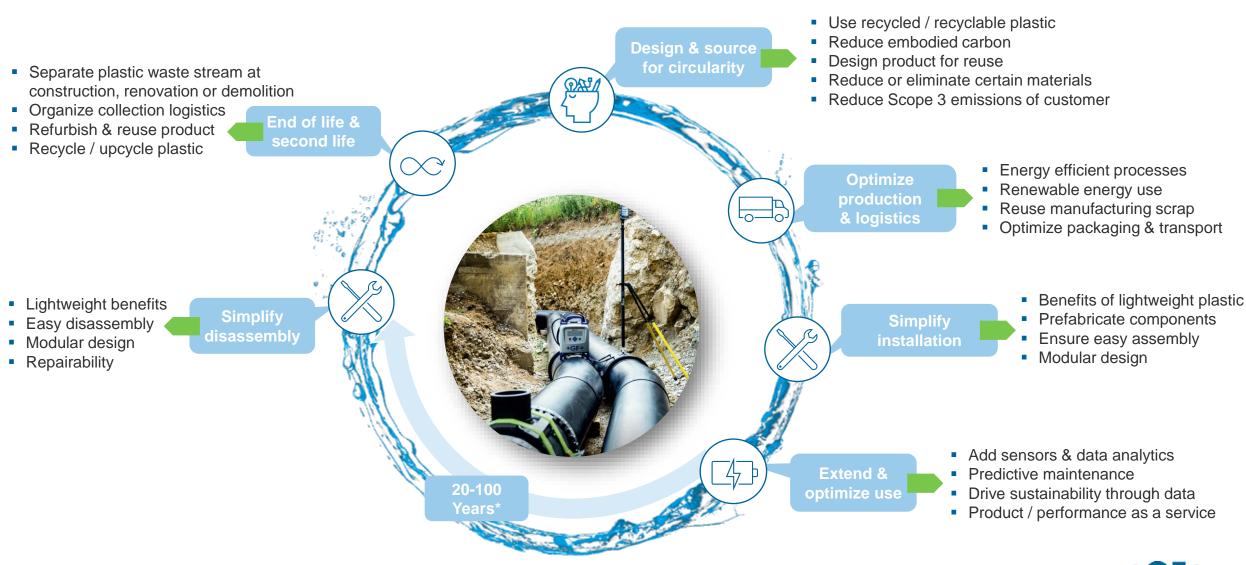
Source: GHG protocol







*Circular economy @GF: a wide range of opportunities



*depending on industry segment and GF system.



+ Circular economy @GF: from strategy to action



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GF sustainability strategy 2025

 Circular economy is an integral part of GF's corporate sustainability strategy.

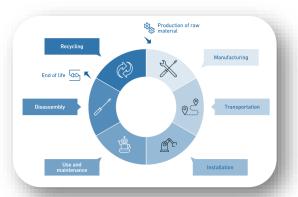
Incremental innovation



 Every new GF product has to undergo a two-tier sustainability & circular economy assessment as part of the innovation gate process.

Adjacent and transformational innovation



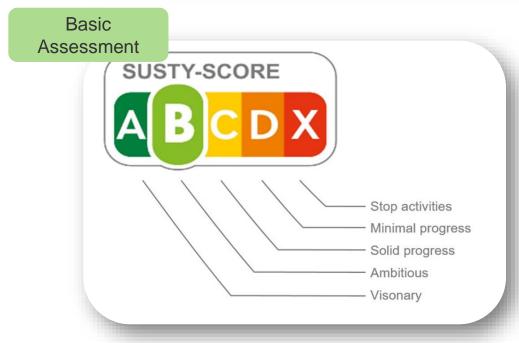


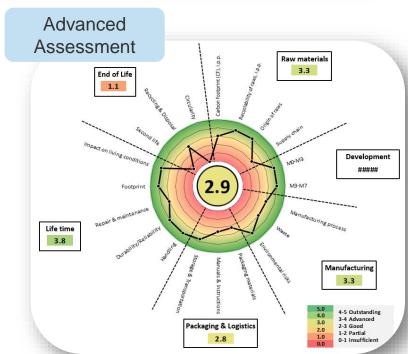
✓ Within our Circular Innovation Framework, we are exploring new, transformational materials, products and business models.



* Sustainability & circular economy assessment









+ GF Circular Innovation Framework

➤ Integrating circular economy principles within Global Innovation and Product Management

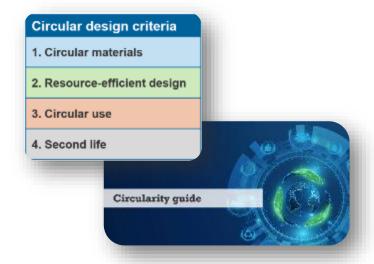
Circular Economy;



- Due to looming resource scarcity, regulators and customers around the world embrace this paradigm
- GF PS as responsible producer aims to increase its circular offering



Support for Innovation + PM

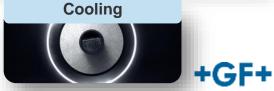


- The Circularity Guide outlines circular design principles and business model opportunities
- Innovations will be assessed along circular design criteria

Structured process

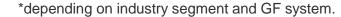
- Every year, R&D heads receive a circular innovation target
- In 2023, five circular explorer projects in different business segments were initiated and embedded in the innovation process





+ Circular economy @GF: recycled materials limitation







* Circular economy @GF: pilot projects

Microelectronics Eternal PVDF

- Customer: major US microelectronics company
- Project: take-back and reuse scenario for PVDF components after 20+ years of service
- Circular value: Re-use of material
 - → Scope 3 emission reduction



Industry & Utility

Bio-attributed PVC

- Customer: various industries & applications
- Project: All GF metric PVC-U pipes, fittings and valves are made of up to 20% bio-PVC content
- Circular value: Low carbon footprint material
 - → Scope 3 emission reduction



Marine

Water360

- Customer: major US cruise company
- Project: digitalized potable water management system with enhanced sensor architecture
- Circular value: Predictive maintenance
 - → prolonged pipe life



Building Technology #TakingForward

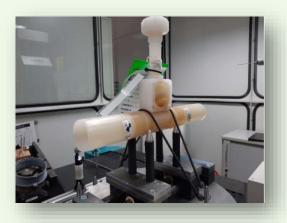
- Customer: construction & real estate industry
- Project: cross-industry initiative establishing a Swiss construction pipe waste recovery network
- Circular value: New, circular source of material
 - → Scope 3 emission reduction



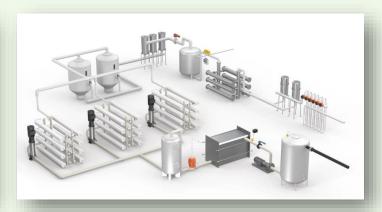
+Eternal PVDF



End of life & second life







- Revaluing used PVDF piping components from UPW applications
- Tests performed with a system in use for 23 years:
 - pipe stress modelling, optical inspection, transmitted light & 3D digital microscopy, mechanical tests, infrared spectroscopy, test diaphragms, leak tightness testing, measuring dimensions in critical areas
- Result: no compromise in performance → the used products comply with relevant EN, DIN and ASTM standards, as well as GF internal requirements for new products



Design & source for circularity







- Crude oil partially replaced with bio-based tall oil → a waste product from the paper industry is upcycled to replace fossil resources
- Up to 20% bio-based PVC-U content in all pipes, metric fittings, and valves
- Up to 90% lower CO₂ footprint of resin compared to fossil PVC
- All technical and chemical capabilities of current PVC-U systems are guaranteed
- All existing certifications and approvals (drinking water, food contact, etc.) remain valid
- Feedstock does not compete with food production

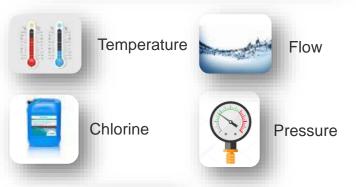


Water360



Circular use phase







Customer comfort

- Optimum temperature
- Optimum pressure
- Smell & taste neutral water

Hygiene & health

- Safe & secure water
- Legionella prevention
- Legal compliance

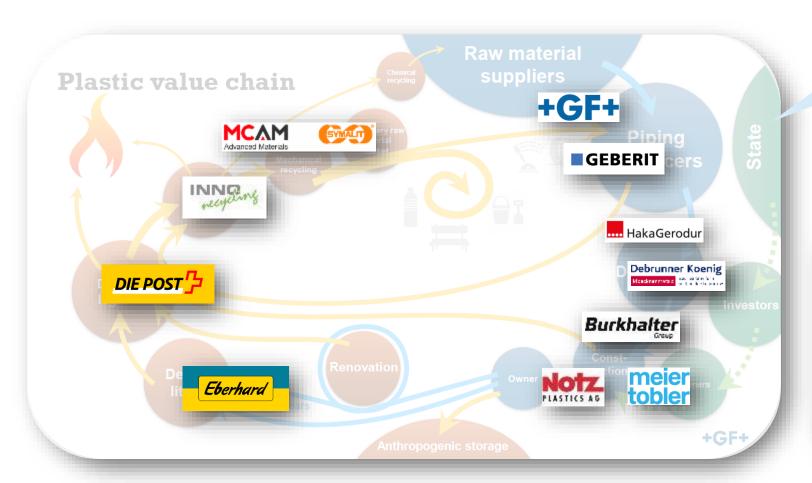
Pipe life

- Predictive maintenance
- Leakage prevention
- Smart chlorine control

Sustainability

- Energy savings of pumps
- Energy savings of chillers
- Water savings

* #TakingForward: Swiss plastic pipe waste recovery network









* Thank you for the attention and collaboration.



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