

WCF Ltd - Corporate Social Responsibility Policy Statement

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General

WCF is proud of its reputation as a valued and trusted company. Our culture has been developed throughout our +110 year trading history. We are committed to ensuring that our activities are conducted in a safe, compliant and ethical manner. We recognise our social responsibility to all stakeholders including shareholders, colleagues, customers, the general public, supply partners, contractors and local communities, as well as to the wider environment.

People and Culture

We believe that our success is enhanced by our decentralized structure and are committed to protecting the independence and culture of our individual business units. Through our Guiding Principles we seek to ensure that our colleagues act in ways which are consistent with our values and heritage. These are communicated across the business via training and in different media. They support us to meet the needs of our customers, encourage our colleagues to develop their own skills and expertise and maintain a working environment in which everyone feels respected and valued and knows that their contributions matter.

Customer Retention

We pride ourselves on the quality and longevity of our relationship with our customers and always strive to be their preferred partner or supplier. We put their needs first and listen to and value what they are telling us using review partners to establish customer satisfaction. Customer retention is one of our Key Performance Indicators. We are always looking for ways in which we can improve our customer experience to ensure that they want to order from us again and promote our business to their friends and family.

Health & Safety

We always put safety first and have policies, processes and procedures in place to ensure our businesses are run safely and implement learning from near misses and incidents. Our H&S Policy defines the responsibilities of our colleagues in promoting a transparent H&S culture, encouraging colleagues to report any concerns or breaches and identify opportunities for improvement.

Environmental

We seek to manage our activities to minimise their impact on the environment and identify ways to reduce our carbon footprint. We comply with Waste Packaging Regulations, Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting and the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme. We review ways to reduce energy and water consumption, minimise single use packaging, decrease our emissions and integrate further recyclable and sustainable processes into our supply chains. We utilise fleet technology to help us identify greater efficiencies in our routing, driving techniques and fuel consumption. Where viable, we will consider options for renewable energy installations within any property development activity.

Given the potential for significant environmental impact from the loss of containment of even a small amount of our bulk fuel oil products, we have robust spillage procedures in place to ensure that all spills are treated seriously, reported and responded to in accordance with established and tested emergency procedures.

For more information please refer to our Environmental Policy Statement.

Business Ethics

The maintenance of the highest ethical standards are an essential part of the way in which we do business. We have a Conflicts of Interest and Anti-Bribery Policy. Colleagues are required to conduct all their dealings with honesty, integrity, respect, fairness and consistent with our Guiding Principles. We supply products and services that we are proud of - responsibly and ethically sourced, whilst ensuring that their high quality is never compromised.

We are aware of the social impact of our overseas supply chain and take the necessary steps to ensure that we comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. . We pay a fair price for our products to ensure that all workers are paid a living wage within the country of manufacture.

In the clothing sector we deal with small family businesses and undertake due diligence through our nominated agents to ensure that safe and hygienic conditions are provided within the working environment and that workers are not treated harshly or unfairly. We would not deal with any supplier with whom we had concerns regarding the working conditions. We have introduced an ethical Supplier Code of Conduct to which all our suppliers are expected to comply.

Community Support

We focus on the charitable interests and families of our people and seek to match their fundraising efforts through company donations. We actively support the communities in which we operate and are corporate sponsors or patrons of a number of local organisations. We encourage our colleagues to participate in charitable events and hold regular small office events to raise money for good causes. A large proportion of products returned to us and sample products are donated to local charities.

Equal Opportunities

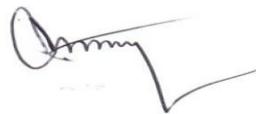
We promote a working culture that is fair and inclusive, encouraging all colleagues to make distinctive contributions for the collective success of the company. We utilise our people in diverse and interesting roles where they are engaged to make the greatest difference to our performance. Our employment practices are non-discriminatory and provide equal opportunities for both existing and prospective colleagues, ensuring that success is dependent upon the quality, effectiveness and skill base of our workforce.

Compliance

We comply with all relevant laws and regulations and consult with appropriate enforcing authorities, insurance companies, and professional and trade organisations to ensure that a custom of best practice and continuous improvement is developed and encouraged.



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