



## **K. PARALİK METAL İŞLERİ LTD.**

### **Company Profile**

#### **1. History**

The history of the company goes back to 1951 when first started operation as a blacksmith in a small shop and then turned into a metal can production facility. The company then moved to its existing location, expanded its production lines and services in other sectors. K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd. is founded in 1979 as Production Company of solar energy systems for water heating, water storage tanks and large containers. Since its foundation, K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd has been the market leader protecting its core competencies and respecting and considering the market forces and customer requirements.

#### **2. Key Traits**

Main competitive advantage of our company is its know-how gained thorough over 50 years of service experience in producing solar energy systems according to specific needs of our customers and provisions of existing infrastructures. Our Company does not only produce and sell energy systems, water storage tanks or container, but also provides consultancy on products themselves, set-up of the systems, assessment of existing foundation and infrastructure, system development and design, operation, maintenance and safety.

#### **3. Company mission**

K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd. mission is to provide best quality services and products at best prices for its customers based on the customer needs by applying and implementing best available and environmentally friendly technologies, techniques and operations.

#### **4. Statement of commitment to Global Compact Network**

K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd. has been working to strengthen its core competencies and develop a socially responsible approach so that it maintains its leadership in the market. The commitment to provide quality services and products allow the company to adopt an innovative approach to new technologies and systems and a protective approach at the same time to the environment and social values. It is an obvious fact that living in such a small community and in such a small geographic area with limited natural resources and operating in a relatively small market requires adoption of environmentally and socially sound principles so that the activities and production becomes sustainable.

Our company principles have been developed over years and have the same ultimate aim with and show strong similarities with Global Compact Principles related to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd. is committed to support the core principles of Global Compact Network and ready to take necessary actions for the implementation of the necessities of core principles and hereby in this report reiterate its commitment.

***Principle 8. Business should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.***

K. Paralik Metal İşleri Ltd. is committed to adopt internationally best practices to promote environmental protection and sustainable consumption of natural resources while continuing to take actions to achieve economic development regardless of / above the community rules and legislation.

Systems developed

- Company Environmental Policy: A company environmental policy has been developed in 2008, which includes basically the promotion of sector based initiatives and collaboration with civil society organizations to protect the environment and to encourage the protection of the environment, conciliating the environment with economy, ethics and the community.

Actions taken

- Every year, our company gets involved in projects (1) to develop community environmental consciousness; (2) to undertake initiatives for educational purposes; (3) to create discussion platforms and to collaborate with other stakeholders (4) to get involved in public private partnerships in order to mitigate negative effects of any actions on the environment.

Outcomes

- Our company co - financed / sponsored an environmental project in 2009:

**'Eco – Park in Alsancak / Karavas':** Our Company co-sponsored a xeriscape / water-wise landscape park design contest and construction of the winning design in one of the north coast villages of Cyprus in collaboration with the USAID funded SAVE Project, Alsancak Municipality and some other private companies. The park opening was held on 5 June World Environment Day. Every element of the Eco-Park has been designed to conserve water and protect Cyprus' precious natural resources which can be easily implemented in other gardens as well. It uses only xeriscape landscaping, which is also called water-wise gardening which means that all of the plants are native to the Mediterranean region so that they require little or no additional watering. All of the plant beds use compost and mulch which enrich and insulate the soil to significantly reduce evaporation. The irrigation system is also calibrated to deliver just the right amount of water to each plant type. For illumination and operation of the drip irrigation system, photovoltaic systems are put into place using solar energy to produce electricity.



*Figure 1. Group photo of the collaborators / partners*



Figure 2. A picture from the site

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Yours faithfully,

Sibel Paralik