



Sound management systems promote **accountability**

Stora Enso has a strong record in using environmental management systems designed to help units to address the most critical environmental aspects of their operations.

During 2003 and 2004 all Stora Enso's pulp, paper and board production units were covered by ISO 14001 certification and/or EMAS registration¹⁾. In December 2004, however, Stora Enso acquired Polish packaging producer Intercell S.A., which currently does not have a certified environmental management system in place.

Stora Enso strives to ensure that all acquired production units adopt environmental management systems according to ISO 14001 and/or EMAS. It has been decided that third-party-verified environmental management systems should also be adopted by all sawmills and wood supply units. Most of the uncertified sawmills have already set certification objectives for 2005. **Imavere Sawmill** in Estonia, for instance, has already certified its operations according to ISO 14001.

¹⁾ So far only Stora Enso's European production units have been registered to EMAS.

Bad St. Leonhard Sawmill served as a certification pilot for sawmills in Continental Europe, and became Stora Enso's first sawmill in Central Europe to be certified to ISO 14001 and registered with EMAS. The map inside the backcover shows all the units certified by the end of 2004.

Practical results from management systems

Several positive changes have occurred at mill level due to the implementation of environmental management systems. Units have stated that pro-activeness and the integration of environmental aspects into production processes offer clear and systematic assistance for mill personnel. There has also been a general improvement regarding environmental awareness among personnel, and this has led to improved performance on environmental issues. Management systems have provided practical tools to help units to focus on the most significant environmental issues locally.

EMAS statements increase stakeholders' awareness

Public third-party-verified EMAS statements promote accountability, and Stora Enso has strongly emphasised the importance of publishing such statements. These statements are widely distributed to highlight important environmental issues and actions.

Varkaus Mill's EMAS statement, for example, has been delivered to every household in the community, greatly increasing local residents' understanding of how environmental issues are managed at the mill.

