

## Burned Forests of Tekirdağ Şarköy to Turn Green Again with Akfen

Continuing its social responsibility initiatives in its **50th year**, **Akfen Holding** has taken action to restore the forest areas damaged by the wildfire that recently occurred in the **Şarköy district of Tekirdağ**, which caused significant destruction across a wide forested area.

Within the scope of the project organized by **Tekirdağ City Hospital**, operated by **Akfen Hospital Services**, **10,000 saplings are being planted in the forest area damaged by last summer's wildfire in Şarköy** under the slogan **"Hope for the Soil, Breath for the Future."**

Following the wildfire that recently struck the **Şarköy district of Tekirdağ**, causing extensive damage to forested areas, **Akfen Holding** took action to support the restoration of the region. Within the scope of the project launched under the slogan **"Hope for the Soil, Breath for the Future,"** organized by **Tekirdağ City Hospital operated by Akfen Hospital Services**, Akfen Holding donated **10,000 saplings to the General Directorate of Forestry (OGM)**. A large-scale **sapling planting ceremony** was held today in **Şarköy**.

The ceremony organized for the rehabilitation of the burned areas was attended by officials from the **General Directorate of Forestry**, as well as **Pelin Akın Özalp**, Member of the Board of Akfen Holding; **Uğur Kılınç**, General Manager of Akfen Hospital Services; **Emre Sezgin**, General Manager of Akfen Environment and Water and Group Sustainability Leader; and **Akfen Volunteers**. Following the speeches, the saplings were planted.

PELİN AKIN ÖZALP, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AKFEN HOLDING:

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Speaking at the sapling planting ceremony, **Pelin Akın Özalp**, Member of the Board of Akfen Holding, stated that every sapling planted today will become the breath of tomorrow:

"After the heartbreaking images of the wildfire in Şarköy that deeply affected us all, restoring these lands to their former green is not only a responsibility for us but also a debt we owe to the future. Every sapling we plant here today as Akfen Holding will become the breath of tomorrow. The best way to repay our debt to nature is to give it new life."

The project, which includes the planting of **10,000 saplings**, aims to support the regeneration of the forest area damaged by the wildfire while leaving a **lasting green legacy for future generations**.

As the saplings planted within the scope of the **"Hope for the Soil, Breath for the Future"** initiative grow, the project also aims to contribute to the **revitalization of the ecosystem and the strengthening of natural life in the region**.

Through this initiative, **Akfen Volunteers** aim not only to establish a **memorial forest**, but also to spread awareness about **protecting nature through the spirit of volunteerism** and to expand efforts that generate **social benefit**.