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Additional information is available in the referenced documents and the GRI indicators of the Sustainability Performance Report.

Human rights		
<p>Principle 1: Support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When selecting employees and determining their assignment in the company, Geberit attaches great importance to qualifications appropriate to the task description. Applicable local minimum wages are well met. This considerably reduces the risk of human rights violations. In its Code of Conduct updated in 2014, Geberit undertakes to be an exemplary, reliable and fair business partner and employer at all times for all of the people with whom it has dealings. As a fair partner, Geberit recognizes local, national and international laws as well as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and complies with them in full. Approximately 98% of all employees were trained in the Code of Conduct in 2008. Since then, new employees receive their training in the Code as part of their job orientation. The "Geberit Integrity Line" was launched in 2013 and gives all employees the opportunity to report irregularities anonymously. There were no significant incidents in 2014. Compliance with the Code of Conduct is monitored as part of an annual, binding Group-wide survey. Verification is supplemented by internal audits on site. No significant breaches of the Code of Conduct were identified in 2014. 	<p>→ G4-EC5</p> <p>→ Code of Conduct for employees</p> <p>→ G4-HR2</p> <p>→ G4-SO4</p> <p>→ Society</p>
<p>Principle 2: Make sure the company is not complicit in human rights abuses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With respect to human rights violations, the greatest risk for Geberit lies with suppliers, who can be influenced only indirectly. Geberit does all it can to minimize this risk and requires that and suppliers comply with comprehensive standards. The Code of Conduct for Suppliers is intended to ensure that Geberit's suppliers act in accordance with internal and external guidelines, as well as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the ILO core labor standards. As of the end of 2014, 728 suppliers had signed the Code of Conduct. This equates to over 95% of the total procurement value. Audits focusing on sustainability are performed primarily on suppliers in the highest risk category. 39 suppliers, which equates to less than 5% of the total procurement value, are classified in this category. 29 of these 39 suppliers have already been audited. Four third-party audits were carried out at suppliers in China in 2014. A shortcoming due to inadequate remuneration was uncovered in one case and corrective measures were imposed. 	<p>→ Sustainability Strategy</p> <p>→ Code of Conduct for suppliers</p> <p>→ Suppliers, chapter 14.2</p>
Labor practices		
<p>Principle 3: Uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No rights with respect to exercising freedom of association or collective bargaining as defined in the ILO core labor standards are subject to restriction at the Geberit Group. This is verified annually as part of a binding Group-wide survey. No restrictions were in effect in 2014. Approximately 4,200 employees, and thus around two-thirds of all employees, are currently covered by collective agreements. Above all in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, over 95% of employees in production companies are governed by a collective labor or wage agreement. There are no collective agreements with employees in the USA and China. 	<p>→ Chapter 11.3</p> <p>→ G4-11</p>
<p>Principle 4: Uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor.</p> <p>Principle 5: Uphold the effective abolition of child labor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geberit's exposure with respect to forced and child labor is considered low because of its industry sector and the countries in which business activities are carried out, as well as its high quality requirements. Forced and child labor are categorically rejected at Geberit. According to the annual, binding Group-wide survey, no cases of forced or child labor were discovered in 2014, nor were any cases revealed during the course of the audits performed among the suppliers. The basic principles established in the Code of Conduct for Suppliers expressly include compliance with the ILO core labor standards for the exclusion of forced and child labor. 	<p>→ Chapter 11.4</p> <p>→ Chapter 11.5</p>
<p>Principle 6: Uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Geberit Code of Conduct clearly specifies how employees are to behave and how Geberit assumes responsibility as an employer in order to counteract discrimination in adherence with the ILO core labor standards. There was one case of sexual harassment in the reporting year 2014 that was settled amicably with the parties concerned. Geberit has no personnel policy or employment practices providing for preferential treatment of persons from local vicinities. Protection of the principles of equality is anchored in the Geberit Code of Conduct. This includes the prohibition of discrimination against any employee on the basis of gender. Fair and equal pay for men and women is a matter of course at Geberit, as was verified and documented in 2014 as part of the annual, binding Group-wide survey. The proportion of female employees as of the end of 2014 was 31%; in management this figure was 6.9%. 	<p>→ Code of Conduct for employees</p> <p>→ Chapter 11.2</p> <p>→ Chapter 10.4, 10.5</p>

Environmental protection		
<p>Principle 7: Support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the precautionary approach in mind, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has implemented an extensive system for monitoring and controlling the risks (incl. environmental risks) linked to the business activities. • Geberit has long stood for a high level of environmental awareness and been committed to environmentally friendly, resource-efficient production as well as to the development of water-saving and sustainable products. Environmental criteria are considered in all decision-making processes. A demonstrably high standard is achieved in this regard, one which often greatly exceeds statutory requirements. • An analysis of the CO₂ footprint over the entire value chain – from the provision of raw materials, the manufacturing of products at Geberit, logistics and use, right through to disposal – reveals that product use (66%) and the provision of raw materials (22%) are by far the largest sources of CO₂ emissions. • Manufacture of the products by Geberit accounts for only 3% of total CO₂ emissions. In absolute terms, CO₂ emissions (Scope 1 and 2) decreased by 1% to 69,230 metric tons in 2014. The CO₂ emissions per sales (currency-adjusted) improved by 6.9%. This confirms that Geberit is on track with its long-term CO₂ strategy. 	<p>→ G4-46</p> <p>→ Code of Conduct for employees</p> <p>→ CO2 footprint</p> <p>→ G4-EC2</p> <p>→ Chapter 9.4</p>
<p>Principle 8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All production sites and logistics as a whole work with an integrated management system and have a group certificate in accordance with ISO 9001 (quality) and ISO 14001 (environment). The annual preparation of corporate eco-balances has been an established part of Geberit's environmental strategy since 1991. The absolute environmental impact decreased by 1.6% in 2014. The environmental impact per sales (currency-adjusted) has improved by 7.5% and exceeded the target figure of 5%. • Geberit places its faith in energy saving and energy efficiency: In addition to the continuous modernization of the machine fleet, important measures include increasing the capacity utilization and efficiency of production equipment, the optimization of cooling plants through the use of natural ambient cold (free cooling, ground water), the improved use of waste heat (heat recovery) as well as the careful use of compressed air. Following on from Lichtenstein (DE), the Pfullendorf (DE) and Langenfeld (DE) plants were also certified according to the ISO 50001 standard for energy management for the first time in 2014. • The share of purchased green electricity increased from 21 GWh to 23.4 GWh in 2014. In total, renewable energy sources accounted for 37.4% of electricity (target figure for 2020: 60%). Renewable energy sources already accounted for 19% of combustibles in 2014 (target figure for 2020: 25%). • Thanks to saving measures, fresh water consumption has been reduced by almost 39% since 2006 and is leveling out at a low level. • Geberit regards eco-design as the key to environmentally friendly products. Beginning with the development process, the most environmentally friendly materials and functional principles are used, risks are minimized and high resource efficiency is pursued. Eco-design is also implemented in product modifications and technology projects. Every new product is to be better than its predecessor with respect to environmental aspects. 	<p>→ Chapter 9</p> <p>→ Sustainability Strategy</p> <p>→ Chapter 9.2</p> <p>→ G4-EN19</p> <p>→ G4-EN19</p> <p>→ Chapter 9.3</p> <p>→ Chapter 9.6</p>
<p>Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "water footprint" throughout the Geberit value chain shows that nearly 100% of the water consumption is attributable to the use of Geberit products by customers. Water-saving solutions can therefore exert a major impact here: All dual-flush and flush-stop cisterns installed since 1998 have saved 2,128 million cubic meters of water in 2014. • Nine Geberit product groups – a total of over 480 sales products – carry the water efficiency label WELL. Since 2013, the labels have been displayed on all packaging and documented in catalogs. Eight of these nine product groups carry the top A class label and account for more than 20% of Group sales. • Green building is a market of the future experiencing strong growth throughout the world. As a leading system provider of sanitary solutions, Geberit is already offering suitable products for this purpose. 	<p>→ G4-2</p> <p>→ Water footprint</p> <p>→ Sustainability Strategy</p> <p>→ Story Green Building</p>
Anti-corruption		
<p>Principle 10: Work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a long-time member of Transparency International Switzerland, Geberit is committed to high standards in combating corruption. • In 2014, the Internal Audit Department audited a total of 15 companies. This represents almost one third of all Geberit companies. Each company is audited at least every five years, or considerably more frequently if it has a heightened risk profile. No cases of corruption were discovered in 2014. • As a rule, Geberit does not make donations to parties or politicians. All donations and related commitments are neutral from a party political point of view. This was verified and documented as part of the annual, binding Group-wide survey. 	<p>→ Chapter 12.1</p>