

## SUSTAINABILITY REPORT





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### PROLOGUE MA. FLORENCIA BENEDICTO | VP

l am proud to present EFESA's first sustainability report, a model company that contributes to Argentina's energy matrix.

Our purpose goes beyond producing clean energy: we aim to create a positive and lasting impact on our community, our natural environment, and the sustainable development of our country.

This report reflects our commitment to transparent, efficient, and responsible management aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

As a certified B Corporation, we are committed to continuous improvement. We not only generate carbon credits through clean energy production, but we also go a step further: we measure and offset our own carbon footprint. We implement environmental programs and policies to preserve our sorroundings and biodiversity, and we carry out social initiatives to protect our community.

Fully aware of the key role we play in Argentina's energy transition, we embrace responsibility of leading by example.

This report is both an exercise in economic, social and environmental accountability, and an invitation to continue building a more equitable and sustainable future together.







### MESSAGE FROM MARIA TORO | GENERAL MANAGER



Dear collaborators, partners and stakeholders,

At EFESA, we believe in the value of telling things as they are. That's why we maintain open and transparent communication about our ESG strategy, the challenges we face, and the milestones we achieve on our path toward sustainability. We are proud to present our **2024 Sustainability Report**, which reflects our ongoing commitment to responsible development and to creating long-term value for all our stakeholders.

Over the past year, we have made significant progress in integrating sustainable practices into our operations. We obtained internationally recognized certifications and launched initiatives that not only generate a positive impact on the environment, but also strengthen our position as sustainability leaders in the industry.

Our approach goes beyond the environmental aspect. At **EFESA**, we understand that sustainability also involves **ethical**, **transparent**, **and participatory governance**, ensuring integrity in decision-making and compliance of our responsibilities as a company.

We also promote an ethical, transparent, and responsible organizational culture, reaffirming our commitment to **human rights** and adopting practices that ensure decent working conditions, respect for cultural diversity, and non-discrimination at all levels of our organization.

A key pillar of our strategy is the active promotion of a culture based on the principles of Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI). We firmly believe that diversity enriches our ideas, decisions, and outcomes. We work every day to guarantee safe, inclusive, and equitable workplaces for everyone at EFESA.





At EFESA, we face these challenges with determination, working hand in hand with our teams, strategic partners, and communities to promote effective and meaningful solutions. Because sustainability is a continuous journey, this report outlines our goals, our achievements, and the areas where we are committed to further improvement in the years ahead.

We are deeply grateful to all the people whose dedication and commitment make this journey possible.

Together, we can make a difference and help build a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future.

Maria Toro General Manager

City of Buenos Aires, December 31, 2024





### OUR COMPANY



#### WE ARE A COMPANY DEDICATED TO PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATION

#### **OUR MISSION**

Generate renewable energy, contributing to the sustainable development of the country and the region.

We believe in integral respect for everything we do, embracing the challenge of promoting economic development while considering its social and environmental impact.

#### **OUR VISION**

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ENERGY MATRIX, BEING A BENCHMARK IN SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT.

#### **OUR VALUES**









Innovation







Professionalism Sustainability

Honesty

Responsibility





EFESA achieved its **B Corporation certification** - 2020 and recertified in 2023.

**Gold Standard** 

EFESA achieved its **GOLD STANDARD certification** - 2020 and recertified in 2024



EFESA achieved its **ISO 14.001:2015 certification** - 2021 and scope expansion in 2024.







EFESA is the owner of **"Parque de Los Llanos**," a 30 MW project that currently has 20 MW of installed and operational capacity. The plant is located at the intersection of National Route 79 (RN 79) and Provincial Route 25 (RP 25), 6 km from the intersection of NR 79 and NR 38, in the province of La Rioja, Argentina.



#### **OUR EVOLUTION**

2015

2017

2018

2019

In October 2015, through Law 27.191, the production of electricity from renewable energy sources was declared of national interest in Argentina. The law established that 8% of national electricity consumption should come from renewable sources by 2018, with an increased commitment of 20% by 2025.

In 2017, we made the decision to actively contribute to Argentina's Republic renewable energy goals by designing the "Parque de Los Llanos" project.

In 2018, we began construction of the first phase of the solar park, which also required the upgrade and expansion of the ET CHAMICAL substation, owned by TRANSNOA, and the installation of a 33 kW transmission line connecting it and "Parque de los Llanos".

In February 2019, we obtained the commercial authorization and began operating and managing our first 12 MW.

Thoughout 2019, we moved forward with the construction of the second 8 MW phase, which has been operating since January 2020.





- 20 MW operation
- B Corporation Certification
- Gold Standard Certification
- ISO 14001 EMS Certification
- AGEERAMembers
- Sale of Gold Standard VERs to EDF
- CADER Members
- B Corporation Recertification
- ISO 14001 EMS Scope Extension
- Gold Standard Recertification



#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**



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LOCATION CHAMICAL La Rioja Province LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RN 79 AND RP 25



+23 MILLION

OF DOLLARS

INSTALLED CAPACITY



INSTALLED CAPACITY 68,040 PANELS 72-CELL POLYCRYSTALLINE





+95,000 TONS CARBON REDUCTION

DATA AS OF 12/30/2024

INVERTERS Centralized – Schneider (Phase 1)/ SMA (Phase 2)

**MOUNTING SYSTEM** Single Axis TRACKER – Brand: ARRAY

#### ENERGY EVACUATION

Double-circuit 33 kV transmission line (owned by EFESA) 6.5 km in length, with a transmission capacity of 50MW



#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Main features of the project	
Commercially enabled power	20 MW
Approved transport capacity	30 MW
Coordinates	30°17´31.89"S, 66°19´5.53"W
GHI	1970 kWh/m²
Specific energy	2,200 MWh/MWp
Interconnection	LMT 33kV to ET 132 kV Chamical
Carrier	Trasnoa
Energy marketing	Private PPA in MATER

#### **PHASE 1 - 12 MW**

Authorization: 02/23/2019 15 MM USD INVESTMENT

Solar Fields SCHNEIDER Brand	3 of 4.4MVA
GCL Brand PV panels	41,310 325Wp polycryslalline
Series (string)	1,377 series of 30 panels
Tracker systems - ARRAY brand	459 rows of 90 panels per
Monitoring boxes - Weidmuller brand	41 frames of 32 inputs Formation of 8 entries

#### PHASE 2 - 8 MW

Authorization: 01/14/2020 7 MM USD INVESTMENT

Solar Fields SMA Brand	13MVA Center and 16MV
UP+SOLAR PV PV panels	Center
Series (string)	26,730 polycryslalline 340Wp
Tracker systems - ARRAY brand	891 series of 30 panels
Monitoring boxes - SMA brand	297 rows of 90 panels per

row

28 frames of 32 inputs



EFESA owns the land on which the Solar Park is located. The company holds the corresponding municipal permit, soil studies for the entire project, and electrical studies for Phases 1 and 2. To asess the Park's potential, EFESA commissioned an Irradiance and Production study carried out by the prestigious European consultancy firm MEGAJOULE.

The company has fulfilled key environmental compliance requirements, including the approval of the Provincial Environmental Impact Statement and the Environmental Management Plan from the ENRE.

On the other hand, EFESA is a member of:



For operational purposes, EFESA is registered as **MEM Agent** (Wholesale Electricity Market) and listed in **RENPER**(National Registry of Renewable Energy Providers).

**CAMMESA** (Wholesale Electricity Market Administrator Company) has granted the following regulatory approvals :

- Dispatch Priority for both STAGE 1 (12 MW) and STAGE 2 (8 MW), in accordance with Resolution 197/2018.
- Commercial Authorization for STAGE 1 (12 MW) 02/23/2019 and for STAGE 2 (8 MW) 01/14/2020.

**TRASNOA**, the company responsible for High-Voltage Electricity Transmission in the Northwestern Region of Argentina, has approved Access to the Interconnection point and transport capacity.





### **CERTIFICATIONS** SCOPE

**B** Corporations are companies that harness the power of the market to provide concrete solutions to social and environmental problems. They operate under high social, environmental, and transparency standards, and their corporate bylaws include legally binding commitments to consider not only the financial interests of shareholders, but also other long-term interests such as those of their employees, suppliers, customers, the community to which they belong, and the environment .

Achieving **Gold Standard certification** is a major achievement for EFESA and for Argentina, a **reward for its commitment to sustainable development**. *Parque de Los Llanos* demonstrates that it is possible to supply clean energy to an entire region without generating GHG emissions, while contributing to the economic and social development of the region and the country.

**Gold Standard for The Global Goals** is a rigorous and prestigious independent **voluntary certification mechanism**, with a particular focus on generating and reporting co-benefits, such as improved local employment and infrastructure for local communities, alongside verified emissions reductions from its projects.

The purpose of the international **ISO 14001 Certification** is to provide organizations with a framework to **protect the environment and responding to changing environmental conditions**, in balance with socio-economic needs. This standard brings value not only to the environment, but also to the organization itself and its stakeholders.



### **ENVIRONMENTAL** PERFORMANCE



Within the framework of its **Environmental Management System** (EMS), EFESA maintains a strong commitment to measuring, monitoring, and continuously improving its environmental performance. Through systematic records updated monthly, the company evaluates its resource usage, waste generation, and annually prepares its **Carbon Footprint report**, in accordance with the GHG Protocol methodology, considering the three scopes. The evolution of total emissions is presented below:

	Base Year	Year 1	% Var. vs. Base Year	Year 2	% Var. vs. Base Year
GHG Inventory	2021	2023	buse rear	2024	buse rear
Emissions - tCO2e/year					
Scope 1: Direct GHG emissions	34,67	11,16	-68%	23,72	-32%
Related to stationary fuel combustion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Related to mobile fuel combustion (owned vehicles)	10,89	7,4	-32%	9,1	-16%
Related to refrigeration systems	23,78	3,76	-84%	14,62	-39%
Scope 2: Indirect GHG emissions (electricity)	122,15	1,62	- <i>99%</i>	1,41	-99%
Related to electricity consumption in fixed facilities	122,15	1,62	- <i>99%</i>	1,41	-99%
Scope 3: Other indirect GHG emissions	16,99	21,07	24%	19,80	17%
Related to business travel	3,84	4,67	22%	4,00	4%
Related to employee commuting	9,8	10,98	12%	10,31	5%
Related to municipal solid waste generation	3,35	5,35	60%	5,41	61%
Related to remote work (home office)	0	0,07	-	0,08	-
Total Emissions	173,81	33,85	-80,52%	44,93	-74,15%

#### ANNUAL GHG INVENTORY

EFESA promotes various actions focused on conserving the natural environment and promoting sustainable development, seeking to mitigate environmental impacts and generate value through the responsible resource use and collaboration with local stakeholders.



#### MUNICIPAL NURSERY REACTIVATION PROJECT

In compliance with the Forest Law and as part of its commitment to municipal and provincial authorities, EFESA reactivated the municipal nursery of Chamical. This initiative offsets the environmental impact of deforestation required for the installation of the Los Llanos Solar Park.



The nursery, which had been previously abandoned, now produces over 700 plants of native species such as jacaranda, lapacho, carob tree, ash, and ceibo, contributing to the reforestation of degraded areas and the beautification of public spaces.



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#### **BIODIVERSITY PROJECT**

EFESA implemented a biodiversity plan at the Los Llanos Solar Park, integrating lavender crops. This initiative aims for natural weed control, reducing mechanical intervention and machinery use. The lavender planting also promotes soil regeneration and pollination, while laying the groundwork to develop an agrivoltaic project in the future.





#### RESPONSIBLE END-OF-LIFE MANAGEMENT OF PANELS

EFESA is developing a management plan for end-of-life solar panels, aiming to recycle and properly dispose of these components at the end of their lifecycle. This project includes recycling and appropriate final disposal, with the goal of minimizing environmental impact and promoting circular economy practices in the photovoltaic industry.



### **SOCIAL** PERFORMANCE



EFESA reaffirms its commitment to sustainable development not only through clean energy generation but also through concrete actions that create a positive impact in the local community. These initiatives range from education and basic infrastructure to service improvements and job creation, strengthening the connection between the company and its social environment.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

This program provides scholarships to employees who have not completed their secondary education and wish to do so. Improved wellbeing, motivation, and professional development.

#### WATER NETWORK FOR RURAL SCHOOL No. 319 CONNECTION TO SECURE WATER. Improved sanitation and access to a basic right.

#### DONATIONS AND SUPPORT TO RURAL SCHOOL No. 319

DONATION of games, books, and school supplies. Promoting comprehensive learning.

#### LOCAL ELECTRICAL GRID

Reinforcement of the electrical grid in Chamical. Greater stability and quality of service.

#### LOCAL JOB CREATION

130 construction jobs. 20 permanent jobs. Annual training plan.

#### **GENDER PERSPECTIVE**

The project is led by a woman as General Manager, and it is noteworthy that 80% of the administration management team is female.







### GOVERNANCE

EFESA adopts a model that ensures efficient, sustainable, and transparent management, with a clear separation of functions among decision-making, control, and implementation bodies.

#### STRUCTURE

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#### GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

(Sacres S.A.U., Inverclub S.A., Correon S.A. and Da Silvano S.A.) Supreme decision-making body. Approves profits, financial statements, and appoints the Board of Directors.

#### **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Oversees internal and external audit processes. Evaluates operational and financial risks. Ensures financial integrity.

#### **DECISION MAKING**

Strategic decisions are made by the Board of Directors. Operational implementation: led by the General Management. External audit: provides additional control over key processes.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Responsible for strategic direction and general supervision. Composition: President; Vice President; Chief Executive Officer and Alternates;

#### **GENERAL MANAGEMENT**

Executes the Board's strategies. Oversees production, finance, HR, and sustainability.

### TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION

EFESA maintains clear communication with: Regulatory Authorities, Shareholders, Collaborators and the Community. Periodic reports and financial performance updates are issued, ensuring access to relevant information.



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#### CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

**EFESA** is governed by a Code of Ethics and Conduct that guides the behavior of all collaborators, from the senior management to Operational staff. This code seeks to foster an ethical, transparent, and responsible organizational culture based on the following values:

<b>Confidentiality</b> Rigorous protection of sensitive information from clients, employees, partners, and shareholders.	<b>Responsibility</b> Commitment to institutional objectives, acting with professionalism and dedication.
Human Rights Unwavering respect for human rights in accordance with international standards and the National Constitution	<b>Social Responsibility</b> Sustainable development with a positive impact on the community, through public and private partnerships.
<b>Ethics and Integrity</b> Honest, consistent conduct aligned with ethical principles in all decisions and actions.	<b>Security</b> Guaranteeing safe and healthy conditions for employees, contractors, clients, and the community.
<b>Legality</b> Strict compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in each jurisdiction where EFESA	<b>Transparency</b> Clear, accurate, and verifiable communication, that fosters trust and accountability.
operates.	





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### ACHIEVEMENTS 2024

#### CERTIFICATIONS



**Cold Standard** 



#### ATMOSPHERE



36,042 MW GENERATED



-74% CARBON FOOTPRINT 2021-2024

#### SOCIAL



35% WOMEN EMPLOYEES



66% WOMEN IN KEY POSITIONS

#### GOVERNANCE



0 CASES OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION



0 CASES OF DATA BREACHES



100% PERMANENT CONTRACTS









