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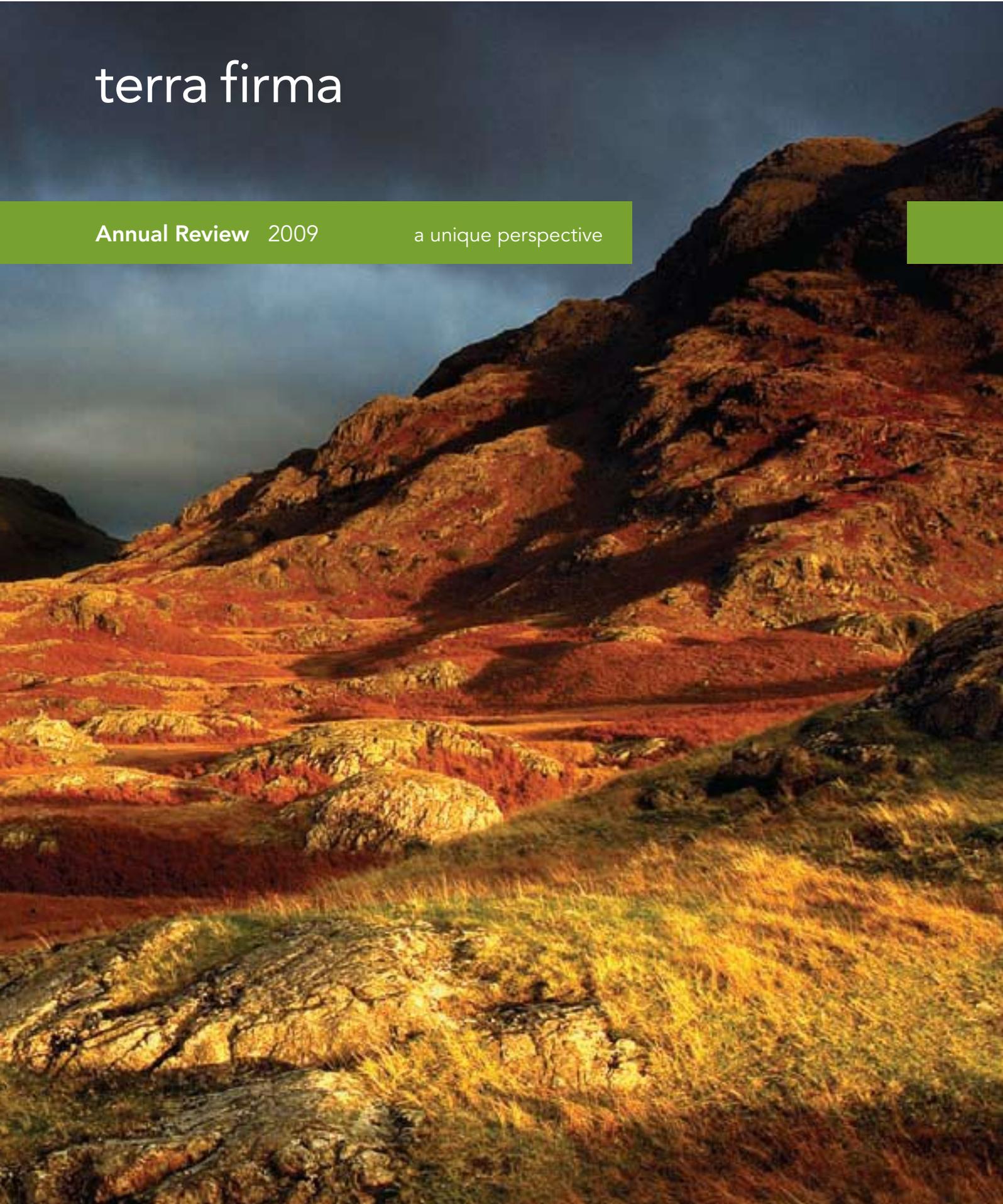
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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN THE HOME, OFFICE AND BEYOND



EverPower is a business that is committed to promoting the use and growth of clean energy. As a member of the renewable energy industry, it understands that responsible practices need to be embedded in the business's day-to-day activities as well as being followed and championed by the employees.

In order to deliver on that commitment, EverPower and its affiliates try, wherever possible, to operate on a carbon neutral basis. For example, all EverPower offices use 100% green power if it's available and, where it's not, buy green certificates to offset 100% of the carbon produced in generating the electricity they consume.

EverPower is also designing its offices in accordance with key sustainability principles – the Portland office, for example, has been awarded a LEED Gold certification. This rating recognises that the building was designed using strategies aimed at saving energy, conserving water, reducing

CO₂ emissions, improving indoor air quality and preserving resources. The building features innovations such as a high-efficiency natural gas boiler, rainwater retention tanks, recycled building materials, low-flow water fixtures and solar photovoltaic panels.

The company's employees are also heavily behind the company's green efforts. EverPower has introduced a policy that encourages all staff members to demonstrate that they use green power in their homes or that they offset the carbon associated with their domestic electricity if the green power option is not available.

These same principles are also applied to the use of advisers and consultants who work with EverPower on its development activities. The company aims to use only those consultants and other service providers who purchase green power or green certificates. Beginning this year, these service providers will be required annually to establish that they meet these requirements.

Clean air and water, a diverse energy supply and affordable energy are some of the critical goals we all need to work towards, and renewable energy has a key part to play in that mix. EverPower is doing its bit to reach those goals by encouraging corporate and social responsibility in relation to all kinds of energy while also promoting the wider use of renewable energy technologies.

