

UN GLOBAL COMPACT PRINCIPLES

COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS

YEAR: 2011

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Sustaining commitment and demonstrating progress in the Global Compact must be the challenge for all corporate entities which belong to the group.

INTERPLAST as a corporate entity exist to produce and supply plastic pipes systems and solutions, profiles and windows. We provide integrated solutions for water supply, sewerage, drainage, soil and waste, mining operations, construction and telecom infrastructure developments of Ghana and Africa. Interplast was established in 1970 in Accra situated on the Spintex Road, Ghana and currently doing active business in more than 21 African countries. The company had revenues of GH¢80 Million for year 2011 and employs over 600 people. Interplast is actively expanding its production capacities and capabilities to continue to be the leader in the region. Interplast invests considerably to offer up-to-date solutions, new products and processes through the state-of-the-art manufacturing machines or facilities. The company recently upgraded its pipe production capability to produce pipes up to 1200 mm Diameter.

Continuously we have to exhibit leadership in our industry because we have to meet our own expectations and those of our stakeholders. We have been doing these bearing in mind that even as we produce and sell a global brand, we are very much a local company and as such our efforts and initiatives have to be tailored to our communities.

We in Interplast have a lot to be proud of in the area of protecting and sustaining the environment, our operations are environmental friendly. Our office environment is indicative of this commitment as we have created a natural park, irrigated automatically making the environment ecologically friendly while compensating for our used carbon emissions.

To us in our operations, responsible business practices that enhance capacity building for sustainable livelihoods, respect for cultural diversity, building of the skills of our employees, caring for the community in which we operate and the government is our hallmark. In essence, it is about focusing on operating the core business in a socially responsible way, complemented by investment in communities and the society in general.

Our operations are guided by the concepts of responsible environmental management, proactive community relations, health and safety for our employees and their dependants, our customers, as well as respect for the needs of the present and future generations.

We are committed to activities that promote honesty, integrity and transparency. Interplast Limited does not use child labour in its operations. We also ensure that our operations do not support and encourage corruption. We believe in obeying the laws of the state and paying taxes correctly and promptly. We support and sometimes sponsor activities that seek to promote socio-economic development in Ghana.

We take our responsibilities to society seriously and we willingly give out to our society as part of our social responsibility when the need arises.

In 2010 we spent a total of GH¢294,022.99 on corporate social responsibility activities in terms of sponsorships, Payments to National Disaster Management, Sponsoring the World Water Day, Sponsoring Pre-Flood Clean Up Exercises, Donations to SOS children's Villages in Kumasi and Tamale, Donation to Professional Footballers Association of Ghana, Sponsorship of Millennium Excellence Award etc.

In 2011 we spent an amount of GH¢304,991.11 on corporate social responsibility activities involving sponsorships, Clean up Fund Raising Campaign, Youth Excellence Awards, Save the Heart of a Child Musifest 2011, 10th Anniversary of Stadium Disaster, The Water Thematic Area-1st Ghana Congress 2011, Homowo Festival (Teshie Traditional Council), Consumer Protection Awareness Campaign, Leukaemia Project Foundation, Orphans Christmas Gala, to mention but a few.

Over the years we have displayed our commitment to most of the principles of the Global Compact even before joining the group and we believe that even as we strive for progress, our drive will encourage others companies to abide by the principles of the Global Compact.

We constructed the road leading to our factory premises single handedly as part of our corporate social responsibility programmes. Also, last year alone the company gave out one hundred and ninety-six thousand, one hundred and seventy-six Ghana Cedis (GH¢196,176.00) in sponsorships and donations to society.

Our employment practices are very much in line with local and international standards and in accordance with the respective labour bodies. In our recruitment policy there is no room for discrimination on gender, health, religion, ethnic or any other considerations. The enjoyment of the right of freedom of association is exemplified by management's acceptance of the formation of local trade union and the Senior Staff Association with their attendant benefits in an environment of inclusiveness and respect for the value that individuals bring to our business; industrial peace, higher productivity and mutual benefits are some of the pluses we have gained for pursuing these principles. We have never known industrial strike for the whole life of this company since it was formed 40 years ago.

In the marketplace, and indeed the general business playing field, we have committed ourselves to operating above board. Fair business practices and a posture which does not encourage corruption in any form, even if it would bring us business, is what we have displayed and assumed. We have a Code of Ethics for all staff which is against all forms of corruption including receiving gifts without disclosing them in the gifts register.

At Interplast we are committed to good labour practices, sound environmental practices, protection of human rights of our employees and communities in which we operate and against corrupt practices in our operations; we have by far displayed our commitment to the principles of the Global Compact and we believe that even as we strive for progress, we will continue to protect and be guided by these principles.

Even as we live by and protect the UN Global Compact Principles we continue to pledge to preach the gospel by spreading the word to all corners of the earth to win more souls for these laudable ideals.

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ABOUT INTERPLAST LIMITED AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

"PIPING THE NATIONS"



Interplast was established in 1970 and is a fully Ghanaian owned company with active export business in more than 21 African countries. Our company employs currently over 600 people.

As one of the largest manufacturing companies in Ghana, Interplast is continuously expanding its production facilities and its product portfolio. Interplast invests considerably in its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and quality raw materials.

We believe in creating quality products in order to bring a lasting difference in the infrastructural development of Sub-Sahara Africa. We therefore produce not only according to the highest quality and current European standards but we have also adopted the ISO standards for company management and operational procedures according to ISO 9001 and have been certified for many years now. Our most recent recertification by Bureau Veritas has taken place in May 2012.

Our choices have provided our customers for over 40 years with reliable and quality materials which has brought us the trust of many West African Governments, European construction companies and numerous other respected clients in many different fields of operation.

Here at Interplast, we believe that all African countries should be able to enjoy the benefits of quality materials without having to import them from around the world. As a regional manufacturer we are able to provide products and services to your site or your country, efficiently and as per your specification.

Interplast is West Africa's leading producer of plastic pipe systems. In Accra Ghana we have a state of the art production facility and are able to provide integrated solutions for:

- Water Sector, Pipes and Fittings from UPVC and HDPE

- Mining sector, Pipes and fittings
- Oil & Gas sector, Distribution pipes and fittings for natural gas distribution networks
- Agricultural Sector, Pipes and solutions for water distribution systems for irrigation & drainage
- Telecom Sector, Special designed and fabricated silicone coated PE pipes
- Electricity Sector, Cable protection pipes
- Construction & Civil Engineering sector, PPR Hot and Cold water distribution, soil & waste, drainage solutions and cable protection solutions
- Airport Sector, Large Field Underground Drainage Solutions
- Interior Building sector, Wall & Ceiling panels and reinforced uPVC Doors and Windows
- And more for other sectors....

OUR COMMITMENT

Interplast commits itself to her customers based upon its Strategic Objectives:

- Creating optimum awareness for Health, Safety and the Environment
- Human Rights of all forms
- Maintaining the highest possible quality standards
- Optimizing our customer relationships
- Creating an efficient and professional company structure
- Nurturing our social responsibilities

Innovative and tailor-made solutions are offered to customers involved in major infrastructural projects to suit the project requirements. The company also offers solutions and business opportunity for end-users such as plumbers and installers, water governing bodies and other public authorities, contractors, civil engineers, architects and building wholesalers and merchants.

Regional presence and market knowledge ensure awareness of our customers' needs and have facilitated in meeting the market requirements. Against this background, Interplast continues to operate at different levels in our market and will also continue to further expand our products and services based upon the recommendations of our customers.

	Global Compact Principle	Action Taken & Impact Achieved and/or Plans for the upcoming Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights;	<p>Though not written down we have a management that supports the campaign against HIV/AIDS and that promotes support for HIV/AIDS patients. We recognise the HIV/AIDS as a workplace and business issue, so there is no discrimination and stigmatization against staff living with HIV/AIDS at the workplace. Currently our annual medical screening of employees have revealed some staff who are HIV positive, our Company Medical Officer gives counselling and treatment to such patients and management ensures that their privacy is protected by not disclosing their status to other staff to avoid stigmatisation. We prevent new infections by providing education to our staff at Company Clinic. We encourage staff to use Condoms as a preventive measure against HIV/AIDS at the workplace.</p> <p>We emphasise gender equality by offering equal employment opportunities to all sexes, promoting social dialogue, prevention of screening for the purpose of exclusion, and confidentiality.</p> <p>In the coming year 2012 we plan to continue to collaborate with the Ghana AIDS Commission to organise more sensitisation programmes for our staff and to encourage them to go for voluntary testing in order to know their status and to management their health status.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2: Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.	<p>We are against human rights abuses in our operations and we expect all our suppliers and service providers to do same. We will continue to fight against all forms of human rights abuses in all our operations.</p> <p>We have no records of human rights abuses in our workplace since the inception of the company forty years ago.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;	<p>INTERPLAST respects the rights of employees to associate as per Labour Act 2003, ACT 651. To this end, we have allowed our staff freedom of association to unionise under the umbrella of the Union of Industry, Commerce and Finance Workers (UNICOF). At the moment we have two associations i.e. Junior Staff Union and the Senior Staff Association.</p>

		<p>As an organisation that upholds the rights of employees, we sit and negotiate our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with these two associations every two years and a wage opener every year. We have currently concluded our negotiations of conditions of service with both Junior and Staff which will last for the next two years i.e. 1st June, 2012 – 31st May 2014.</p> <p>Union Executives hold monthly meetings with all Union Shop Stewards. A General Meeting between the Union Executives and the whole members of the Union is held quarterly. These meetings are allowed by management even sometimes when they eat into production hours. Management allows Union Executives to attend mother-union (Unicof) meetings and that of the Trade Union Congress. We have also allocated an office to the local union executives to facilitate their union activities.</p> <p>Top management holds periodic meetings with Local Union and Senior Staff Association Executives as and when necessary.</p> <p>As a result of our acceptance and good relations with the Union, our CBA negotiations do not last for more than one day and we have enjoyed a lot of cooperation from our staff and very cordial Industrial atmosphere over the years of our operations which have resulted in higher productivity levels.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;	<p>Management has agreed on an arrangement with the Union when operational exigencies demand for overtime work. All extra hours done by our staff are paid for and the overtime is normally done on voluntary basis. It usually involves a discussion between the manager concerned and the staff he requires to do the overtime. Where the staff agrees to do overtime, they are requested to fill the overtime form for approval by the manager before they are allowed for such work.</p> <p>There is always cooperation on the part of our staff when there is the need to work overtime because of the mutual respect and cooperation between the two parties.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5: The effective abolition of child labour;	<p>In accordance with the Labour Act, 2003, Act 651, our company prohibits the employment of minors in our operations and persons under 18 years are disqualified to work with our company.</p> <p>Age verification is carried out during recruitment processes. The youngest person in our employment is 20 years old.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6: The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.	<p>Our Recruitment Policy states that discrimination of any individual employee or group of employees on the basis of sex, nationality, colour or religion by another employee, if proven, will be regarded as a sanctionable offence.</p>

		Interplast permits the employment of qualified friends on the basis of merit through employee referral as long as such employment does not create actual or perceived conflict of interest. We emphasise gender equality by offering equal employment opportunities to all sexes, promoting social dialogue, prevention of screening for the purpose of exclusion, and confidentiality.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;	<p>Commitment: Our commitment to protecting and preserving the environment extends throughout our operations and premises and immediate environs clearly indicate this commitment.</p> <p>Compliance: We support and adhere to sound environmental practices in our daily business operations; we also comply with all regulatory standards. Our operations are pollution-free and do not discharge any hazardous waste into the environment.</p> <p>Impact/Opportunity: We minimize the environmental impact of our operations, equipment and products by purchasing only environmental friendly equipments.</p> <p>Accountability: We undertake to ensure periodic conduct of audits of our environmental performance and practices and take corrective actions for continual improvement where necessary.</p> <p>Information: We shall communicate effectively with all our stakeholders on environmental reporting.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility;	There has been no summons against our company since the inception of our operations over 40 years ago for violation of sound environmental practices. We ensure our operations respect all environmental protection laws and regulations within the country and are in full compliance with the annual Environmental Protection Agency screening.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	We ensure that all purchased equipments are environmental friendly and we do not do business with organisations that do not respect sound environmental principles.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10: Businesses should work against all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery.	We have our Code of Business Conduct which is an indication of commitment to honesty, Integrity and the highest standard of ethical behaviour. The Governing principles of our Code of Business Conduct are to comply with all laws, rules and regulations, treat all colleagues fairly, honestly, and with respect and promote the diversity of company work force, deal fairly with customers and consumers, deal appropriately with competitors, avoid conflicts of interest, keep accurate records, provide accurate disclosures to regulators and shareholders, do not take personal advantage of opportunities, one's position, protect company's non-public information and interest. Our code of ethics is zero tolerance for bribery, corruption and extortion of all forms at all levels. We summarily dismiss any individual caught in the net of this anti-social behaviour. Ours is sound corporate governance at the highest level.

OUR RANGE OF PRODUCTS



HDPE Pressure Pipes & Fittings



Irrigation Pipes



Cable Duct Systems



Panelast T & G



HDPE Hand Crafted Fittings



Warning Mesh



INCOR Pipes



PVC Pipes & Fittings



Conduit Pipes



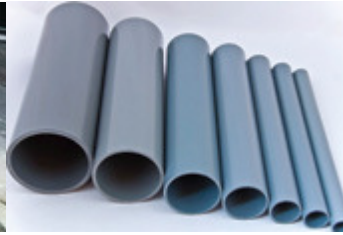
Trunking



Water Hose



Interplast Super Strength RC Pipes



Sewer Systems



PPR Pipes & Fittings



Barrier Mesh



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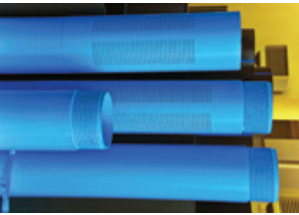
HDPE Gas Pipes



Mosquito Netting



Isorange



Borehole Pipes



EVERLAST Doors & Windows



Profiles



Terrazzo Strips



Interplast Services