



SGS ENVIRONMENT POLICY

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company and is recognised as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. In all our Businesses we are committed to do not only what is required by law but what is expected of a market leader.

In all of our operations we will be guided by the founding principle of sustainable development, namely, meeting the needs of the present without compromising future generations. In this regard we commit to:

- The prevention of pollution
- Minimising our impact on the environment

In particular, we will contribute to initiatives that seek to address climate change.

To further these objectives, SGS commits to:

- Complying at all times with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the environment and where appropriate to exceed or supplement these with our own exacting standards.
- Incorporating into our practices the best available environment-friendly technologies that are economically achievable. Bring energy efficiency into our new buildings, structures and equipments and manage energy wisely in all operations.
- Reducing the consumption of materials in our operations. We will reuse rather than dispose whenever possible and promote recycling and the use of recycled materials.
- Reducing wherever practicable the level of harmful emissions. We will minimise the use of all materials and energy and not use any materials derived from endangered species.
- Reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Whenever possible we will set up energy-efficiency programmes to achieve breakthrough solutions that will contribute to slowing, stopping and reversing global warming. In addition, SGS will encourage affiliates world-wide to purchase renewable energy where available and feasible.
- Raising employee awareness of environmental issues and encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour.
- Developing, maintaining and implementing policies, procedures and management systems that assess and monitor, on a continuous basis, the environmental impact of our operations.
- Finding efficient solutions, through dialogue with our stakeholders, to minimise our environmental footprint.



These commitments apply to all employees of the SGS Group, our joint venture partners, agents, intermediaries, consultants and subcontractors. Additionally, we undertake to use our best endeavours to ensure that our business partners also abide by this policy.

Senior management is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy, including but not limited to the establishment of programs and compliance with reporting requirements. Sustainability, however, is the responsibility of all of us, at every level within our organization.

The Chief Executive Officer of SGS is ultimately responsible for this policy and the company's environmental performance and is assisted by the Sustainability Steering Committee, which oversees the implementation of all social and environmental programmes within SGS. We will publish details of our environmental performance in our sustainability report, at a minimum, on an annual basis.

Chris Kirk
Chief Executive Officer
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This version cancels and replaces all previous versions.