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**Adm Electricity and Gdz Electricity**

**Became Participant Members of the**

**United Nations Global Compact**

**Adm** **Electricity and Gdz Electricity, companies of Aydem Energy operating in the field of electricity distribution, have become the participants of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's most comprehensive sustainability platform.**

Two companies of Aydem Energy, the leading company of the energy sector with its experience of more than 40 years, operating in the field of electricity distribution, namely Adm Electricity and Gdz Electricity have become participants of the UN Global Compact, the largest and most comprehensive sustainability initiative of the world.

With this membership, Adm Elektrik Dağıtım and Gdz Elektrik Dağıtım have committed to comply with the 10 principles of UN Global Compact, covering the human rights, labor standards, anti-corruption and environment matters in all business processes. The two companies, which shall report their work in these fields every year, will also demonstrate the principles they have undertaken with concrete indicators.

**“We have also achieved the participant status in the Global Compact with our distribution companies.”**

Stating that they are participating members of the UN Global Compact with five group companies, Aydem Energy CEO İdris Küpeli said, “We focus on sustainability where we conduct in the fields of electricity generation, distribution and sales. It is of great importance for us to invest in our employees, that is, in our human value, and to fulfill the responsibility we assume towards our ecosystem and all our stakeholders. With this goal, as a company sensitive to universal problems, we hold on to our responsibilities and we strengthen our contribution to the solution of the problems in our region, with our group companies which have a healthy development model for a sustainable future.

Our main objective in all of our processes and activities is to implement projects that embrace the 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact. The investments we have made to our human resources as well as our social investments comply with these principles. The fact that we have been certified as a “Great Workplace” by the Great Place to Work® Institute with our 13 group companies is also a result of our sustainable goals.

As a result of all this approach, in our UN Global Compact journey, which we have started in 2020 for Aydem Renewables in the status of a signatory, we are proud and happy of being ranked in the participant status, together with our five companies, including Adm Elektrik Dağıtım and Gdz Elektrik Dağıtım.

***About the UN Global Compact***

*The UN Global Compact is the world’ largest sustainability initiative, founded in the year of 1999 by then-UN Secretary-*

*General Kofi Annan. The member institutions of the UN Global Compact undertake with the signature of their highest-level representatives (CEO and/or Chairman of the Board) that they will conduct business in accordance with the ten universal principles in the fields of human rights, labor standards, environment and anti-corruption and that they will report this every year. Currently, the UN Global Compact is the largest corporate sustainability platform of the world with more than 15,000 member companies and more than 4,000 external members.*

*Global Compact Turkey is one of UN Global Compact’s 69 local networks around the world. It localizes and implements the strategies and programs of the UN Global Compact within companies, and supports them in setting of targets and taking of concrete steps to take them further forward. The working areas of Global Compact Turkey are diversification and inclusion, environment, sustainable finance, gender equality and innovation. It aims for companies to take concrete steps by setting ambitious and realistic targets in these areas, and provides tools, programs, expertise and networks to support them on this path. With 251 companies, the Global Compact Turkey is the 8th largest local network in Europe and the 15th in the world.*

***About Aydem Energy***

*Aydem Energy, the first and the pioneering integrated energy company of Turkey, operates in the fields of electricity generation, distribution and retail. Aydem Energy, which has put its signature under the pioneering works in its sector such as accomplishing of the first private hydroelectric power plant of Turkey, producing of the first domestic solar cell and possessing of the first private electricity distribution and retail licenses; presently, with its 27 power plants spread throughout Turkey and with its 1.965 MW installed power generates an electrical energy of 10.044 GW per annum. The renewable energy generation company of Aydem Energy, which focuses on renewable energy, is the largest company in Turkey, whose portfolio consists of 100% renewable resources. Besides the electricity generation activities, with its electricity retail and distribution companies, it provides service in 5 provinces. In 2021, with the projects it has implemented in the field of employee branding, Aydem Energy, which has been included in the “Turkey’s Best Employers List” with its 8 group companies, by the Great Place to Work® Institute, which provides services on a global scale in the field of workplace culture and employee satisfaction, this year as well, managed to achieve the Great Place to Work® Certificate as a “Great Workplace” with its 13 group companies.*