

## **UN Global Compact Communication on Progress for FY 2014**



## Statement of continued support

Belimo is the global market leader in the development, production and marketing of actuator solutions for controlling heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Actuators and control valves make up the company's core business.

Belimo's aim is to be a trusted partner across the globe for its customers, offering them the added value they expect. Research and market-relevant innovation as well as rapid and customized execution are key. Commitment, credibility and reliability characterize our behavior.

Belimo delivers more than just products. We support our customers with innovative, efficient and energyoptimizing solutions and bring success to both our customers and ourselves. We are close to our customers throughout the world, we speak their language and we understand them. Everything we do gives them the reassurance that they have chosen the very best.

Belimo is firmly committed to sustainability, as reflected in our values. This commitment was further strengthened in 2013 with the signing of the United Nations Global Compact. In doing so, Belimo has undertaken to adopt, support and implement a range of principles within its sphere of influence from the areas of human rights, labor standards, environmental protection and the fight against corruption. These principles are consistent with the values and the code of conduct of Belimo.

I am pleased to confirm that Belimo reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. In our first annual Communication on Progress we describe our actions to integrate the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and daily operations. We are also committed to share this information with our stakeholders using our channels of communication.

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Chief Executive Officer

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## **Summary of Policy, Actions and Outcomes**

The table below summarizes the significant aspects related to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact. More information can be found in the referenced documents which are available for downloading at www.belimo.com.

HUMAN RIGHTS				
Principle	Policy, Actions and Outcomes	Reference		
Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.	Belimo's values and code of conduct convey the company's key guiding principles and fundamental values. The United Nations Global Compact principles in the area of human rights, labor standards, environmental protection and the fight against corruption are consistent with the values and the code of conduct of Belimo. The principles are embedded in the Code of Conduct which serves as a day-to-day guideline.	,		
	Belimo is determined to manage its business in compliance with high ethical standards and applicable law. Employees shall act accordingly.			
	New employees learn about our values during their introduction programs. The individual employee's long-term ability to internalize and put those values into practice is also part of the annual employee appraisal.	-> Annual Report 2014, p. 35		
	Belimo's code of conduct was launched in 2011. Two years later workshops were held around the world in order to train employees on the code of conduct. The discussions held helped to ensure that our values and corporate culture are understood by everybody in the same way. In the 2014 global survey employees were asked to rate the code of conduct workshops, with a score of 8.1 from max. 10 points they were very well received.			
Principle 2: Business must make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.	More than 80 percent of the added value in our products comes from our suppliers, the bulk thereof being procured from Europe. So the main risk of human rights abuses may be brought into the equation via our suppliers.	-> Annual Report 2014, p. 35		
	In 2012 Belimo formulated a supplier code of conduct in the form of a binding self-declaration. By signing the supplier undertakes to comply with Belimo's "Code of Conduct – Conduct in the working environment" covering corruption, human rights, child labor, health and safety, and environmental protection.	-> Supplier Declaration		
	Until now the code of conduct for suppliers has been signed by more than hundred suppliers which equates to around 90 percent of the procurement volume.			
	Belimo usually conducts about 30 audits per year, both new and existing suppliers are audited on site. Amongst others also compliance with aspects of the code of conduct is assessed. Apart from audits main suppliers are visited by Belimo employees, usually at least once a year.			
	In FY 2014 no cases of violation have been registered.			



LABOR STANDARDS		
Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the rights to collective bargaining.	Belimo recognizes employees' freedom of association. Members of employee organizations or unions are neither favored nor discriminated.	-> Code of Conduct
Principle 4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor.	The Belimo code of conduct and the supplier declaration excludes implicitly all forms of forced and compulsory labor.  In FY 2014 no cases of violation have been registered.	-> Code of Conduct
Principle 5: The effective abolition of child labor.	The Belimo code of conduct and the supplier declaration prohibits child labor. No employees are hired who have not yet reached the minimum age of 15 years.  In FY 2014 no cases of violation have been registered.	-> Code of Conduct
Principle 6: Eliminate discrimination with respect to employment and occupation.	Belimo promotes equal opportunities and the equal treatment of employees regardless of gender or age. An employment is purely based on professional knowledge and achievement.  Belimo is delighted by the constantly high percentage of women, e.g. 47% working at the main sites in Hinwil (Switzerland) and Danbury (CT, USA).  The location in Danbury provides more than 45 disadvantaged people with jobs. Belimo received the Business Leadership Award for its long standing pioneer engagement with disadvantaged people from the organization Ability Beyond Disability.  The third worldwide employee survey conducted in 2014 confirmed the good result in the area of engagement from the 2011 survey.  Belimo took part for the first time in the renowned Swiss Employer Award, achieving second place in the category "1000+ employees".  The average length of service in Hinwil is eight years, a result of Belimo's efforts to offer its employees long-term prospects.	-> Code of Conduct  -> Annual Report 2014, p. 36  -> Annual Report 2014, p. 38  -> Annual Report 2014, p. 36
ENVIRONMENT		
Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.	Environmental protection is embodied in the values, the Belimo code of conduct and the supplier declaration.  We strive to use our resources sparingly and avoid the use of materials that place an unnecessary strain on the environment and are difficult to discard. We are mindful of energy consumption, environmental protection is taken into account in compliance with legal and international standards.  In the reporting year the Hinwil headquarter was certified according to the international standard ISO 14001.  Belimo's internal reporting was amended by key performance figures for the locations Danbury and Hinwil to include water, electricity, heating, and waste.  Belimo has been a Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) supporter since 2013 and has responded to the questionnaires since 2009.	-> Code of Conduct -> Annual Report 2014, p. 35



Principle 8: Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.	The premises in Hinwil are continually reviewed and adapted in regard to comfort and energy efficiency. Since 2014 there has been a tool in use for monitoring detailed environmental and energy key figures.	-> Annual Report 2014, p. 34
	Even though the number of actuators produced increased by 6.4% the electricity consumption in Hinwil was only 0.5% higher compared to the previous year (FY 2014: 2'267 MWh). Various measures like need-based lighting contributed to reducing energy consumption. The usage for district heating accounted for 814 MWh in 2014 (FY 2013: 1'191 MWh). A mild winter and the implementation of various actions like optimized room temperature regulation was the main driver for this significant decrease.	
	The new production, logistics and administration building in Danbury (CT, USA) was completed and started operations in 2014. The building was constructed in compliance with the LEED standards for sustainable construction. The next step is to achieve certification. Double occupancy caused a higher consumption of electricity, water, heating, etc. at this production site in 2014.	
Principle 9: Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	We strive to design products that contribute to increased energy efficiency in our customer's applications.	-> Mission
	Following two examples promising higher value for customers coupled with lower energy consumption:	
	<ul> <li>The Belimo Energy Valve<sup>TM</sup> simultaneously measures energy flows and optimizes the flow rate so that energy waste in buildings is reduced. This has been proven by the successful use around the world.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Thanks to the Belimo Fan Optimiser, fans can be controlled based on demand according to the damper positions of the downstream VAV units. Supply pressure regulation – presently the standard method – can thus be dispensed with and fan energy consumption cut by as much as 50%.</li> </ul>	
	The Federation of European Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Associations, REHVA, is the leading European professional organization representing a network of more than 100,000 engineers from 27 European countries, whose mission is to develop and disseminate economical, energy efficient and healthy technology for mechanical services of building. Since May 2009, Belimo has been an active supporter of REHVA. For the year 2014 Belimo decided to upgrade its membership to a silver partnership.	
	The Swiss research and innovation building NEST (Next Evolution in Sustainable Building Technologies) is a joint project between industry, research and the public sector supported by Belimo. Therein, not only forms of living and working, but also the energy flows and utility engineering of tomorrow's houses are being researched.	-> Annual Report 2014, p. 34
ANTI-CORRUPTION		
Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.	Corruption and bribery of any kind are not tolerated, nor is it permissible to become involved in such acts in any way, including any offers of illegal payments or similar gifts, for the purpose influencing the decision making.  In the reporting year Belimo has not been involved in any legal cases, rulings or other events related to corruption and bribery.	-> Code of Conduct