

Global Compact Progress Report 2010



Making a difference

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The Global Compact encompasses 10 principles from international declarations on human rights, labour standards, environment and anti-corruption.

Grontmij has committed to uphold the Global Compact and the 10 principles by participating in the initiative, and as part of this commitment to implement the principles as part of its strategy, culture and day-to-day operations. Our progress in this process is reported in the following Communication on Progress 2010.

CEO statement





I am pleased to confirm that Grontmij supports the ten principles of the Global Compact in respect to human rights, labour rights, the protection of the environment and anti-corruption. With this statement, we express our intent to support and advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We commit to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company and undertake to make a clear statement of this commitment - both to our employees, partners, clients and to the public. We support public accountability and transparency and will report on progress made in a public manner.



Sylvio Thijsen
CEO Grontmij

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Ten principles

Principle no.	Global compact Principle	Process of Implementation
1	Business should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights	<p>In 2010 a comprehensive Policy for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities was implemented across Grontmij. This policy will cover all of the ten principles and reinforce our commitment to upholding them.</p> <p>A compliance reporting process covering risk management was introduced in February 2010. Among the key risks considered are those relating to human rights, labour protection, environmental management and anti corrupt practices.</p> <p>View our CSR profile and report for 2010</p> <p>Since January 2008 as part of the GRI-based CSR reporting Grontmij has conducted a monitoring process for non-compliance with regulations and voluntary codes concerning health and safety, labour practices, product standards, environmental regulatory compliance and anti-corruption. For the period January 2008 to December 2010 Grontmij has reported 1 such incident (GRI indicator PR2).</p>
2	Business should ensure that they are not complicit in human right abuses.	<p>As part of the GRI-based CSR reporting for 2010 a conformity monitoring process for non-discrimination was undertaken for a third year. In the period January 2009 to December 2010 Grontmij reported that no incidents had occurred (GRI indicator HR4).</p> <p>View our GRI disclosure</p>
3	Business should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.	<p>Grontmij upholds such a policy for its employees. In 2009 the policy was included in the overall Policy for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities.</p> <p>View our management approach to human rights</p>
4	Business should support the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.	<p>All employees have individual contracts stating terms and conditions of service and the notice of leave. Our employment policies forbid the use of all forms of forced and compulsory labour. Our policies for the selection of sub-contractors and suppliers similarly forbid the use of forced or compulsory labour in our supply chain.</p> <p>View our management approach to human rights</p>
5	Business should support the effective abolition of child labour.	<p>Grontmij fully supports the policy of abolishing child labour. From 2009, a supporting statement for the abolition of child labour was included in the Policy for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities mentioned above.</p> <p>View our management approach to human rights</p>
6	Business should support the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.	<p>Grontmij has implemented a recruitment policy securing equal employment opportunities based solely upon an assessment of relevant qualifications. Our policies for ensuring equality of opportunity expressly commit us to working towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination.</p> <p>View our management approach to human rights</p>

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7	Business should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges	<p>In 2008 we implemented a strategy for managing of our operations and delivering our consulting services with the goal of addressing climate change.</p> <p>The first step in this strategy was instigate a programme to monitor and measure our own environmental footprint. The first results of this were published in our annual CSR report in May 2008. Our third annual CSR report has also now been published. We have used the standards of the Global Reporting Initiative to guide these publications.</p> <p>View our CSR profile and report for 2010</p> <p>The third stage of our programme is to develop action plans for our published targets covering our environmental footprints in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO₂ • energy • transport • water • waste <p>We have also instigated a programme of “sustainability by design” whereby we will reduce the environmental footprint and increase the sustainability of the project that we deliver to our clients.</p>
8	Business should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.	<p>Grontmij undertakes a number of initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility. Grontmij has in place a comprehensive integrated management system (IMS) that incorporates environmental management. These systems are accredited to ISO 14001 in all countries. Intrinsic aspects of our EMS include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • goal setting and performance management – currently we set environmental management goals at a regional level • policy – annual statements of our overall commitment to sustainable development • organisational responsibility – organisational charts and statements of our environmental management structures • training and awareness – procedures for the training and development of all staff in environmental awareness • monitoring and follow-up – procedures are in place for the monitoring of learning from all environmental incidents <p>Examples of initiatives launched in 2009 are described throughout our CSR report.</p> <p>View our CSR profile and report for 2010</p>
9	Business should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	<p>Grontmij is making a widespread effort to encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies. Some examples our initiatives are mentioned below.</p>
<p><i>‘The arum shaped building is designed to soak up energy like a real plant’</i></p>		 <p>It looks like a stylised arum and it has already been labeled one of the most sustainable office buildings in the world. We won the design of Wuhan, China’s new energy centre against stiff international competition. The building will house a research institute for new energy sources and sustainability. Its central ‘energy arum’ is 140 metres. It is designed to ‘soak up’ energy in the same way as a real plant. A wind turbine is mounted on the roof to catch power. Rainwater is used to cool the building in summer. Read more...</p>
<p><i>‘Almost a quarter of a million people have been affected by intermittent flooding’</i></p>		 <p>In protecting against flooding, prevention is the key. Grontmij Poland has come up with a powerful tool to analyse potential flood damage. This is both an innovation and a sustainable way to manage the environment. What we did was calculate the potential cost if the Odra, Poland’s second longest river, burst its banks in and around the city of Wrocław. We were able to show both the material and immaterial effects of flooding, also on the region’s economy; the Odra is a key water transport hub.</p>

<p><i>'The most advanced tunnelling technology'</i></p>		<p>Growing urbanisation means continual improvements to public transport networks. Colleagues in Brussels are currently working on a two-track underground link between two existing public-transport lines. We are deploying the most advanced tunnel-building technology. Part of the project brings in lifecycle management as we are renovating and building new sound reduction systems for one of the stops.</p>
<p><i>'Digital innovation-less expensive, more accurate, compact and easier to use'</i></p>		<p>Colleagues at Ginger have come up with a new system for measuring the development of cracks. It is less expensive than standard tools and more accurate than a mechanical sliding ruler gauge for a similar price. A digital screen makes it easier to read off data, and offers resolution to within one hundredth of a millimetre. It can take measurements that previously required more complex equipment. For both indoors and outside, the compact device is easy to carry around and use.</p>
<p>10 Business should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.</p>	<p>A business integrity code of conduct is implemented across Grontmij. This code allows for regional enhancement and within this in Denmark we have implemented a business integrity management system for day-to-day operations. The system consists of a policy, a code of conduct, a number of detailed instructions and a whistle blower function.</p> <p>All new employees participate in business integrity awareness training within 3 months from hire.</p> <p>Since January 2008 as part of the GRI-based CSR reporting Grontmij has conducted a monitoring process for non-compliance with regulations and voluntary codes concerning anti-corruption. For the period January 2008 to December 2010 Grontmij has reported no incidents (GRI indicator SO4).</p> <p>View our CSR profile and report for 2010</p>	

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