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**Aydem Retail and Gediz Retail,**

**Became participants of**

**the United Nations Global Compact**

**Aydem Energy's electricity retail companies Aydem Retail, operating in the provinces of Aydın, Denizli and Muğla and Gediz Retail, operating in the provinces of İzmir and Manisa have become participants of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's most comprehensive sustainability platform.**

Turkey's leading integrated energy company Aydem Energy’s two companies operating in the field of electricity retail in the provinces of Aydın, Denizli, Muğla, İzmir and Manisa became participants of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest sustainability initiative.

With this development, Aydem Retail and Gediz Retail have committed to comply with the 10 principles of UN Global Compact in the fields of human rights, labor standards, environment and anti-corruption in all the business processes; in addition to observing the aforementioned principles, by reporting their works in these fields every year, they will also demonstrate with concrete indicators that they have fulfilled their commitments.

**“We are proud to join the Global Compact with our 3 companies.”**

Stating that they shall continue to work to make a difference in the energy sector with their “sustainable”, “innovative” and “people-oriented” approaches, Aydem Energy CEO İdris Küpeli said, “If we are to talk about a fully sustainable and balanced growth, we believe that we can only and only achieve this by investing in people and by holding on to our responsibilities to the ecosystem we are in and to all our stakeholders. In the upcoming period, when we look at the companies that have existed for many years, we will witness more and more that financial statements do not make sense on their own. As Aydem Energy, we always act with our responsibilities in order to achieve our sustainable corporate goals. We have implemented many projects embracing global principles by focusing on the sustainable satisfaction of our employees in our journey to become a “Great Workplace”, for which we have been certified by independent institutes. With the signature we have put for our Aydem Renewables company in 2020, we have promised that we would comply with the '10 principles' of the UN Global Compact. In 2021, we have arisen from the signatory status to the status of a participant. And now, we are happy to include our Aydem Perakende and Gediz Perakende companies in this strong commitment.”

***About the UN Global Compact***

***The UN Global Compact*** *is the world's 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 companies, it provides service to 5 million customers in 2 regions and 5 cities, namely Aydın, Denizli, Muğla, İzmir and Manisa. It also provides electricity distribution services in the same provinces with its electricity distribution companies. 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.