# GREEN OCEAN GENERAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

#### LIVING BY OUR PRINCIPLES

Our shared core values of honesty, integrity and respect for people underpin all the work we do and are the foundation of our Business Principles.

The Business Principles apply to all transactions, large or small, and drive the behaviour expected of every employee in every Green Ocean\* company in the conduct of its business at all times.

We are judged by how we act. Our reputation will be upheld if we act in accordance with the law and the Business Principles. We encourage our business partners to live by them or by equivalent principles.

It is the responsibility of management to lead by example, to ensure that all employees are aware of these principles, and behave in accordance with the spirit as well as with the letter of this statement.

The application of these principles is underpinned by a comprehensive set of assurance procedures, which are designed to make sure that our employees understand the principles and confirm that they act in accordance with them.

As part of the assurance system, it is also the responsibility of management to provide employees with safe and confidential channels to raise concerns and report instances of non-compliance. In turn, it is the responsibility of Green Ocean\* employees to report suspected breaches of the Business Principles to Green Ocean\*.

The Business Principles have been fundamental to how we conduct our business and living by them is crucial to our continued success.

# **OUR VALUES**

Green Ocean\* employees share a set of core values - honesty, integrity and respect for people. We also firmly believe in the fundamental importance of

trust, openness, teamwork and professionalism, and pride in what we do.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

As part of the Business Principles, we commit to contribute to sustainable development. This requires balancing short- and long-term interests, integrating economic, environmental and social considerations into business decision-making.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

Green Ocean\* companies recognise five areas of responsibility. It is the duty of management continuously to assess the priorities and discharge these inseparable responsibilities on the basis of that assessment.

#### 1. To shareholders

To protect shareholders' investment, and provide a long-term return competitive with those of other leading companies in the industry.

#### 2. To customers

To win and maintain customers by services which offer value in terms of price, quality, safety, loyalty and environmental impact.

# 3. To employees

To respect the human rights of our employees and to provide them with good and safe working conditions, and competitive terms and conditions of employment. To promote the development and best use of the talents of our employees; to create an inclusive work environment where every employee has an equal opportunity to develop his or her skills and talents. To encourage the involvement of employees in the planning and direction of their work; to provide them with channels to report concerns. We recognise that commercial success depends on the full commitment of all employees.



To seek mutually beneficial relationships with contractors, suppliers and in joint ventures and to promote the application of these Green Ocean\* General Business Principles or equivalent principles in such relationships. The ability to promote these principles effectively will be an important factor in the decision to enter into or remain in such relationships.

#### 5. To society

To conduct business as responsible corporate members of society, to comply with applicable laws and regulations, to support fundamental human rights in line with the legitimate role of business, and to give proper regard to health, safety, security and the environment.

# PRINCIPLE I: ECONOMIC

Long-term profitability is essential to achieving our business goals and to our continued growth. It is a measure both of efficiency and of the value that customers place on Green Ocean\* traded products and services. Without profits and a strong financial foundation, it would not be possible to fulfil our responsibilities.

#### PRINCIPLE 2: COMPETITION

Green Ocean\* companies support free enterprise. We seek to compete fairly and ethically and within the framework of applicable competition laws; we will not prevent others from competing freely with us.

#### PRINCIPLE 3: BUSINESS INTEGRITY

Green Ocean\* companies insist on honesty, integrity and fairness in all aspects of our business and expect the same in our relationships with all those with whom we do business.

The direct or indirect offer, payment, soliciting or acceptance of bribes in any form is unacceptable. Facilitation payments are also bribes and must not be made. Employees must avoid conflicts of interest

between their private activities and their part in the conduct of company business. Employees must also declare to their employing company potential conflicts of interest. All business transactions on behalf of a Green Ocean\* company must be reflected accurately and fairly in the accounts of the company in accordance with established procedures and are subject to audit and disclosure.

# PRINCIPLE 4: HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Green Ocean\* companies have a systematic approach to health, safety, security and environmental management in order to achieve continuous performance improvement.

To this end, Green Ocean\* companies manage these matters as critical business activities, set standards and targets for improvement, and measure, appraise and report performance externally.

We continually look for ways to reduce the environmental impact of our operations, products and services.

# PRINCIPLE 5: COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Green Ocean\* companies recognise that regular dialogue and engagement with our stakeholders is essential.

In our interactions with employees, business partners and local communities, we seek to listen and respond to them honestly and responsibly.

# PRINCIPLE 6: COMPLIANCE

We comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the countries in which we operate.