#### **General Information**

July 9th, 2014

To our stakeholders:

Consultoría Colombiana S.A. is in agreement and fully supports all the principles the United Nations Global Compact abides by, and therefore is committed to their fulfillment.

We are committed to develop our business in accordance with the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti –Corruption.

In this annual Communication on Progress, we describe our actions to continually improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and daily operations. We also commit to share this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely,

Andres Manrique Manrique Executive President

# **Human Rights**

# **Assessment Policy Goals**

- We are in full agreement with all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Our company's Labor Code of Conduct has been approved by Colombia's Labor Ministry and complies with Global Compact principles on Human Rights as well as with Colombia's applicable laws. This document includes a Chapter regarding Labor Harassment and internal solution procedures, as well as a Chapter regarding the creation of a Coexistence Committee composed both by employees and employer for the study and solution of differences among employees in various aspects.

### **Implementation**

- Our company culture includes an Open Door Policy, therefore providing access to all stakeholders to file verbally any grievances they might have.
- We have a suggestion box where employees can file suggestions or grievances.
- We offer equal opportunity employment without discrimination of Race, Religious Beliefs, Sexual Orientation, Gender or Disability.

#### **Measurement and Outcomes**

- Suggestions and grievances are taken to our Joint Committee or to our Coexistence Committee (composed 50% by employee elected representatives and 50% by employer elected representatives) for their solution or follow up of taken actions. Among the employer elected representatives we count two senior Vice Presidents of the company.
- Suggestions have been taken into account and in various cases implemented.
- Our Coexistence Committee hasn't received any complaints.

#### Labor

### **Assessment Policy Goals**

- Our company's Labor Code of Conduct has been approved by Colombia's Labor Ministry and complies with Colombia's applicable laws. This document contains all employee's rights and responsibilities as well as how compensation and benefits are applied. This document includes a Chapter regarding Labor Harassment and internal solution procedures, as well as a Chapter regarding the creation of a Coexistence Committee for the study and solution of differences among employees in various aspects. Also, there is one article where it prohibits employees from inhibiting others to join any labor union.
- Our company has been certified by Bureau Veritas Quality International BVQi under OHSAS 18001:2007 for which we get audited on a yearly basis. Also, we are members of the Colombia's Safety Council (Consejo Colombiano de Seguridad), and we also get audited on a yearly basis.
- As part of our OHSAS 18001:2007 compliance, we make a Labor related risk assessment for each project we perform and therefore determine the safety protection equipment and procedures to be supplied to each employee.

# **Implementation**

- We have a suggestion box where employees can file suggestions or grievances.
- When an employee joins the organization, he/she has to go through an induction process where we thoroughly explain how the company operates, this includes information about the existence of our Labor Code of Conduct, which is published in many places in our premises, as well as on the intranet. Employees must go through a re-induction process on a regular basis.
- Our company culture includes an Open Door Policy, therefore providing access to all employees to file verbally any grievances they might have.
- We perform a Labor related risk assessment for each project, which allows us to determine the risks and required safety equipment and procedures, we also perform entry and regular basis exams, to determine the employees health status and evolution, with recommendations about healthy living.

- We offer equal opportunity employment regardless of Age, Race, Religious Beliefs, Sexual Orientation, Gender or Disability. We select people based on résumé credentials, and perform in many cases standardized psychological tests to determine who to hire. Regarding pay, each project has a pay schedule based on the approved offer by our client; people are hired based on these schedules. For those who are permanent employees of the firm, we have a Qualification system that determines the pay band where each person belongs and they get paid accordingly.
- We offer relyable Payment of Payroll and benefits.
- Every year we perform a Trust Index Employee Survey through the Great Place to Work Institute. This lets us identify our stregths in the implementation of good labour practices, as well as their improvement actions, leting us generate a better labour environment and a better work-life balance.
- We have an intern program where we enroll technical and college students providing them the oportunity to have a real work experience as part of their education process. Many of these apprentices have joined the organization right after their internship, therefore improving their and their families quality of life

#### **Measurement and Outcomes**

- Every year, at the stockholders meeting we distribute an Annual Report that includes information about work related Accidents and Incidents, results of the annual audit preformed by BVQi and the Colombian Safety Council, information about lawsuits filed by employees, statistical information about health exams performed.
- Senior Management reviews results through the Joint Committee and the HSEQ Committee which meet on a regular basis.
- We get external Audits from BVQi (ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001), by the Colombian Safety Council and by the External Audit appointed by the stockholders. These Audits review compliance of all internal procedures, as well as compliance with the law.

#### **Environment**

### **Assesment Policy Goals**

- We are a Consulting Engineering firm, an therefore have a very limited environmental footprint and impact. We've performed a footprint and impact assessments, where we've determined that Paper consumption, Energy Consumption, Water Consumption, Vehicle CO2 Contamination and Garbage Disposal are our main environmental impacts.
- We have a Reduce, Reuse and Recycle policy which we apply to all our impacts.
- Our goals are to progressively reduce impacts based both on culture change and on adoption of environmentally friendly technologies when applicable.

### **Implementation**

- We perform periodic training and awareness campaigns. These include waste recycling, water and energy consumption habits, and use of paper.
- We have signed agreements with our corporate suppliers for appropriate recycling of batteries, light bulbs, and vehicle lubricants.
- We have virtually eliminated Logo paper, so we can print reports on both sides, review of blueprints is performed though PDF files or usage of reduced size paper formats
- We have installed timed valves and low consumption toilets in all sanitary facilities.
- We have converted most of our vehicles to natural gas operation and, in other cases, we've acquired diesel vehicles.
- We have an agreement with a Recycled paper manufacturer to sell them any paper waste we generate.
- We have implemented in our offices garbage disposal cans so people can separate at the source.
- We made an assessment of our CO2 footprint and purchased through CO2less.org enough trees to compensate such footpring. Each of our employees receives a tree (card) as a symbolic birthday present.
- We work with many foundations to which we donate recycled material. In turn, this foundations use these resources to address social causes.

### **Measurement and Outcomes**

- Senior Management reviews results through the Joint Committee and the HSEQ Committee with are performed on a regular basis.
- We get external Audits from BVQi (ISO 9001 and ISO 14001), by the Colombian Safety Council (It includes several Environmental Measurements). These Audits review compliance of all internal procedures, as well as compliance with the law.

### **Anti-Corruption**

## **Assesment Policy Goals**

- In association with Pais Libre (a Non Government Organization), we have performed assessment of our exposition to Extortion and Kidnapping.
- We support the UN Convention Against Corruption and we are determined to report to the corresponding authorities any corruption activity or indication thereof.

# **Implementation**

 Using the before mentioned assessment with Pais Libre, we performed training courses with our project managers and established protocols for management of crisis situations.

- When possible, we work with Transparency International to prevent bribery and corruption in the tenders where this organization gets involved.
- We have also involved in multiple cases government control entities such as the Contraloria and the Procuraduria. These entities are responsible of assuring on a preventive basis or punishing any irregular activity related to the correct application of law by government contracting entities and officers.
- We report, on a preventive basis, any irregular situations to the Colombian Infrastructure Chamber, so they take, when possible, the necessary actions.
- Before we enroll new employees, we perform a security and background check to avoid enrollment of people with doubtful track records

### **Measurement and Outcomes**

- As we mentioned in the implementation section, we have involved in some cases government control entities.
- Also, as a result of our reports during bidding processes, where we consider there
  might be a bias in the terms of reference we have reported such situations to the
  contracting entity and in some cases also to the Colombian Infrastructure Chamber
  which in time have rendered changes in Request for Proposal documentation,
  making of these processes more balanced and transparent.