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THE MODERATING EFFECT OF PROFITABILITY AND *LEVERAGE* ON THE INFLUENCE OF *ECO-EFFICIENCY* ON FIRM VALUE

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ABSTRACT

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Keywords: *Eco-efficiency*, profitability, *leverage*, firm value, ISO 14001.

INTRODUCTION

The company's continuous operations use large resources, if these activities continue without being balanced with preservation and recovery, the surrounding community will lose their source of life due to damage to the environment. In 2020 in Indonesia there began to be the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the virus has a high rate of spread which causes adverse negative effects that cause death. The high spread of the virus has confirmed that 6,727,847 Indonesians have been exposed to the virus. This condition results in increased demand for medicines.

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Household waste that we often encounter is plastic bag waste and plastic packaging, every minute approximately one million plastic bags are used, plastic waste takes hundreds of years to decompose. The high level of unawareness of business people towards the environment is shown by data from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry in 2021, the data states that manufacturing companies have the largest percentage of B3 waste contributors. In 2021 Indonesia has approximately 60 million tons of hazardous waste, the waste is contributed by 2,897 industries in the manufacturing sector with the highest percentage compared to other sectors (Mutia, 2022).

Based on these conditions, it raises expectations from the community for business people to provide environmental responsibility in the form of minimizing the negative impact of production activities. Companies are required not only to pay attention to the profits generated, but also to pay attention to the condition of the surrounding environment. With the demands of the community, the company tries to fulfill its responsibilities towards the environment in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No. 32 of 2009 concerning environmental protection and management in articles 67 and 68. The law states that in carrying out company activities, companies are required to maintain and maintain environmental sustainability.

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profitability, another factor that affects firm value is *leverage*. *Leverage* is the use of assets and sources of corporate funds that have fixed costs with the intention of increasing potential shareholder profits (Sartono, 2015). (Sartono, 2015). Khosyi & Handayani, (2022) state that increased dependence on debt will ensure that companies increase environmental activities in order to meet creditor expectations on environmental issues, this shows that positive *leverage* can increase the influence of *eco-efficiency* on firm value.

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RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

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Implementing the concept of *eco-efficiency* is a good signal from the company that the company has carried out activities to reduce negative impacts on the environment and resource use management. This can increase company value because shareholders believe the company has a good image with the community environment. D'Amato & Falivena (2020) in their research state that disclosure of corporate responsibility for a sustainable environment tends to have a higher stock price. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that *eco-efficiency* affects firm value.

2) Profitability moderates the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value

The main purpose of establishing a company is to achieve maximum profit. Management decisions in making policies can provide a significant level of profit. Helmina et al., (2022) in their research shows that the level of profit owned by the company is able to moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that profitability can moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

3) *Leverage* moderates the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value

Leverage is the ability of a company to fulfill all its obligations if the company is liquidated. (Munawir, 2010). Research conducted by Dewi et al, 2021 shows the influence of the level of *leverage* on the relationship between corporate responsibility disclosure and firm value. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that *leverage* can moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

RESEARCH METHODS

Population and Sample

This study uses secondary data in the form of annual reports of *consumer goods* companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for 2020-2023. Data collection using *purposive sampling* tectics with predetermined criteria. 148 sample data were obtained which then required outliers to be 141 sample data companies used in this study.

Variable Measurement

1) Dependent Variable

Firm value is the company's performance which is reflected in the stock price, the higher the company value, the higher the prosperity of its stakeholders (Wahasusmiah & Arshinta, 2022). So that this research, the company value is measured by the natural logarithm of the stock price (Ln stock price).

2) Independent Variable

The eco-efficiency variable as an independent variable is measured using a dummy variable which is seen based on ownership of ISO 14001 certification. Companies that have ISO 14001 certification are given a value of 1, while companies that do not have this certification are given a value of 0.

3) Moderating Variable

- a. Profitability is a value that reflects the profit generated by the company (Ali, Ridwan, & Ali, 2021). In this study, profitability is measured using *Return on Equity* (ROE):

$\text{ROE} = \frac{\text{Profit After Tax}}{\text{Total Equity}}$
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- b. *Leverage* is the size of the debt used to finance the company's assets. (Cashmere, 2019). *Leverage* in this study was measured using the Debt to Equity Ratio (DER):

$\text{DER} = \frac{\text{Total Liabilities}}{\text{Total Equity}}$

Data Analysis Method

This research uses simple linear regression and *moderated regression analysis* methods which are processed using SPSS. The regression model in this study is as follows:

1) Simple linear regression

$$\text{LnNP} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{ECO} + e$$

2) *Moderated Regression Analysis*

$$\text{LnNP} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{ECO} + \beta_2 \text{ROE} + \beta \text{DER} + \beta_{34} \text{ECO_ROE} + \beta_5 \text{ECO_DER} + e$$

RESEARCH RESULTS

Multicollinearity Test Results

First Equation Test Results

Model		Collinearity Statistics	
		Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)		
	ECO	1.000	1.000

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Second Equation Test Results

Model		Collinearity Statistics	
		Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)		
	ECO	.640	1.562
	ROE	.830	1.205
	DER	.933	1.071
	ECO_ROE	.125	7.972
	ECO_DER	.129	7.773

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out in the simple linear regression model and MRA, there is no multicollinearity found because both regressions show the results of tolerance values > 0.10 and VIF values < 10 .

Autocorrelation Test Results

First Equation Test Results

Model	Durbin-Watson
1	2.000

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Second Equation Test Results

Model	Durbin-Watson
1	1.835

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the results of the autocorrelation test that has been carried out with the Durbin-Watson test, the DW value in the first equation is 2.000 and the DW value in the second equation is 1.835. Both values are between -2 to +2 so it can be interpreted that in the two regression models of this study there is no autocorrelation relationship.

Goodnes of Fit Test Results (F Test)

First Equation Test Results

Model	F	Sig.
1 Regression	9.144	.003 ^b
Residuals		
Total		

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

b. Predictors: (Constant), ECO

Source: Data processed, 2024

Second Equation Test Results

Model	F	Sig.
1 Regression	4.296	.001 ^b
Residuals		
Total		

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

b. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out, the results of the two regressions show a significance value smaller than 0.05 where for the first regression it is Sig 0.003 and the second regression is Sig 0.001. Based on this significance value, the two regression models in this study are suitable for predicting the value of the variables and it is said that the regression model fits.

Regression Coefficient Test Results (R)²

First Equation Test Results

Model	R Square	Adjusted R Square
1	.137	.105

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Second Equation Test Results

Model	R Square	Adjusted R Square
1	.728	.330

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the results of the R test² in simple linear regression, the adjusted R² value is 0.105, which means that the eco-efficiency variable can explain the stock price variable by 10.5% and the others are explained by other variables outside the study. The adjusted R² value in MRA shows a value of 0.330, which means that 33% of changes in stock prices are influenced by eco-efficiency, profitability and leverage, while the rest are influenced by other variables outside this study.

Regression Analysis Results

Based on the tests that have been carried out in this study, the regression equation is as follows:

- 1) Simple linear regression

$$\text{LnNP} = 6.897 + 0.607 \text{ ECO} + e$$

- 2) *Moderated Regression Analysis*

$$\text{LnNP} = 6.972 + 1.235 \text{ ECO} + 2.365 \text{ ROE} + 0.004 \text{ DER} + 2.826 \text{ ECO_ROE} - 0.533 \text{ ECO_DER} + e$$

Hypothesis Test Results

First Equation Test Results

Model		t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	52.684	.000
	ECO	3.024	.003

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out, it shows that the significance value of the eco-efficiency variable is $0.003 < 0.05$ so that it can be interpreted that the hypothesis in this study is accepted that *eco-efficiency has an effect* on firm value.

Second Equation Test Results

Model		t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	48.308	.000
	ECO	1.926	.003
	ROE	1.775	.001
	DER	.085	.932
	ECO_ROE	2.598	.010
	ECO_DER	-1.294	.198

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out on the ECO_ROE variable shows a significant value of $0.01 < 0.05$ so it can be stated that the research hypothesis is accepted profitability can moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value with a positive effect. The test results for the ECO_DER variable show a significance value of $0.198 > 0.05$ so it can be stated that the hypothesis in this study is rejected *leverage* cannot moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

DISCUSSION

1) *Eco-Efficiency Affects Company Value*

In this study, the *eco-efficiency* variable has an effect on firm value. This is indicated by a significance value of $0.003 < 0.05$. The results of this study indicate that adopting

the concept of environmental management by having ISO 14001 certification ownership can increase company value through an increase in stock price. The results of this study are in line and consistent with research conducted by Ashidqi (2020), Lesmana & Kesaulya (2022), Dianti & Puspitasari (2024), Anjarsari et al, (2023) which state that the adoption of the *eco-efficiency* concept has a major impact on increasing firm value.

2) Profitability Can Moderate the Relationship between Eco-Efficiency and Firm Value

In this study, the ECO_ROE variable shows a significant value of $0.01 < 0.05$ so that this study provides evidence that the level of profit earned by the company can strengthen the company to adopt the concept of eco-efficiency which will provide an increase in company value. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Helmina et al (2022), Hartini (2018), Guenster, et al, (2011), Machmuddah et al (2020) which shows that profitability can strengthen the relationship of eco-efficiency to firm value. The results of this study are not in line with the research of Anjarsari et al (2023), Wusono & Matusin (2019) which state that profitability cannot affect the *eco-efficiency* relationship.

3) Leverage Cannot Moderate the Relationship between *Eco-efficiency* and Firm Value

In this study, the ECO_DER variable shows a significance value of $0.198 > 0.05$ so that this study provides evidence that the high level of debt or *leverage* value owned by the company has no effect on strengthening or weakening the adoption of the *eco-efficiency* concept which will increase the company's value. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Wusono & Matusin (2019) which states that the level of leverage cannot moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. The results of this study are not in line with the results of research by Dewi et al (2021), Santosa (2020), Jihadi, et al., (2021) which state that *leverage* can strengthen the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

CLOSING

This study was conducted to examine the moderating effect of profitability and *leverage* on the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. This research was conducted with 141 sample data of manufacturing companies in the consumer goods sector listed on the IDX in 2020-2023. Based on the research that has been done, the results show that *eco-efficiency* affects firm value. This happens because companies always try to give good signals to stakeholders. Demands from the public and the government for companies to increase their concern for the environment. In addition, the level of profitability in this study shows the results can moderate by strengthening the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. The higher the level of profitability owned by the company, the company will continue to maintain the concept of environmental management by adopting *eco-efficiency* supported by ownership of ISO 14001 certification. As for leverage, it has no influence on the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. The higher the level of leverage, the company will continue to adopt the concept of *eco-efficiency* to fulfill its responsibility to the environment.

This study has a research year limit and the sample only covers consumer goods sector companies so that it cannot interpret the conditions of all companies in Indonesia. Of the 141 research samples, less than 50% of companies have ISO 14001 certification so that further research needs to be carried out regarding the factors that influence the ownership of ISO 14001 certification.

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Research Hypothesis

1. The effect of *eco-efficiency* on firm value

Implementing the concept of *eco-efficiency* is a good signal from the company that the company has carried out activities to reduce negative impacts on the environment and resource use management. This can increase company value because shareholders believe the company has a good image with the community environment. D'Amato & Falivena (2020) in their research state that disclosure of corporate responsibility for a sustainable environment tends to have a higher stock

price. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that *eco-efficiency* affects firm value.

2. Profitability moderates the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value

The main purpose of establishing a company is to achieve maximum profit. Management decisions in making policies can provide a significant level of profit. Helmina et al., (2022) in their research shows that the level of profit owned by the company is able to moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that profitability can moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

3. Leverage moderates the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value

Leverage is the ability of a company to fulfill all its obligations if the company is liquidated (Munawir, 2010). Research conducted by Dewi et al., (2021) shows the influence of the level of *leverage* on the relationship between corporate responsibility disclosure and firm value. Based on this description, this study formulates the hypothesis that *leverage* can moderate the relationship between *eco-efficiency* and firm value.

3. METHODS

Population and Sample

This study uses secondary data in the form of annual reports of consumer goods companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for 2020-2023. Data collection was conducted using purposive sampling techniques, selecting participants based on specific, predetermined criteria. 148 sample data were obtained which then required outliers to be 141 sample data companies used in this study.

Variable Measurement

1. Dependent Variable

Firm value is the company's performance which is reflected in the stock price, the higher the company value, the higher the prosperity of its stakeholders (Wahasusmiah & Arshintia, 2022). So that this research, the company value is measured by the natural logarithm of the stock price (Ln stock price).

2. Independent Variable

The *eco-efficiency* variable as an independent variable is measured using a dummy variable which is seen based on ownership of ISO 14001 certification. Companies

that have ISO 14001 certification are given a value of 1, while companies that do not have this certification are given a value of 0.

3. Moderating Variable

- a. Profitability is a value that reflects the profit generated by the company (Ali et al., 2021). In this study, profitability is measured using *Return on Equity* (ROE):

$$\text{ROE} = \frac{\text{Profit After Tax}}{\text{Total Equity}}$$

- b. Leverage is the size of the debt used to finance the company's assets (Kasmir, 2019). Leverage in this study was measured using the Debt to Equity Ratio (DER):

$$\text{DER} = \frac{\text{Total Liabilities}}{\text{Total Equity}}$$

Data Analysis Method

This research uses simple linear regression and *moderated regression analysis* methods which are processed using SPSS. The regression model in this study is as follows:

1. Simple linear regression

$$\text{LnNP} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{ECO} + e$$

2. Moderated Regression Analysis

$$\text{LnNP} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{ECO} + \beta_2 \text{ROE} + \beta_3 \text{DER} + \beta_4 \text{ECO_ROE} + \beta_5 \text{ECO_DER} + e$$

4. RESULTS

Multicollinearity Test Results

Tabel 1. First Equation Multicollinearity Test Results

First Equation Test Results		
Model	Collinearity Statistics	
	Tolerance	VIF
1		
(Constant)		
ECO	1.000	1.000

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Tabel 2. Second Equation Multicollinearity Test Results

Second Equation Test Results	
Model	Collinearity Statistics

		Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)		
	ECO	.640	1.562
	ROE	.830	1.205
	DER	.933	1.071
	ECO_ROE	.125	7.972
	ECO_DER	.129	7.773

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out in the simple linear regression model and MRA, there is no multicollinearity found because both regressions show the results of tolerance values > 0.10 and VIF values < 10 .

Autocorrelation Test Results

Tabel 3. First Equation Autocorrelation Test Results

First Equation Test Results	
Model	Durbin-Watson
1	2.000

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Tabel 4. Second Equation Autocorrelation Test Results

Second Equation Test Results	
	Durbin-Watson
Model	
1	1.835

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

The results of the autocorrelation test using the Durbin-Watson test show that the DW value for the first equation is 2.000, while the DW value for the second equation is 1.835. Both values are between -2 to + 2 so it can be interpreted that in the two regression models of this study there is no autocorrelation relationship.

Goodnes of Fit Test Results (F Test)

Tabel 5. First Equation F Test Results

First Equation Test Results		
Model	F	Sig.

1	Regression	9.144	.003 ^b
	Residuals		
	Total		

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

b. Predictors: (Constant), ECO

Source: Data processed, 2024

Tabel 6. Second Equation F Test Results

Second Equation Test Results			
Model		F	Sig.
1	Regression	4.296	.001 ^b
	Residuals		
	Total		

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

b. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Source: Data processed, 2024

The test results indicate that both regressions have significance values less than 0.05, with the first regression showing a significance of 0.003 and the second regression showing a significance of 0.001. Based on this significance value, two regression models in this study are suitable for predicting the value of the variables and it is said that the regression model fits.

Regression Coefficient Test Results (R)²

Tabel 7. Second Regression Coefficient Test Results (R)²

Second Equation Test Results		
Model	R Square	Adjusted R Square
1	.728	.330

a. Predictors: (Constant), ECO_DER, DER, ROE, ECO, ECO_ROE

Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

The results of the R² test in the simple linear regression indicate that the adjusted R² value is 0.105, meaning that the eco-efficiency variable accounts for 10.5% of the variation in stock prices, with the remaining 89.5% explained by factors not included in the study. In the multiple regression analysis (MRA), the adjusted R² value is 0.330, indicating that 33% of the changes in stock prices are influenced by eco-efficiency, profitability, and leverage, while the remaining 67% are due to variables outside the scope of this research.

Regression Analysis Results

Based on the tests that have been carried out in this study, the regression equation is as follows:

1. Simple linear regression

$$\text{LnNP} = 6.897 + 0.607 \text{ ECO} + e$$

2. Moderated Regression Analysis

$$\text{LnNP} = 6.972 + 1.235 \text{ ECO} + 2.365 \text{ ROE} + 0.004 \text{ DER} + 2.826 \text{ ECO_ROE} - 0.533 \text{ ECO_DER} + e$$

Hypothesis Test Results

Tabel 8. First Hypothesis Test Results

First Equation Test Results			
Model		t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	52.684	.000
	ECO	3.024	.003

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

The test results indicate that the significance value of the eco-efficiency variable is 0.003, which is less than 0.05. This suggests that the hypothesis in this study is accepted, confirming that eco-efficiency has a significant effect on firm value.

Tabel 9. Second Hypothesis Test Results

Second Equation Test Results			
Model	t	Sig.	Model
1	(Constant)	48.308	.000
	ECO	1.926	.003
	ROE	1.775	.001
	DER	.085	.932
	ECO_ROE	2.598	.010
	ECO_DER	-1.294	.198

a. Dependent Variable: LN_NP

Source: Data processed, 2024

Based on the test results that have been carried out on the ECO_ROE variable shows a significant value of $0.01 < 0.05$ so it can be stated that the research hypothesis is accepted profitability can moderate the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value with a positive effect. The test results for the ECO_DER variable show a

significance value of $0.198 > 0.05$ so it can be stated that the hypothesis in this study is rejected leverage cannot moderate the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value.

5. DISCUSSION

Eco-Efficiency Affects Company Value

In this study, the eco-efficiency variable has an effect on firm value. This is indicated by a significance value of $0.003 < 0.05$. The results of this study indicate that adopting the concept of environmental management by having ISO 14001 certification ownership can increase company value through an increase in stock price. The results of this study are in line and consistent with research conducted by Ashidqi (2020), Lesmana & Kesaulya (2022), Dianti & Puspitasari (2024), Anjarsari et al, (2023), which state that the adoption of the eco-efficiency concept has a major impact on increasing firm value.

Profitability Can Moderate the Relationship between Eco-Efficiency and Firm Value

In this study, the ECO_ROE variable shows a significant value of $0.01 < 0.05$ so that this study provides evidence that the level of profit earned by the company can strengthen the company to adopt the concept of eco-efficiency which will provide an increase in company value. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Helmina et al., (2022), Hartini (2018), Guenster et al., (2011), Machmuddah et al., (2020) which shows that profitability can strengthen the relationship of eco-efficiency to firm value. The results of this study are not in line with the research of Anjarsari et al.,(2023), Wusono & Matusin (2019), which state that profitability cannot affect the eco-efficiency relationship.

Leverage Cannot Moderate the Relationship between Eco-efficiency and Firm Value

In this study, the ECO_DER variable shows a significance value of $0.198 > 0.05$ so that this study provides evidence that the high level of debt or leverage value owned by the company has no effect on strengthening or weakening the adoption of the eco-efficiency concept which will increase the company's value. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Wusono & Matusin (2019) which states that the level of leverage cannot moderate the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value. The results of this study are not in line with the results of research by Dewi et al (2021),

Santosa (2020), Jihadi et al.,(2021) which state that leverage can strengthen the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value.

6. CONCLUSION

This study was conducted to examine the moderating effect of profitability and leverage on the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value. This research was conducted with 141 sample data of manufacturing companies in the consumer goods sector listed on the IDX in 2020-2023. Based on the research that has been done, the results show that eco-efficiency affects firm value. This happens because companies always try to give good signals to stakeholders. Demands from the public and the government for companies to increase their concern for the environment. In addition, the level of profitability in this study shows the results can moderate by strengthening the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value. The higher the level of profitability owned by the company, the company will continue to maintain the concept of environmental management by adopting eco-efficiency supported by ownership of ISO 14001 certification. As for leverage, it has no influence on the relationship between eco-efficiency and firm value. The higher the level of leverage, the company will continue to adopt the concept of eco-efficiency to fulfill its responsibility to the environment.

7. LIMITATION

This study has a research year limit and the sample only covers consumer goods sector companies so that it cannot interpret the conditions of all companies in Indonesia. Of the 141 research samples, less than 50% of companies have ISO 14001 certification so that further research needs to be carried out regarding the factors that influence the ownership of ISO 14001 certification.

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