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**Zorlu Enerji is rated among the “Global Sustainability Leaders” as it transforms the sustainability concept into a corporate culture**

**Zorlu Enerji is one of Turkey's pioneer companies in renewable energy. Following the Zorlu Enerji Sustainability Strategy developed in line with its Smart Life 2030 vision, the company became one of 14 Turkish companies included in the "Global Sustainability Leaders" research prepared by the Argüden Governance Academy, which determines sustainability activities of companies.**

Zorlu Enerji transformed the sustainability concept into business conduct with its vision of being the energy company of the future. The company manages all environmental, social, and governance risks better and continues its activities to meet the expectations and needs of its stakeholders. In this context, Zorlu Enerji became the first company in the energy sector to calculate its carbon and water footprint. It has been sharing sustainability reports since 2009 with an integrated annual report that includes the company’s environmental, social, and governance performances regularly annually. Zorlu Enerji, which supplies its entire electricity production in Turkey from renewable energy, leads the sector in sustainability with its investments in human-oriented ecosystems and regenerative business models for a better future.

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As companies continue their sustainability-oriented efforts for a better world, Argüden Governance Academy has developed the Sustainability Governance Scorecard, which defines the activities of Global Sustainability Leaders -including the top companies in their business fields. Shown as a "good example" by the G20 Countries, the scorecard model aims to mobilize impact-oriented stakeholders and improve execution effectiveness. The Academy created the SGS Scorecard model to motivate businesses to take action for a more sustainable future by highlighting good practices in sustainability governance and providing measurement tools for long-term value creation. And the governance quality of companies' sustainability efforts is evaluated through the criteria of giving guidance, implementation, board of management oversight, and continuous learning throughout the cycle.

**197 companies from 7 countries participated in the research**

The study classified five groups of 197 companies operating in 10 sectors from Germany, America, China, South Africa, India, England, and Turkey. Adapting sustainability to its corporate culture in line with its Smart Life 2030 vision, Zorlu Enerji is listed among 14 Turkish companies in the research. This year, the company came within the Global Sustainability Leaders and raised its rank one step higher than the previous year. Zorlu Enerji aims to create an energy ecosystem based on renewable resources. The company continues its efforts to create long-term positive value with the actions it plans, primarily to zero its emissions from its operations by 2030 in the fight against the climate crisis, achieve net zero emissions across the entire value chain by 2040, and to ensure that more than 20% of its turnover chieved from innovative business models.