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## **Communication on Progress - COP Year: 2009**

On behalf of Planson International Corporation, I reaffirm the company's commitment to the UN Global Compact's ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

I am pleased to inform our progress specifically in two areas:

### **Environment:**

- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

### Actions

#### External:

- We have participated in tenders where we actively encourage environmentally friendly global recycling/disposal mechanisms of IT equipment and consumables.
- We have started the process of screening our vendors to ensure that they have current policies, facilities and programs for e-waste disposal. Three complete screenings of suppliers were conducted in the past 2 months with satisfactory results.

#### Internal:

- We have implemented a policy of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" in our office. We have added recycling bins that are visible and labeled appropriately. We return as per manufacturer instructions IT Equipment and spent consumables so they can be appropriately recycled/ disposed. We reward staff members for every green idea that is actually implemented in making our office greener.

-We have weatherized and super-insulated our facilities, installed programmable thermostats, and replaced incandescent light bulbs with CFC bulbs, and power down electronics when not in use.

Results (actual and expected)

- In case of contract award for the tenders in which we have participated, we look forward to being a key player and improving global recycling and disposal programs for IT equipment and consumables.
- Our goal is to continue screening our suppliers to ensure they have environmentally friendly and responsible policies, facilities and manufacturing procedures.
- Our goal is to implement at least 4 green ideas per year in making our office greener, and to continue to implement evolving best practices in reducing our carbon footprint.

#### **Anti-Corruption:**

- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery

#### Actions

- We maintain a strict code of ethics in all our business transactions. We promptly report incidents and file protests of questionable behavior/actions.
- In our daily operations, we continue to work with the manufacturer's/vendors to ensure that there is a level playing field for all resellers in and protect the interest of our customers and ensure open, fair and transparent competition.

#### Results (actual and expected)

- Our protests have been under investigation and have been brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities hoping to avoid similar behaviors in the future.
- Commitment received from our suppliers/manufacturer's top management that there is a level playing field for all.

We will continue to strive to embrace, support and enact core values in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

Sincerely yours,



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