



KAZANCI HOLDİNG



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# KAZANCI HOLDING HAS ESTABLISHED THE SUSTAINABILITY FINANCE WORKING GROUP WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE STRATEGIC TARGETS FOR 2030



Kazanci Holding has established the Sustainable Finance Working Group to strengthen its sustainability vision and move forward in line with its strategic targets for 2030. This newly established working group has the mission of integrating the financial policies of the holding with its sustainability policy, determining the sustainable finance targets, and creating long-term environmentally and economically sustainable solution strategies.



The main targets of the Sustainable Finance Working Group of Kazanci Holding include determining the long-term sustainable finance framework of the holding, creating ideas for environmentally and economically sustainable solutions, and strengthening the sustainable finance strategies of the holding. Furthermore, one of the most important objectives of the board is to create a sustainable financing framework document.

This step aims to strengthen the financial strategies of Kazanci Holding so as to take into account the environmental and social impacts by emphasizing its commitment to sustainability.



# KAZANCI HOLDING CELEBRATED THE WOMEN'S DAY ENTHUSIASTICALLY

Kazanci Holding welcomed the women entrepreneurs who were affected by the earthquake last year in Akso Headquarters Building in the event that it organized on 8 March International Women's Day.

In this meaningful event, the handmade products of the women who make production at Akso Malatya Life Center in Malatya Container City as well as the products of Antakya Tatları Women's Initiative Production and Operation Cooperative, Kirikhan Women Entrepreneurs Production and Operation Cooperative, Responsible Soteria Stone Art Women's Initiative Production and Operation Cooperative, and Aysegul Taskiran, a women entrepreneur from Hatay, were exhibited.

A Women Who Love Blue Seminar on the social gender equality was organized on Women's Day. Moreover, the products manufactured by the working women were given to the women employees as gifts.

While this meaningful event aimed to raise the awareness about the social gender equality and the importance of women in the business world, a platform was also provided for the women entrepreneurs to exhibit their products.



# KAZANCI HOLDING AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES HAS STARTED THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT SURVEYS

Kazanci Holding and its subsidiaries has started the sustainability report survey in order to further strengthen their sustainability commitments, increase transparency and leave a more sustainable world for the next generations.



This report aims to clarify the commitment of Kazanci Holding and its subsidiaries to reduce the environmental impacts, contribute to the social responsibility projects and emphasize the ethical business practices. The report will provide comprehensive information so as to include the achievements in the field of sustainability, the investments made and the strategies for the future.

Within the scope of the report, the sustainability approaches of Kazanci Holding, Akxa Enerji, Akxa Elektrik, Akxa Dogalgaz ve Akxa Jenerator companies will be shared with the public in a transparent manner.





# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR THE LOCAL NETWORK OF UN GLOBAL COMPACT TURKEY WAS HELD



UN Global Compact Turkey to which Kazanci Holding and Aksa Enerji are the members and which aims to extend the 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact, increase the responsible business practices and extensify the good practices by supporting the business world for the sustainable development in our country held its second general assembly meeting at The Marmara Otel Taksim on 21 February.

Following the General Assembly meeting, the Leader of the UN Global Compact Middle East, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Anita Lebiar, made a speech.

Furthermore, a panel focusing on the “Forward Faster” initiative started to make the business world to take actions in the fields of climate change, social gender equality, cost of living, sustainable finance and conservation of water for facilitating the progress of all of the Sustainable Development Goals by the UN Global Compact was organized.

The Corporate Governance and Sustainability Group Manager of Kazanci Holding, Betul Isiklar, and the Investor Affairs and Sustainability Director of AKSA Enerji, Pinar Saatcioglu, attended the meeting.



# SUCCESSFUL FIELD TEAMS OF CORUH EDAS BECAME A HOPE FOR GIRLS



Coruh Elektrik Dağıtım A.Ş. (Coruh EDAS), providing electricity distribution service to approximately 1.5 million subscribers in the Eastern Black Sea Region rewarded its field personnel for their outstanding performance throughout 2023. Coruh EDAS, focusing all of its operations on customer satisfaction, rewarded 112 employees who made the highest contribution to this goal in 2023, and became a hope for the future of girls by making donation Koruncuk Foundation on behalf of each employee who demonstrated outstanding performance.

The Director General of Distribution Operations, Alper Erbas, who stated that the electricity distribution service also provides substantial contribution to welfare and development while providing service to human by its nature, expressed his thanks to 112 employees who had outstanding success and presented their rewards and donation certificates by stating "While we, as Coruh EDAS, support to the development of our country with our target of providing uninterrupted energy supply in our distribution area, our personnel who went beyond their limits with their performance on the site became a hope for the future of our girls accordingly.



# AKSA SARJ IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH 50.000 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN TURKEY WITH THE TARGET FOR 2030

AKSA SARJ, the young brand of AKSA Elektrik, aims to achieve a total of 50.000 charging stations, both commercial and private, by 2030 by increasing its investments in electric vehicle charging stations throughout Turkey. AKSA SARJ is currently included among the top 10 largest charging operators in Turkey on a socket basis and is planning to be included among the top 5 largest operators in 2030.

AKSA SARJ aims to offer its customers an integrated solution with environmentally friendly technology by adopting sustainability. The stations of AKSA SARJ, which will be operated with green energy as of March 2024, will contribute to the environmental sustainability in many aspects by reducing emissions from fossil fuels.

The fact that the energy with which electric vehicles are charged is environmentally friendly within the scope of our charging services supports combating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The electric vehicles with which we serve will also contribute to reducing the dependence on fossil fuels and improving the air quality. The charging services also encourage a sustainable lifestyle by providing savings in fuel costs for car owners in economic terms. The charging stations which also play a role in urban planning also contribute to raising the environmental awareness and to developing the social consciousness. Furthermore, electric vehicle charging stations increase energy security and induce technological progress. The actions taken for this purpose represent an important step towards a cleaner and healthier future.

Each AKSA SARJ station represents the prospective perspective and brand commitment of AKSA SARJ. The charging eco-system consists of not only stations, but we also promise a comprehensive transformation that offers a holistic infrastructure, digital solutions specific to customer needs, advanced technology and guaranteed service with AKSA brand with our vision.

AKSA SARJ prioritizes the principles of sustainability and efficiency while it provides customers with accessible, rapid, reliable and comfortable charging experience with its brand mission that it has promised.

Within the scope of our targets for 2030, the stations of AKSA SARJ will support not only electric vehicles but also a sustainable lifestyle. In this journey, we aim at building a sustainable and innovative energy future together with all our stakeholders.

**Hakan Uzun**  
Akse Elektrik Marketing and  
Business Development  
Director





# GROUNDBREAKING TECHNOLOGY IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR: FLOATING WIND TURBINES



Wind power is one of the oldest energy sources derived from wind and is the most seasonal and efficient of all renewable energies. These power plants, which conventionally are built on lands which are located close to transportation facilities and which are fertile in terms of wind regime, can now also be built on water bodies as a result of researches made. These types of power plants are called "Floating Wind Power Plants".

A Floating Wind Turbine is a wind turbine at sea, which is mounted on a floating structure used in deep water where it is not possible to anchor the turbine tower to the sea bottom with a foundation. The absence of local characteristics disturbing the wind flow on the water surface allows the wind at sea to be stronger and more constant. The electricity generated is transmitted to land through underwater cables.

The technical surveys for the first Wind Power Plant At Sea of Turkey will be initiated in 2024. The technical surveys for the first Wind Power Plant At Sea of Turkey will be initiated in 2024. For wind power at sea, areas of 1111 square kilometers offshore Bandırma, 299 square kilometers offshore Bozcaada, 75.6 square kilometers offshore Gelibolu and 410 square kilometers offshore Karabiga were allocated.

The target for the installation of Wind Power At Sea for Turkey was declared as 5 gigawatts in 2035.





# ROAD MAP FOR A GREEN FUTURE: ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE TAKING FIRM STEPS TOWARDS BECOMING THE PIONEERS OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION



Climate change, which is currently a major problem threatening the life on the Earth, is an issue that scientists are seeking for various solutions. With the increasing investments made in renewable energy sources, electric vehicles become prominent as an environmentally friendly alternative.

Unlike their counterparts with internal combustion engines, electric vehicles run without the need for petroleum and derivative fuels. This feature is achieved by means of the transfer of power to the electric motor through the sets of batteries available in the vehicles.

Electric vehicles exhibit an environmentally friendly profile despite their ever-increasing engine power. These vehicles significantly mitigate air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the use of fossil fuels thanks to their zero-emission operation.

Electric vehicles also provide advantages in terms of energy efficiency. As they have higher energy conversion efficiency, they consume less energy than vehicles with internal combustion engines.

Another important factor of electric vehicles in terms of sustainability is the changing demand for energy resources. As electric vehicles are charged in a grid-connected manner, this charging process increases the use of electricity generated from renewable energy sources and reduces the dependence on fossil fuels. This situation represents an important step towards a sustainable future.



# EUROPEAN UNION HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT FOR REDUCING PACKAGING WASTES AND MAKING PACKAGING SUSTAINABLE



A provisional agreement, which aims at making packaging sustainable and reducing packaging wastes within the European Union, has been reached. This provisional agreement aims at reducing the packaging wastes in the European Union by 5% until 2030 as compared to the levels in 2018. This provisional agreement aims at reducing the packaging wastes by 10% until 2035, and by %15 until 2040.

The main elements of the agreement;

- Sustainability requirements and recycled content in packaging
- Reuse targets and obligations
- Deposit refund systems
- Restrictions on specific packaging formats.

The draft text, which was approved by 27 countries and legislative bodies of the European Union, establishes the requirements for packaging to be both safe and sustainable while aiming at dealing with the increase in packaging wastes and supporting the circular economy.





# BIODIVERSITY INVENTORY SURVEY: TEN THOUSAND WATER BIRDS OF 11 DIFFERENT SPECIES WERE IDENTIFIED



In Tunceli, an inventory survey has been initiated in order to protect water birds the number of which is decreasing due to various factors such as global warming and hunting. Within the framework of the survey realized, the inventory of water birds was created for the first time by the teams of the Branch Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks (DKMP).



As a result of the research carried out in the vicinity of Keban Dam and Uzuncayır Dam Lake supplying water to the dam, over 10.000 water birds of 11 different species were identified. These species include Wild Goose, Cormorant, Great Egret, Gray Heron, Mallard, Tundra Swan, Crane, Ruddy Shelduck, Van Lake Gull, Black-headed Gull and Great Black-headed Gull.

Wild Goose was the most intensely observed species with three thousand members. As part of the fight against illegal poaching, camera traps were placed in the coastal areas where water birds are frequently found. Also, a guide will be issued with the inventory survey for the future conservation strategies.

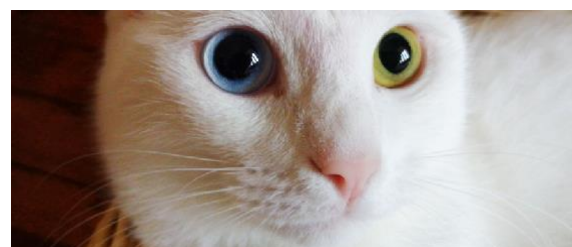
# DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE?



Today, at least 700 of the 11.000 bird species living throughout the world are known to be in danger of extinction.



- Approximately 500 bird species can be observed within the boundaries of Turkey. About a quarter of these species are birds that do not breed in Turkey and migrate only in winter.



- It is known that there are 1478 vertebrate and 20-30 thousand invertebrate species in Turkey.



- In the phytogeographic (plant geography) regions of Turkey, 11.000 species of flowering plants grow and about 4000 of these species are endemic.



- In Eskikaraagac Leylek Village, Yaren the Stork, landing on the boat of Adem Yilmaz every spring at the migration time, has been spending the spring and summer months with him for 13 years.