

Water is critical to both mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change. We at AEL also consider water as a crucial shared natural resource and its responsible consumption is one of the key drivers of innovation and sustainable economic prosperity of our businesses.

Protecting and conserving water resources through prudent and effective water management practices and governance systems are a priority for AEL and integral to our commitment towards water stewardship.

The businesses under AEL will demonstrate a commitment to the following objectives:

- Maintain legal compliance of water related applicable laws and regulations through progressive management plan.
- Utilize water resources efficiently through effective and economically viable management systems.
- Collect data on internal water performance, minimize fresh water withdrawal by using recycled water and use alternative water sources like rain water harvesting wherever possible.
- Ensure that wastewater generated through our operations is fully treated and utilized in our operations or other activities to the extent possible.
- Identify water-related business risks and opportunities and develop action plans for mitigating the risks.
- Develop and implement water strategies for the business and its value chain through an effective engagement with stakeholders to increase awareness.
- Measure, monitor, and review the performance related to water stewardship of the organization in accordance with this policy at regular intervals and undertake audit (internal/ external) of the performance before communicating to relevant stakeholders.

Responsible and sustainable use of water resources is necessary for improving the sustainability performance of the AEL. All stakeholders of the AEL will endeavour to be committed to the fulfilment of the objectives outlined in this policy.

The policy shall be reviewed periodically for its appropriateness and updated as necessary.