



# How **sustainable** do you have to be to call your business **sustainable**?

Today, it's more important than ever to sustain a balance between energy use and efficient development. My personal view is that achieving and maintaining this balance is an opportunity to change our world by changing our way of thinking. Because change is the basis for all long-term plans: being able to adapt is essential for profitable growth. That's why Rettig Group has launched a new and dedicated drive towards more sustainable development across our business. A drive which urges and inspires company members in every role to do more with less.

Our company operates in industries that use many different forms of energy. We need oil, gas, diesel and electricity to operate our businesses and production facilities. If we are able to reduce our energy requirements we reduce our burden on the environment, do more with less, and in turn contribute to a better world. For this reason, our search for better technological solutions has become a determined quest and an integral part of the way we do business now and in the future.

As a result, we can already share some encouraging examples of sustainable behaviour, such as our new low-energy consumption ships Bore Sea and Bore Song, and our new kiln investments in Nordkalk. And I am particularly proud of our new Rettig ICC products that are produced using fewer raw materials and, even better, offer more energy-efficient heat performance. 3 plants in Hungary and Poland now use state-of-the-art energy-efficient methods to produce our radiators. In addition to these more streamlined production processes, we have reduced energy use as a result of innovation in design, thanks to the work of a multifunctional team comprising R&D, Operations, Sales & Marketing and our production plants.

**Cyril von Rettig**  
Chairman, Rettig Group Ltd

Now, instead of a single piece of steel at the rear of the radiator, two convector strips perform the same function, using less material and energy to produce the same result.

At the end of the day, tomorrow starts with new ideas. Ideas that make you stronger and more competitive while being more responsible than ever before. Implementing these takes commitment, without which there can never be effective change. At Rettig, we continue to explore our way of working, to identify new potential and add more value for our businesses. Central to this exploration are innovation, health, safety and the environment. And because this is a privately owned business, we can achieve all this with patience and long-term vision, setting a strong example of responsible operations and sustainable profitability. ■

