# UN Global Compact Communication on Progress





DanSign is a supplier of architectural and flexible wayfinding systems and sign solutions of high quality and unique design. It's out first communication on progress report.

Since 1982, DanSign provides traditional and electronic wayfinding solutions worldwide through its local representatives, as well as an extensive global partner network.

We create circular economy signage project and the Cradle to Cradle philosophy is part of our DNA and we know everything there is to know about creating an environmentally friendly signage solution.

We support and will always recommend our customers sustainable solutions for example solar cell illuminated signs, PVC free vinyl's etc.

We look forward to continue our support and comply with the UN Global Compact principles.

Alice Sønderbæk CEO			



#### Human Rights Principle 1-2

DanSign supports and complies with human rights. The fundamental rights and freedoms for all people.

The right to life, liberty and nationality, freedom of thought, expression and religion, the right to work and education, and to participation in the country's management as well as many other rights.

No human rights violations were reported in the various available reporting channels in 2015.

All our partners are Danish and comply with Danish health and safety rules and values. It has formulated a policy in DanSign that all our products are produced in Denmark.

DanSign uses many different partners and suppliers with whom we have built long term relationships with . We have regular contact on quality , work procedures and working conditions and a good dialogue about this. We are only dealing only with dealers who comply with the UN's human rights. Which means that we once annually audits our suppliers to UN principles are adhered to. Over the years we have done this , all our suppliers adhered to UN principles.



#### Labour Principle 3-6

DanSign takes its role in the community seriously, it's important to grow so that we can create jobs. The company consists of a broad workforce and in 2015 was boosted by an additional 3 new employees. DanSign educates currently two trainees.

DanSign recognizes that employees are the most important resource for the company. We have a distinctly flat structure . It is therefore a natural part of everyday life that employees can communicate freely and speak their minds , this means that we have a very open and natural respect for each other . We are each responsible for our tasks and perform them with high priority. A healthy work environment is part of the way we operate at DanSign . The mental and physical work environment is constantly being reconsidered . We regularly visit the Safety Inspection, which has awarded us a happy smiley . Once a year there is appraisals , which is being talked about personal goals and development.

We greatly appreciate doing things right the first time , both in production and administration , so that unnecessary errors do not occur.

In 2015 became DanSign ISO 9001 certified.

A core part of our everyday lives is sure how the material is handled in production and work through safety procedures.



#### Environment Principle 7-9

We at DanSign believe in sustainability and to provide a green Denmark for future generations . Accountability and the environment is a key part of our everyday lives . Our philosophy is that we need to be a sustainable business , where we put the environment high so that our CO2 footprint is reduced each year.

A key element include to make sure that we recycle and recycle aluminum. Aluminum is a sustainable material that is extracted from bauxite. 8% of the earth's crust is of aluminum compounds. Aluminum is a very strong material which has a low weight. In addition, aluminum can achieve a very high strength by alloying with other metals.

Recycling advantage of aluminum is very high. Recycled aluminum has the same qualities and characteristics as pure aluminum . It is important to emphasize that aluminum consumption by recycling only account for 5% of the energy used in the production of pure aluminum . 100% of our aluminum residues which can't be used in production will be picked up and recycled.

Since 2012 minimized DanSign our CO2 emissions by approx. 20%. Here our focus was to save energy.

The initiative was initiated, including to ensure that our port in the warehouse, quickly closed when a truck or other vehicle drove into or out of the hall. In addition, turn off all computers and monitors after work, lights turned off in rooms that are not used. These actions helped to minimize our energy level.



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DanSign started in 2015 to buy REC certified wind energy from Danish sea wind turbines, which we intend to continue with or increase.

As a result of our approach to prioritize sustainability in our production, we were in 2012, after 1 year of the approval process, awarded Cradle to Cradle approval for our PlanSign system.

A Cradle to Cradle Environmental Certification form the basis of a careful analysis and evaluation of all ingredients in the product , which is made by Vugge til Vugge Denmark, EPEA and Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute.

Parameters :

- Material Health
- Material Reutilization
- Renewable Energy and Carbon Management
- Water Stewardship
- Social Fairness



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Cradle to Cradle thinking is the quest for the good product, consisting of healthy materials. It must be disassembled and reused in nature or into new products. We strive to make our signage solutions as sustainable as possible:

- By using non-pvc vinyl
- By using solar powered lighting in exterior sign pylons
- By installing solar and tinted window films to save energy for air conditioning
- By using Cradle to Cradle certified signs
- By offering a circular economy solution for our sign projects

The philosophy behind Cradle to Cradle is that all materials used for production are suitable for recycling again and again.

The infinite reuse of products reduces raw material consumption, the amount of waste and the environmental impact.

DanSign look forward to making Danish and international buildings more sustainable in the future.



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#### Newly developed illuminated sign pylons powered by solar cells

Consider the environment and eliminate expenses for power supply and cabling. The pylon consists of a steel frame and strong 10 mm hardened glass fronts. The solar cells are integrated into the glass which generates energy to the built-in LED light source.

The built-in twilight switch turns on the light by nightfall. It's possible to install a motion sensor connected to a dimmer. When activated by movements near the sensor full light intensity will be activated. The light intensity is reduced to 10% when no movements are registered. Thus the lightning period is prolonged and unduly use of energy is prevented.



#### Anti-Corruption Principle 10

DanSign is a global supplier and the staff are in contact with public organisations, ordinary citizens, commercial companies and other counterparts all over the world.

DanSign are determined to maintain the highest standards of integrity and work ethics among our staff and across all areas of activity.

We therefore have zero tolerance towards corruption in all its forms.

