

Communication on Progress

COP Minimum Requirements Swedish Net 2019

Introduction

Swedish Net continues to support the UN Global Compact initiative and the ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

This is the seventh communication on progress from Swedish Net Communication AB. In the past year Swedish Net has won more airport projects and security contracts. This has also lead to a series of new suppliers that are to be reviewed in our UN Global compact supplier program, that is integrated in our ISO certified quality management system.

Human rights

Sweden has stable governance with laws and regulations and zero tolerance to human rights abuse in the public eye, because of this, human rights abuse is not common within serious companies in Sweden. However, the risk of complicity exists in every sector and every country and we see it as our social responsibility to boycott companies that are known to compromise human rights here in Sweden and abroad.

Our biggest concern however are companies abroad that don't have stable governance or pour regard of the human rights, in our quality management system we are determined to investigate those companies before making any business.

Labour

The four principles related to labour are regulated by law in Sweden. Besides that Sweden has well established and strong workers unions. Companies that Swedish Net hires labour from are obligated to follow the collective established regulations on paycheck, working hours etc.

During the year Swedish Net has also started the process to get our worker safety system certified according to ISO 45001.

Environment

Swedish Net has an environmental management system certified in ISO 14001.

Anti-corruption

Corruption of any kind is not acceptable.

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Goals

- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.
- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.
- Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.

Measurement of outcome

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.**
Out of 5/5 controlled companies we found 0 indication that a company did not fulfill all of the ten principles.
- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.**
Out of 14/14 controlled companies we found 3 companies that did not fulfill at least one of the ten principles.

Company	Area	Description
Grant Thornton Sweden AB	Anti-Corruption	https://www.ft.com/content/1ada3b64-ab58-11e8-94bd-cba20d67390c
Santander Consumer Bank	Anti-Corruption	https://anticorruptiondigest.com/2019/01/15/italy-fines-car-finance-cartel-678-million-euros/#axzz5rHDHu9P7
Ernst & Young AB	Anti-Corruption	https://www.businessinsider.com/whistleblower-sues-ey-alleged-corruption-2018-1?r=US&IR=T

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.**
Out of 12/106 controlled companies we found 0 companies that did not fulfill at least one of the ten principles.

Self-assessment

- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and corruption on all foreign companies on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled
- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes and/or corruption on most of the companies active in Sweden and abroad on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled
- **Crosscheck human rights abuse, labour abuse, environmental crimes or corruption on samples of Swedish companies active only in Sweden on the internet.**
Controlled Not controlled

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Result

Nestlé still has problems with child labour. One reason is that nearly 20 years after pledging to eradicate child labor, the company still cannot identify the farms where all their cocoa comes from, let alone whether child labor was used in producing it. Nestlé can trace 49% of its global cocoa supply to farms, which is higher than Mars, maker of M&M's and Milky Way, they can trace only 24%.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/business/hershey-nestle-mars-chocolate-child-labor-west-africa/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e07776768d08

To change a supplier like this we need to find a supplier with less impact and just because a new supplier isn't under scrutiny doesn't mean that they can track more of their produce, meaning they might not even know they have the same or bigger problems than Nestlé. Even the certification "fair trade" can promise child labor free coffee. Our goal for next year is to find a way to make sure the new supplier is a better supplier.

Allegations against SAAB and Lula in Brazil are being investigated, Swedish Net won't take any actions until the investigation is finished.

Nordea writes in an email that the bank is about to dissolve the filial in Luxembourg. The bank further writes that their attitude to "tax optimisation" has changed. «We are in a completely different place as a bank today – and do not participate in banking that solely has the purpose of tax optimization,» Nordea answers Finance in an email. The Financial Supervisory Authority of Luxembourg, in 2017, issued Den Norske Bank (DNB), Nordea and seven other financial institutions a fine in the wake of the disclosures about the use of tax havens in Panama Papers. The bot was linked to a supervisory body after the disclosures. The Financial Supervisory Authority of Luxembourg believes that the companies violated laws designed to prevent money laundering. No further actions will be taken against Nordea as a supplier.

Santander Bank Brazil is creditor to the Brazilian Odebrecht consultancy company involved in a corruption scandal, Odebrecht has filed for bankruptcy.

Leaked documents showed that Danske bank aided in Azerbaijan corruption scandal in 2012-2014, no legal action has been taken against the company since then.

Yours sincerely



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