SP Moulding A/S

Communication on Progress – 2013





This is our **Communication on Progress** in implementing the principles of the **United Nations Global Compact.**

We welcome feedback on its contents.

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STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

Hereby I am pleased to confirm that SP Moulding reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In SP Moulding, it is our ambition to contribute to sustainable development while at the same time developing our business. We see a good correlation between behaving responsibly while increasing our internationalisation, earnings and growth.

To ensure that we live up to our responsibility, we have a well-established CSR policy for SP Moulding,



which reflects our core values: to create the best plastic solutions for the benefit of both our customers and the surrounding environment. We act as an innovative, reliable, responsible and competitive partner for our customers and the societies.

This is our second annual Communication on Progress where we describe our actions to integrate the Global Compact and its ten principles into our business strategy, culture and daily operations.

We are also actively sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

This Communication of Progress report covers the period from 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013.

Yours sincerely Frank Gad CEO, SP Moulding A/S

ABOUT SP MOULDING

SP Moulding is a leading manufacturer of injection-moulded plastic precision components for a wide range of industrial enterprises worldwide.

The SP Moulding corporate core values are:

- Our employees are innovative, reliable and competitive. They work on a global level with our customers to create the best plastic solutions, not only for the benefit of the customers, but also for the environment
- We naturally comply with the principles in the International Labour Organization's conventions, UN's human rights conventions and Global Compact's 10 commandments
- We implement Lean-processes at the production facilities to give our employees influence on their own work situation and workflow
- Plastic is the material of the future and only lack of creativity sets the limits for its applications in our future world.

SP Moulding has modern production sites in Denmark, China and Poland.

Production and processes in SP Moulding Denmark, Poland and China have been certified in accordance with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. SP Medical (Denmark) has been certified in accordance with ISO 9001, ISO 13485 and ISO 14001. SP Medical (Poland) has been certified in accordance with ISO 9001 and ISO 13485.

SP Moulding (Suzhou) Co. Ltd. in China and SP Moulding (Poland) Sp. z o.o. manufacture technical plastics and perform assembly work.

In addition to the actual one-component injection moulding, we also do two- and three-component injection moulding and insert moulding. Everything is carried out in modern production facilities. The technology area also handles all finishing treatment such as ultrasound welding, surface treatment and printing. Furthermore SP Moulding is handling part or full assembly, packaging and consignment for a large number of customers.

In Karise (Denmark) and Zdunska Wola (Poland), the business unit SP Medical develops and manufactures injection mould medical devices and makes advanced coating solutions.

In 2013 SP Moulding generated revenue of DKK 524.3 million. EBITDA (earnings before depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses) was DKK 43.2 million. EBIT (earnings before financial items) amounted to DKK 20.9 million.¹

¹ GRI G3 EC-01. See SP Moulding Annual Report 2013

Working with CSR

SP Moulding has an established CSR policy in consistence with our corporate values.

The CSR Policy is based on our compliance with all laws, regulations and standards as well as present practice within our business sector. In 2013 none of our sites have received administrative or judicial sanctions for failure to comply with laws, regulations and prevailing industry standards.²

This is our second CSR report and it is based on qualitative and quantitative data from our business units. All our sites in Denmark, Poland and China have reported data in a systematic manner based on UN Global Compact principles and Global Reporting Initiative (GRI G3) indicators.

Our CSR report is not verified by third-party. However, a comprehensive work with the collection and internal verification of information lies behind the report.

Furthermore, all our sites are certified in accordance with ISO standards by external certifying bodies.

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² GRI G3 SO-08.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights;

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Statement of continued support

In our CSR Policy, we state that we will support and respect the protection of international human rights. We also underline that we will strive to prevent any human rights violations and remedy violations in case we are involved in such.

Without our employees, our company is nothing. Concerning the human rights of our employees, we state in our CSR Policy that we will provide them with good employment and that we will follow applicable laws and collective agreements with regard to wages and other employment conditions. We also state that we will work to ensure development opportunities and a safe and healthy working environment.

In our Supplier Code of Conduct our suppliers and business partners are requested to support and respect the protection of international human rights and to remedy violations in case they are involved in such.

Implementation

We have distributed our CSR Policy to our employees and published it on our website to make it available to all interested stakeholders.

In March 2013 we initiated a self-assessment screening process of our suppliers of tools based on a general risk assessment of these suppliers.

Starting from UN Global Compact and Global Reporting Initiative, our most significant suppliers of tools were asked to report on a number of indicators concerning human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Our suppliers of materials did not participate in this screening, as they are large reputable international companies that already in a detailed manner publish their efforts in the area of CSR.

Measurement of outcomes

No incidents of involvement in human rights violations were reported in 2013.

The outcome of the 2013-screening of our most significant suppliers of tools fully met our expectations, since we did not find any issues of concern in the selected part of our supply chain in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

We will continue to do screenings and self-assessments based on our ongoing risk assessments of our most significant suppliers of tools.

We have received no substantiated complaints concerning breaches of employee or customer privacy.³ Likewise we have received no administrative or judicial sanctions for failure to comply with laws and regulations concerning the provision and use of our products and services.⁴

With regard to the human rights of our employees a number of relevant issues will be described in the following.

The total number of employees in all our sites has grown from 615 in 2012 to 676 employees⁵ in 2013.

Employee turnover Poland ⁶ (Total no. of employees: 282)	Male	Female
Age < 30	1	9
age 30-40	4	11
age 40-50	0	0
age 50-60	1	0
age 60-70	0	0
age > 70	0	0
Total	6	20

Employee turnover China ⁷ (Total no. of employees: 103)		Female
Age < 30	28	12
age 30-40	18	26
age 40-50	7	11
age 50-60	0	1
age 60-70	0	0
age > 70	0	0
Total	53	50

Employee turnover Denmark8 (Total no. of employees: 291)	Male	Female
Age < 30	4	7
age 30-40	2	3
age 40-50	3	7
age 50-60	7	3
age 60-70	2	5
age > 70	0	0
Total	18	25

³ GRI G3 PR-08.

⁴ GRI G3 PR-09.

⁵ GRI G3 LA-01.

⁶ GRI G3 LA-02.

⁷ GRI G3 LA-02.

⁸ GRI G3 LA-02.

At our sites in Denmark, wages and salaries and working conditions are determined in collective agreements resulting from central and local negotiations. In Poland and China (the smallest organizational entity), the conditions and rights of the employees are primarily stipulated by legislation, codes and regulation.

In general, we follow national labour market regulations and make sure that the salary of our employees is fair and equal; that the workweek is limited to an absolute maximum of 48 hours; that overtime is infrequent and limited; and that employees are given reasonable breaks and rest periods. We also seek to offer our employees additional benefits.

We work to ensure a safe and healthy working environment in all our sites.⁹ In Poland every autumn, we organize vaccination against influenza for interested employees.

Lost working Hours ¹⁰	
Number of occupational injuries for employees	4
Lost working hours for employees because of occupational injuries	
(2.467 hours due to one employee hurting his ankle in SP M China)	3,169
Fatalities of employees arising from an occupational injury	0
Lost working hours for employees because of sickness not due to	
occupational injuries	15,515

We take measures to improve health and safety at all our workplaces and we provide our employees with protective equipment, including safety shoes, safety glasses, safety gloves and work wear. We also provide our employees with necessary training to perform their tasks safely, including fire handling and first aid training.¹¹

We seek to improve the qualifications of our employees through supplementary training and continuing education.¹² Many of our employees receive regular performance and career development reviews.

Employees receiving regular performance reviews ¹³	No.
Management / Executives	12
White collar employees	79
Blue collar employees	374

¹⁰ GRI G3 LA-07.

⁹ GRI G3 LA-07.

¹¹ GRI G3 LA-07.

¹² GRI G3 LA-07.

¹³ GRI G3 LA-12.

Case: LifeStraw ® Family 2.0 delivers clean, safe drinking water

LifeStraw® Family 2.0 is the next generation of Vestergaard's high-volume point-of-use water filter. It converts microbiologically contaminated water into clean, safe drinking water, filtering up to 30,000 liters of EPA-quality water, enough to supply a family of five with clean drinking water for three to five years.



LifeStraw® Family 2.0 is a durable, tabletop version. It includes a large dirty water storage tank and a built in safe storage container with tap.

SP Moulding has been instrumental in developing this unique offering from Vestergaard promoting the human right to clean water for families who do not have access to safe drinking water. SP Moulding is now focusing on scaling up production of this LifeStraw® Family 2.0.

Case: Implementation of industrial robots in Juelsminde

In 2013, several industrial robots have been installed in the production and assembly area in the Juelsminde factory. The robots improve efficiency, while reducing unilateral work for employees. The robots have mainly been installed for the handling of high volume parts. In the production area, we have installed three 6-axis robots directly at the injection machines and we have implemented a packaging cell to avoid manual packaging of big quantities of parts.

One of the 6-axis robots in connection with an injection-moulding machine (right) has substituted the previous manual work of heating five inserts, cutting inlet and drilling a hole. This is now done automatically inline during the cycle time of the injection moulding.



The robot installations have improved the ergonomics and eliminated monotonous repetitive work for the employees, who have now been trained to do other tasks e.g. quality control of finished parts and other more varying tasks, which gives the employees higher commitment and job satisfaction.



In the assembly area, we have installed two small 6-axis robots. One robot (left) was installed at a specialized milling machine for pick and place of the parts in and out of the workstation for machining. The other robot (below) was installed in the printing area where it also handles pick and place of parts in and out of fixtures of 5 different printing machines.

Previously, the employees did the monotonous repetitive work in the two examples above. Today the employees are filling the conveyers with parts, leaving the monotonous work for the robots and focus on e.g. quality control instead. Introducing the robots has not resulted in any reductions of the workforce, but the total capacity in the production and assembly areas has gone up while health and safety of the employees has been improved at the same time.



LABOUR

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Statement of continued support

In our CSR Policy, we state that we recognize our employees' right to freedom of association and collective bargaining. We also state that we denounce forced labour and child labour, and that we will not discriminate in the workplace.

In our Supplier Code of Conduct, our suppliers and business partners are requested to support and respect the protection of these international labour standards.

Implementation

Our CSR Policy has in 2013 been distributed to our employees and is published on our website to make it available to all interested stakeholders.

As described under the Human Rights section, in 2013 we have screened our suppliers of tools with regard to our Supplier Code of Conduct including the UN Global Compact principles. In the screening and self-assessment process of our suppliers of tools, we found no issues of concern with regard to labour rights.

SP Moulding is a member of the Confederation of Danish Industries (DI). In its capacity of employer's association, DI is responsible for collective bargaining at the Danish level within our sector. Through our membership of DI and in our daily practice, we support the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining and many of our employees are members of labour unions.

Measurement of outcomes

We have not identified sites in Denmark, Poland or China in which the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining have been at significant risk.¹⁴

At the sites in Denmark, employees appoint representatives for joint consultation committees and working environment committees where they meet

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¹⁴ GRI G3 HR-05.

with local management. At the sites in Poland and China, systems have been established where the employees appoint spokesmen for negotiations with management.¹⁵

In general, we do not hire children or young workers below 18 years of age and no claims of child labour were reported in 2013. We only have one business unit - SP Moulding (Juelsminde) in Denmark – where we hire children above 13 years of age to help us with lighter work after school hours. In 2013, four children between 13 and 18 years of age worked for a maximum of 2 hours a day and we have special quality procedures for these children. To

All our employees are provided with an employment contract and no claims of forced labour were reported in 2013.¹⁸ Likewise no claims of discrimination were reported in 2013.¹⁹ As an international company, we respect differences in cultures and traditions and we value a diverse workforce.²⁰

When it comes to age and gender we have a relatively diverse workforce. The Board of Directors has decided that the target for the underrepresented sex in the Board should be minimum one member at the time of the General Assembly in 2017. On the next level of management (executive management and management) the target to be met before the end of 2017 for the underrepresented sex is 20 %.

Composition of governance bodies and employment categories ²¹				
	Board, Management / Executives	White collar employees	Blue collar employees	Total
Age <30	1	50	105	156
Age 30-40	12	57	169	238
Age 40-50	2	48	88	138
Age 50-60	8	56	53	117
Age 60-70	1	8	14	23
Age> 70	2	1	1	4
Total	26	220	430	676

Composition of governance bodies and employment categories ²²			
	Male	Female	Total
Board, Management / Executives	19	7	26
White collar employees	92	128	220
Blue collar employees	143	287	430
Total	254	422	676

¹⁵ GRI G3 HR-05.

¹⁶ GRI G3 HR-06 and HR-07.

¹⁷ GRI G3 HR-06.

¹⁸ GRI G3 HR-07.

¹⁹ GRI G3 HR-04.

²⁰ GRI G3 LA-13.

²¹ GRI G3 LA-13

²² GRI G3 LA-13

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.

Statement of continued support

In our CSR Policy we state that we will work systematically to reduce our negative environmental impact and promote greater environmental responsibility through our certified environmental management systems.

In general, plastic has a number of unique characteristics and if plastic is produced and used wisely, it has a positive impact on the environment.

In our Supplier Code of Conduct our suppliers and business partners are requested to support and respect these principles of environmental responsibility.

Implementation

We have a management system implementing our environment policies and goals. We are certified to the ISO 9001 standard and to the ISO 14001 standard. Our management system includes key elements from ISO/TS 16949. We comply with all environmental directives, among these the REACH (1907/2006/CE), Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern and RoHS directive (2011/65/EU).

We have distributed our CSR Policy to our employees and published it on our website to make it available to all interested stakeholders.

As described under the Human Rights section, we have screened our suppliers of tools with regard to our Supplier Code of Conduct including the UN Global Compact principles. In the screening and self-assessment process of our suppliers of tools, we found no issues of concern with regard to the protection of the environment.

Measurement of outcomes

We have not received any administrative or judicial sanctions for failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations. 23

Energy

We try to buy green electricity. In our SP Moulding sites Juelsminde and Stoholm (Denmark) and in our SP Medical site in Karise (Denmark) our purchased electricity stems from:²⁴

- 50% coal power plant
- 25% natural gas plant
- 25% wind power energy / water power energy / nuclear power

We have done an active effort to save electricity by reducing our energy use and increasing our energy efficiency²⁵ with total savings of nearly one mill. kWh in 2013. Initiatives include:

- "Air-cooling" for process water
- New pumps for circulation of cooling. The pumps are frequency controlled, which gives more stable water pressure, more stable production and at the same time saves energy
- Frequency converters on injection-moulding machines
- Automatic movement sensors in corridors
- Reusing heat from cooling system

We continue to reduce our indirect energy source by replacing some of our business-related travel with video conferences and telephone meetings.²⁶ In China, Poland and Denmark we encourage our employees to go to work by bus, metro or bicycle.

Direct energy consumption ²⁷	Giga Joules
Natural gas	10,805
Fuel oil	377
Total	11,182

Indirect energy consumption ²⁸	kWh
Total purchase of electricity in kWh	20,597,655
Total purchase of electricity produced by renewable wind energy	
sources in kWh	3,255,502

²³ GRI G3 EN-28.

²⁴ GRI G3 EN-04.

²⁵ GRI G3 EN-05.

²⁶ GRI G3 EN-07.

²⁷ GRI G3 EN-03

²⁸ GRI G3 EN-04

Water

Our use of water is allocated to our kitchens, toilets and bathing facilities as well as our cooling systems for machines and tools. All our cooling water runs in closed systems and is recycled.

In our sites we do weekly controls of the water consumption to detect any possible leak.²⁹

Water withdrawal ³⁰	M ³
Total volume of water purchased from municipal water supplies or	
other water utilities in cubic meters used for any purpose.	9,988

Greenhouse gas emission

We continuously try to reduce transportation by doing as large quantities per delivery as can be accepted by our customers. In addition, we focus on doing full loaded transports for purchase of raw materials and for shipments of products to customers also to reduce the greenhouse gas emission.³¹

Direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions ³²	$kg CO_2$
Direct emissions of greenhouse gases from combustion processes	
of natural gas	463,176
Indirect emissions of greenhouse gases resulting from the	
generation of purchased electricity	7,116,411

²⁹ GRI G3 EN-08

³⁰ GRI G3 EN-08

³¹ GRI G3 EN-16

³² GRI G3 EN-16

Waste

Weight of waste in kg ³³	Recycling	Incineration	Landfill	Other	Total
Plastic	340,558	-	3,000	-	343,558
Packaging (plastic bags, cardboard, pallets etc.)	55,211	4,000	-	-	59,211
Scrap	16,265	109,380	22,630	-	148,275
Other	322	4,450	10,110	348	15,230
Total	412,356	117,830	35,740	348	566,274

An approved waste contractor collects all types of waste for recycling, incineration or landfill.

Materials

Total plastic raw materials used ³⁴	Kg
Virgin plastic	4,796,849
Regranulate	190,147
Total	4,986,996

Total materials being used for packaging purposes ³⁵	Kg
Plastic wrap	242,716
Cardboard	391,555
Total	634,271

Recycled materials ³⁶	Kg
Weight of plastic regranulate from own production in kg	206,538
Weight of purchased regrinded plastic material in kg (plastic	
regranulate from external sources)	26,364
Total	232,902

³³ GRI G3 EN-22.

³⁴ GRI G3 EN-01.

³⁵ GRI G3 EN-01.

³⁶ GRI G3 EN-02.

Development of new environmental friendly products

SP Moulding is using regrind of plastic material according to demands from the customers. In addition, we are optimizing the injection process (e.g. cycle time) and ensure continuing maintenance of the production equipment to reduce the consumption of energy and to reduce the amount of waste.

It is important for us to influence our customers to use environmentally friendly materials, as well as always focusing on buying the most environmentally friendly auxiliary materials.³⁷

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³⁷ GRI G3 EN-26.

Case: Saving energy and improving the production process at the Juelsminde factory

SP Moulding is always concerned about the reduction of energy consumption. This is for example the case when we invest in new injection moulding machines or new installations.

During 2013 SP Moulding in Juelsminde installed the first part of a new cooling system using compressors with "air-cooling" for our process water.



The new cooling system (above) saves energy and thereby also helps fulfilling our environmental ambition.

We also installed new pumps for circulation of cooling. The pumps are frequency controlled. This gives more stable water pressure, more stable production and at the same time saves energy.

Furthermore, during 2013 SP Moulding in Juelsminde has mounted frequency converters on three injection-moulding machines. The machines have a high clamping force, respectively 430 tons, 500 tons and 560 tons. We expect the saved energy for frequency converters to be 75,000 kWh each year.

SP Moulding will continue to implement changes to save electricity by efforts to reduce the energy consumption and at the same time increase energy efficiency.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

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

Statement of continued support

In our CSR Policy we state that we do not participate in corruption or bribery and that we will not offer, promise or give any kind of bribes to improperly influence public officials, judges or business associates. We also state that we will refrain from receiving or accepting any bribes ourselves and that persons acting on our behalf are subject to the obligation not to participate in corruption or bribery.

In our Supplier Code of Conduct our suppliers and business partners are requested to support and respect these anti-corruption principles.

Implementation

We have distributed our CSR Policy including our statement on corruption and bribery to our employees. In 2014 we are planning adequate procedures against anti-corruption as well as formal training sessions on anti-corruption for core employees. China has a special focus, due to the higher risk potential in this part of the world.

Measurement of outcomes

Management makes very detailed controls on all sites and any significant transactions are analysed by management.

In China, we have established a specific audit team of SP Moulding employees, where 2-3 people regularly audit our suppliers to ensure that our Supplier Code of Conduct and statement on anti-corruption is respected and adhered to.

As part of the audit of the Group companies, the auditors have considered the risk of bribery and the measures taken by management to reduce this risk. No claims or request for monetary sanction for corruption and no legal corruption cases against any of our sites were reported in 2013³⁸.

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³⁸ GRI G3 SO-04

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