



H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General United Nations
New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I write to you to ask for your acceptance of Azul Empirico Lda. ("Aquaterra") into the UN Global Compact. At Aquaterra we support the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to continue to abide by those principles in our Company. The UN Global Compact and its principles form an integral part of our strategy, culture and the day-to-day operations of our company. We engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the goals around sustainable development. .

By way of background, Aquaterra is a leading European producer of fruits in over 2,000 hectares of land in Portugal, with a specific focus on growing avocados. Additionally, Aquaterra holds an additional 1,400 hectares which are dedicated to growing natural species such as pine trees and cork trees. Since its inception Aquaterra has been focused on growing crops in a sustainable way and in having farms that generate a close to 0 carbon footprint.

At Aquaterra we recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UN Global Compact, and annually thereafter as per the UN Global Compact COP policy.

As part of our commitment to the UN Global Compact, we will ensure that the four pillars of the United Nations Global Compact and their principles form an integral part of Aquaterra. Here we list out some actions that we have taken in each of the four pillars:

- Human Rights: We have a very strict non-discriminatory policy at Aquaterra that forms part of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
- Labor Conditions: We employ workers from the local community with a strict adherence to local labor laws. We give our employees a month of holidays, medical insurance and have an equal and fair pay policy in place.
- Environmental Awareness: We have a Chief Sustainability Officer at Aquaterra that is in charge of ensuring that we adhere to the highest sustainability standards in our farms. Some examples of these practices include the reusing of excess water that our trees do not absorb, the usage of renewable energy sources in our farms, having local species planted across our farms, promoting the usage of bees for pollination of our plants, etc.
- Anti-Corruption: We have a strict Code of Ethics with 0 tolerance for bribes, gifts or fraud amongst other misconducts.

We are in the process of implementing a code of business conduct and ethics that has been signed off by our board of directors and that will serve as a guide to all directors, officers, employees and stakeholders of Aquaterra in maintaining the highest ethical standards. Additionally we have appointed PriceWaterhouseCoopers as our financial auditor and Standard & Poors as our ESG auditor.

Our commitment with these principles does not only apply to the senior management but it is transversal to the entire team as we have a shared culture and sense of responsibility to our people, environment and stakeholders. At

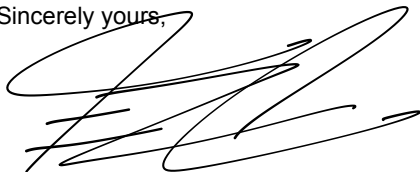
Aquaterra, we believe in the impact of our actions and we are committed to leaving a positive footprint in the world. We produce locally grown crops and we are therefore heavily reliant on our environment which is why we have a vested interest in the adherence of long-term sustainable practices that protect our local environment and the sustainability of the world.

In order to materialize our desire to incorporate the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in our corporate values, we implement a list of initiatives which are aligned with these principles:

- Principle 1 & 2: We support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and make sure that none of our policies and practices are complicit in human rights abuses.
- Principle 3, 4 & 5: At Aquaterra, there are not any form of forced and compulsory labor and we strictly condemn child labor. We hire local farmers to help local communities, paying a fair salary and providing them with decent working conditions and recognize their right to collective bargaining.
- Principle 6: We have internal policies on our code of conduct to avoid and punish any type of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
- Principle 7 & 8: We comply with the existing regulation for the use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and have the best technical team guiding us to use natural products when possible, limiting our use of chemicals. Aquaterra's commitment to environmental responsibility includes carefully managing energy and water usage at our farms. We will reuse the water that is not absorbed by the plants through drainage systems, further decreasing our water consumption. We will also measure the water consumption on a regular basis and benchmark it to measure the impact of our initiatives. In order to minimize the impact of our plantation on the local biodiversity, we will plant local species of trees as wind breakers instead of installing artificial windbreakers.
- Principle 9: To minimize the water waste, which is a scarce resource and will be even more scarce in the future, we will install probes in our plantations to measure the need of irrigation in the different fractions of the plantation and tactically irrigate where needed to optimize the use of water. We will conduct energy audits to identify opportunities to reduce energy and implement energy-smart activities such as precision agriculture processes and routine equipment maintenance. We will also install photovoltaic panels and plant local trees which will absorb part of the CO2 emissions, helping us to achieve our goal of carbon neutrality.
- Principle 10: As mentioned above, we have a strict Code of Ethics with 0 tolerance for bribes, gifts or fraud amongst other misconducts, all practices that we abhor and do not fit in our work ethics.

To conclude, it is important to state that most of the avocados (which is our main fruit) consumed in Europe are imported from South America, traveling a long distance, generating a significant carbon footprint. The fact that our plantations are in Portugal, which allows you to reach pretty much any major European capital within a day drive, will significantly decrease the carbon footprint of the avocados consumed in Europe.

Sincerely yours,



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