

“Strength in Unity”



UNITY RESOURCES GROUP PTE LTD COMMUNICATION OF PROGRESS (COP) TO UN GLOBAL COMPACT

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“Strength in Unity,”



Mr Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations
New York
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20 February 2017

Dear Secretary-General,

Re: Unity Resources Group Pte Ltd Participation in the UN Global Compact.

I am pleased to confirm that Unity Resources Group Pte Ltd (hereafter “Unity”) continues to actively support the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Unity is committed to advancing the Ten Principles, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) throughout our business. We are dedicated to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day to day operations of our company. Unity continues to make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

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 effort to implement the ten principles along with the SDGs. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore submit the attached report and commit to report on progress annually according to the UN Global Compact COP policy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Conroy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gordon Conroy
Executive Chairman

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INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

Unity is a trusted and reliable solutions provider of land and air services in complex environments, where dependable infrastructure may not be present.

We work in partnership with our clients to deliver resilience and improved results across their business projects. Our innovative approach to the delivery of tailored support services makes us the partner of choice to our diverse global client base. Unity has developed the business by independently winning and managing a number of large contracts covering a broader range of consultancy services to assist our clients to enter new markets, set up and secure their operations and provide on-going facilities and consultation services to ensure success.

Unity's global footprint includes over 1200 staff operating from a network of global offices across Australasia, Africa, the Americas, the Middle East and Europe.

We support a wide range of clients in the public and private sectors including governments, resource sector clients, international organisations, the world's leading commercial brands and public identities, as well as development and not for profit organisations

VALUES

We employ the following values throughout our business:

- > Trust
- > Respect
- > Integrity
- > Accountability/Responsibility
- > Courage
- > Resilience

SERVICES

Unity provides a range of services internationally:

- > Security
- > Advisory
- > Crisis Management
- > Facilities Management
- > Aviation

ETHICS

Unity is an ethical leader in the security and risk management industry; compliant with all rules, regulations and legislations. We value our people, our clients and respect the countries in which we operate.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Unity’s Code of Conduct was derived from the Code of Conduct of the International Stability Operations Association (“ISOA”) and the International Code of Conduct (“ICOC”). The key elements of both codes clearly embrace and reflect good industry practices as supported by the Montreux Document released by the UN in 2008 (UN A/63/467-S2008/636).

Unity understands the importance of safeguarding the integrity of company personnel and members of local communities, and is committed to fulfilling its humanitarian responsibilities towards all those affected by its business activities. We recognise a commitment to act in a manner consistent with the laws of the countries within which we are present, to be mindful of the highest international standards, and to promote the observance of applicable international law enforcement principles (e.g. the UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials).

UNITY COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICY

Unity is well aware of the impact that the companies activities may have on local communities, as well as the benefits of our presence. We recognise the value of engaging with civil society, as well as host governments to contribute to the welfare of the local community.

LOCAL INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION/LOCAL CONTENT

Unity’s global indigenous employment strategy aims to promote the development and growth of local industry through increased local employment, training and career development opportunities across its worldwide operations. It also embraces local procurement solutions where these values add to the local economy and do not materially risk the quality or timeline of project deliverables.

CORPORATE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Unity ensure that all personnel, suppliers and clients are engaged and doing the utmost to adhere to the high standards of Unity’s Code of Conduct and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. All Country Managers and Senior Management are responsible for regular reporting and meetings to discuss what we are doing and how we can do more.

OUR PROMISE

To provide full, fair and reasonable opportunity for local industry to contribute to client projects and maximise local industry participation where it is capable and competitive on the basis of health, safety and environment, quality, cost and delivery.

THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT

HUMAN RIGHTS		
	APPROACH	PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION
PRINCIPLE 1 <i>Businesses should support and respect the protection of Internationally proclaimed human rights within their sphere of influence</i>	<p>Unity is an ethical leader in expeditionary environments. We have made it our policy to remain compliant with all rules, regulations and legislations in areas where we operate. We value our people, our clients and respect the countries in which we operate.</p> <p>Before engagement with suppliers, vendors and clients Unity carries out an exhaustive due diligence process designed to ensure compatibility with Unity’s compliance policies, including the Ten Principles.</p> <p>Unity actively supports the humanitarian requirements, defence and reconstruction of communities in areas of the world that suffer from conflict and natural disaster. With in-house capabilities to manage all aspects of shipping, aircraft and trucking as well as providing other support services, we offer clients a close partnership that addresses their particular needs in fulfilling complex multi-disciplined projects in suffering communities.</p>	<p>Unity offers emergency medical care and shelter in areas that have endured natural disaster. In situations where a natural risk remains, we also offer an emergency evacuation service.</p> <p>We recruit Local National personnel without discrimination against gender or ethno-religious background. As an example across sixteen admin staff in Iraq, eight are women, including two Christians. This is further amplified in the mix of Kurdish, Shia and Sunni personnel employed on our projects. We aim to reduce inequalities, therefore no set gender or religious faction is recruited; rather, we embrace a “strength comes from the sum of all parts” approach, with the ability to understand and operate in Kurdish, Sunni and Shia areas by embracing the knowledge and backgrounds of our employees.</p>
PRINCIPLE 2 <i>Make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses</i>	<p>Unity takes workplace relations seriously. All constituents of Unity follow the appropriate labour laws for all countries of operation. Where we believe local labour laws do not meet our high standards, we strive to offer employees greater working conditions and benefits. Unity has a comprehensive Group-wide Occupational Health and Safety Policy and additionally the Group has formal specific policies covering areas such as: Staff Welfare, Risk Management, Health and Safety, Environment, and Alcohol and Drugs abuse. Any or all of these are available to staff and all staff are to be fully conversant with these as a condition of their Contract.</p>	<p>Unity’s Whistle Blower policy allows employees and contractors to draw the attention of Senior Management to any perceived human rights abuse.</p> <p>All expats have background checks prior to completing Unity contracts. Similarly, Local National personnel are cleared through the Ministry of Interior (or appropriate government department) who check for any background of terrorist or human rights abuses.</p> <p>The welfare of Local National employees is constantly reviewed. Many of the Local Nationals working on projects do so at significant risk to themselves and their families. Accordingly, respect of their privacy and a large</p>

		degree of anonymity is afforded. Where an employee indicates they are threatened or are facing hardship, all efforts are made to assist them wherever possible.
LABOR STANDARDS		
PRINCIPLE 3 <i>Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining</i>	<p>The Unity executive team are committed to building an organisation that people want to be a part of.</p> <p>Our goal is to have a professional, engaged and flexible workforce operating in a successful and positive environment.</p> <p>The responsibility for this is shared by all personnel, suppliers and clients.</p>	<p>Unity has a consultation arrangement which encourages cooperation and engagement of employees and management. This enables all Unity employees to voice any concerns over working conditions and rights. Recently this initiative led to employees receiving additional leave time, above local labour law requirements, in order to respect religious holidays from a variety of cultures.</p> <p>Unity understands and respects our employees' rights in relation to freedom of association and the right to representation at work, including actively allowing our employees to be able to make a free and informed choice about whether to join a union and be represented at work.</p> <p>Our projects, through promotion of inclusion and active engagement, seek feedback from the Local National Staff regularly, particularly on issues of potential sensitivity. A key element of this is our Situational Awareness Team who act as a compass on cultural and protocol issues in countries of operation.</p> <p>Staff are also encouraged to provide feedback via their chain of command, or if there is an issue of a sensitive nature, then they can approach the Project Manager directly. A weekly meeting is held where all Staff are present and any questions for an open forum response / discussion are raised. Similar “Tool-box” meetings are held by each individual project team. Communication is open and honest. Feedback is welcomed and acted on.</p>

<p>PRINCIPLE 4</p> <p><i>Elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour</i></p>	<p>Unity takes a strong standpoint against inhumane labour practices. In all countries of operation, Unity employs staff in accordance with or above local labour laws and is fully compliant with the relevant labour codes. Unity maintains policies and procedures including Employee Relations Management Plans and Industrial Relations Plans. Our Grievance Policy and Whistleblower Policy also enables any person to report incidents of concern.</p>	<p>In each country of operation, the Unity Country Director is required to report any incident involving labour irregularities. Our Group Human Resources and Legal teams oversee the employment and contract process for each and every member of staff. We also employ specialists to further enhance our commitment to maintaining fair labour practices. We are dedicated to being a best practice employer.</p> <p>Unity is confident that its processes have ensured that all personnel are employed at the will of both the employee and Unity, in accordance with, or above, local labour laws.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 5</p> <p><i>Effective abolition of child labour</i></p>	<p>Unity is against the exploitation of children, through direct employment or indirectly. Our wider policies flow down to all sub-contractors and consultants.</p>	<p>Country Management Teams are required to conform to our Code of Conduct and policies for recruitment. Unity’s screening and vetting procedures ensures that all staff are of legal employment age. This is confirmed by national ID card checks in the country of operation. This process is overseen by Unity’s group Human Resources and Legal teams.</p> <p>For example, in Iraq we ensure that each candidate undergoes a compliance check with the Ministry of Labour who set a higher minimum age for employment. Documents are then further checked by our Human Resources and in-house Legal team before contractual and employment terms are approved.</p> <p>Our contracts in Iraq abide by the Iraqi Ministry of Interior Laws and Ministry of Labour laws. We are proud to ensure that all government labour requirements are met and embraced with strict vigilance.</p> <p>No employee comes onto a contract without an appropriate level of experience and training.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 6</p> <p><i>Eliminate discrimination in respect of employment and occupation</i></p>	<p>Unity believes in equal opportunities and outcomes regardless of nationality or gender. This involves the removal of discrimination and structural inequalities in access to resources, opportunities and services, and the promotion of equal rights. Promoting</p>	<p>Unity’s global indigenous employment strategy aims to promote the development and growth of local industry through increased indigenous employment, training and career development opportunities. This embraces local procurement solutions where these</p>

	<p>equality, Unity will take into account and recognise employee differences and background/experience for diverse roles and needs, and takes these into account in development planning and programmes.</p>	<p>values add to the local economy and do not risk the quality or timeline of project deliverables.</p> <p>Unity actively follows a stringent recruitment policy which is built on gender equality and the absolute avoidance of discrimination of all kinds. For example, we employ over 50 women in various roles across ten countries, which we believe is significantly higher than industry norms. We also have a number of women in our Senior Management team, who provide a central role in the strategy and decision making process.</p> <p>Similarly, the recruitment process for aviation positions is based on skills, qualifications, experience on aircraft type and security clearance/assessment. The process is therefore performance based and is blind to issues of gender, sexuality, race, religious beliefs etc.</p>
THE ENVIRONMENT		
<p>PRINCIPLE 7</p> <p><i>Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges</i></p>	<p>Unity is well aware of the impact that the companies activities may have on local communities. As such we recognise the value of engaging with civil society and host and home governments to contribute to the welfare of the local community while mitigating any potential for conflict where possible.</p>	<p>Unity maintains an Environmental Policy that provides guidance for our programmes and projects. We give strong emphasis to EHS Policies and Plans on all Projects.</p> <p>For example, our aviation programme confirms to best industry standards. We are constantly reviewing this procedure to ensure that it remains up to date.</p> <p>Unity has received ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems accreditation.</p> <p>The operating environment in Iraq is not overly conducive to good environmental practices. The culture of the country is not one of recycling, ethical waste removal or even the most basic of environmental education, due to conflict since early 2003. Unity's contracts in this region try to lead by example by recycling and practicing environmentally friendly waste disposal.</p>

<p>PRINCIPLE 8</p> <p><i>Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility</i></p>	<p>Unity is committed to appropriate on-going monitoring of environmental impacts in performance of its personnel, activities, resources, equipment and implementation of improvements where necessary.</p> <p>Unity supplies its products and services within the scope of its certification to ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems Standard.</p> <p>Quality Assurance is also a high priority for Unity and as such, it conforms to the certification requirements of the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems Standard.</p>	<p>Unity ensures that any individual performing tasks for Unity (or on Unity's behalf) are competently educated and experienced in the appropriate environment.</p> <p>Unity keeps track of its training needs associated with environmental aspects and will provide continuing training to meet these needs.</p> <p>We have introduced a policy to ensure that all our operations recycle waste where possible. We have advised all operations to print only when absolutely necessary. Unity seeks to only use paper companies that are ISO 14001 endorsed, seeking to reduce the organisations carbon footprint. Unity has achieved this by promoting a culture of printing only when absolutely necessary.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 9</p> <p><i>Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies</i></p>	<p>Our approach will always consider the environment and community through culturally integrated solutions such as engaging local resources and staff, where possible, in order to have a positive effect on the local economy and community as well as to minimise our carbon footprint. We provide training and mentoring for local staff to provide project support which, in turn, leads to a skilled, experienced and self-sufficient workforce for future employment.</p>	<p>Innovative technologies are considered at our project design stage. We can provide solar photovoltaic, solar water heating, portable water condenser technology and biomass digesters to our clients in order to reduce the negative impact on the local environment.</p> <p>For example, our Aviation Department is currently researching biofuel use for our aircrafts, in the aim for affordable and clean energy.</p>
<p>ANTI-CORRUPTION</p>		
<p>PRINCIPLE 10</p> <p><i>Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery</i></p>	<p>Unity has a clear policy on unethical behaviours and improper actions and each employee is required to sign a Code of Conduct.</p>	<p>All staff have signed the Unity Code of Conduct and are aware of the effect that unethical behaviour has on the fragile operating environments in which Unity works.</p> <p>Unity has ensured that transparency and compliance is a central theme in the way that we conduct business. For example, undergoing audits by one of the “Big Four” accounting firms as part of our bid to ensure that our business can demonstrate complete financial transparency.</p>

		<p>By nature of the Clients we work for, anti-corrupt practices are at the forefront of our Operations. Unity has a “no gifts” policy which extends to our personnel and their interaction with local authorities. We do not exchange gifts or favours to local agencies or any other party.</p> <p>Furthermore, a culture of being a “good corporate citizens” is encouraged. By abiding by local rules and laws, completing correct and proper paperwork, following all steps in application processes, and only paying applicable fees as opposed to any unexplained add on, we minimise corrupt practices and being unwittingly a party to it.</p>
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MEASUREMENT AND OUTCOMES

All Country Directors and Senior Managers must achieve a Board endorsed Key Performance Indicator (“KPI”), concerning the active implementation of Unity’s Code of Conduct and CSR program, including the Ten Principles. Regular management meetings take place to outline and review Unity’s policies and procedures. This process also highlights shortfalls and areas for improvement. Guidelines for Corporate Social Responsibility targets are formulated at Board level with the input of senior management and circulated accordingly.

The results of our quantitative/qualitative assessment is communicated to all stakeholders annually so that the organisation and other interested parties can track our performance. This enables us to foster a corporate environment of transparency and accountability.

CONCLUSION

Unity values being a participant in the UN Global Compact. We believe that our active participation reflects our commitment to align operations and strategies with universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Unity continually measures its activities and those of its personnel, suppliers, vendors and clients against the Ten Principles as part of our wider CSR Programme. In addition, more than one of the SDGs, such as gender equality, reducing inequalities, and affordable and clean energy, are currently part of Unity’s business model. The measurement of Unity’s activities in relation to the Ten Principles and SDGs is done through regular reporting from Country Managers and Senior Managers, board meetings, and a questionnaire sent to our entire staff. The results help to identify areas of improvement.

Overall, our corporate ethos is integrally structured towards minimising negative influence and maximising positive impact in the areas in which we operate.

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