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The fifth Sustainability Report

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- 94% of water used is returned to its source
- 14% reduction in energy consumption since 1990
- 86% less SO2 since 1990
- 95% reduction in NOx per tonne of product since 1990
- 90% of the wood used by CEPI members comes from CEPI countries
- 80% of wood virgin fibre used by the industry is certified
- 71% of production capacity has environmental management certification
- 69% the European Paper Recycling Rate: a world record
- 90% of newspapers and corrugated boxes are made from recycled fibre
- 90% reduction in AOx per tonne of product since 1990
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The accident rate fell by 58% since 1990.