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GREEN TEAM EUROPE

TRUE NATURE - PURE TRADITION

Statement of support

Green Team Europe A/S (Green Team Group) has been a steady member of Global Compact since 2010, and we are dedicated to carry out the intentions of the 10 Principles outlined by the UN in the Global Compact Initiative in our company. The UN Global Compact Initiative acts as a general framework for our work with CSR and covers the four main areas:

- *Human Rights*
- *Labor Standards*
- *Environment*
- *Anti-Corruption*

We are committed to respect fundamental human rights and basic labour standards, and to implement the principles in our organization. We strive to influence our business partners to live up to the same obligations within their respective businesses.

As the leading producer of Christmas trees, the environmental challenges are important to us. We always search to improve and to find environmentally friendly means of running our nursery and plantations. We try to influence our suppliers to always take a precautionary approach to environmental challenges, and to choose an environmentally friendly method, if possible.

We are proud to make our modest contribution to a better planet and we endeavor to be open and transparent across the organization and report our findings - good as well as bad. This Communication on Progress report (COP) will be made available through the UN Global Compact homepage www.unglobalcompact.org and to all our employees at employee meetings.

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Sune Graae Norsker, CEO

Green Team Europe A/S



About Green Team Group

Green Team Europe A/S is Europe's largest producer and seller of seedlings and Christmas trees, and the foundation of today's company was founded in 1991 by the brothers Majland – Majland Nursery.

Green Team Europe is the mother company for a range of subsidiaries, which is split up into subsidiary companies with different areas of focus:

Majland A/S

- Harvesting and import of seeds for production of seedlings
- Producing and marketing of Christmas tree seedlings

Green Team Scotland, Green Team Polska and Green Team Denmark

- Production of Christmas trees



In Green Team we have control of the entire value chain from seed to final tree, and live our values being: Improvement, Responsibility, Precision and Teamwork.

It is our **Vision** to provide all our customers the best possible full-service Christmas tree solutions.

Our **Mission** is to offer our customers uniform, sustainable and well-produced Christmas trees delivered according to the agreements.

With the international production and sales set-up in Green Team, we are able to pick our seeds in Georgia and Denmark, cultivate the seeds in our nursery in Denmark for 3 years, and afterwards grow the trees in our plantations. Our trees, which meet the highest standards, are pruned to obtain the perfect shape, and finally harvested approximately 7-10 years later.

In Green Team We have always addressed environmental issues in the nursery in Denmark, and since 2010 been working with CSR on a strategic level, and in a more coordinated manner.

Part of this is also due to the adaptation of the UN Global Compact Initiative. It is a clear goal to live up to the demands from future customers, and to engage in a constructive dialogue on how to deliver certified and sustainable products to our customers. We are working with human rights, labor standards, environment, responsible supply chain, and communication as the four main areas of Global Compact.



Fast facts



50 x employees



+ 2.500



Delivery all over EU



100 % CSR



+ 2.500.000



Plantations in DK, PL, SC.



Our vision & mission



Our values



Precision



Teamwork



Improvement



Responsibility





- UNCOMPROMISING ADHERENCE TO OUR VALUES
- FOCUS ON MUTUAL BENEFICIAL LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS
- PASSION FOR FULL-SERVICE CHRISTMAS TREE SOLUTIONS
 - 100% CERTIFICATION AND TRANSPARENCY
 - STRONG AND PROACTIVE CSR-PROFILE
 - ZERO-TOLERANCE ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY
- 100 % SPECIALISED, PASSIONATE AND DEDICATED EMPLOYEES



Human rights

- Principle 1:** *Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights*
Principle 2: *Make sure that they are not complicit in human right abuses*

What we want

We want to be an open, international and welcoming workplace. Green Team commits to comply with international human rights conventions, and we do never discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age or disability. It is important for us that people with disabilities, women, people with other nationality than Danish or others with special conditions are visible in the workplace and have equal opportunity to make a career.

We embrace diversity at all levels of the organization, and we are constantly working to create an inclusive workplace with room for diversity. We believe that diversity creates value for the company and expand our horizons and enhance innovations.

What we do

We have focused on international human rights in our diversity policy, which we have implemented in our organization. This means that we upon recruitment, promotion and dismissal are focused never to violate basic human rights conventions of discrimination.

In Denmark, for example, we observe the Danish legislation, which does not allow any discrimination what so ever. All terms of employment are established by individual workers contracts according to Danish legislation and the relevant Collective Bargain Agreement. Concerning our business partners, we operate in long term relationships core suppliers with whom we have been doing – or intend to – do business with for many years. At present we have only one supplier in a risk country, Georgia. It is our belief that we have influenced our suppliers by upholding a constant pressure on information and documentation for decent labor standards everywhere our company is represented.

What we have achieved

We have raised awareness about human rights issues in our headquarters. We have formulated policies and have a key person responsible for action plans in human rights issues. Because of our common values and our commitment to diversity policy, 50 % of our employees

have nationality other than Danish in 2019/20. 16% of our employees on management level or working in confidential jobs, are women.
 100 % of all suppliers in risk countries are audited according to IQ-Net
 100 % of all farms and nurseries in EC are certified according to GlobalG.A.P

Goals for 2019/20

In 2020/21 we will continue to focus on human rights within our sphere influence. In 2020/21 we will endeavor to continue to have a level of 50 % of employees with different nationality than Danish, as we believe that diversity strengthens our organization.

It is our goal that all employees knows the basics CSR issues of the company.

We are aware of our obligations to address all human rights conventions according to the UN Guiding Principles.

What we do?	What we have achieved?	Goals for 2020/21
CSR-policy Global: IQ-Net GlobalG.A.P Certification	a) 50 % of employees have other nationality than DK b) 16 % of employees on management level or working in confidential jobs are women c) Human Right assessment Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net 100% GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC 	a) 50 % of employees have other nationality than DK b) 33% of employees on management level are women c) Human Right assessment Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net, and we aim to have this supplier following principles of ISO. 100% GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC



Labour standards

- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to bargain*
- Principle 4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor*
- Principle 5: The effective abolition of child labor*
- Principle 6: The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation*

What we want

We support the UN global work to eliminate all forms of forced and compulsory labor, child labor and any discrimination in employment.

Our diversity policy is clear; no worker must be subject to discrimination due to race, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or gender. It is core value to us that all employees in Green Team Group, business partners and suppliers are treated with respect and dignity. We have a policy on child labor, and we do not tolerate child labor as defined in the ILO conventions under the age of 15 years or the local defined school age. If a child is ever revealed in the production, we insist that a plan should be made in order for the child to go back to school and at the same time a compensation should be given to the family by offering other family members a job.

Freedom of association and the right to be a member of a freely chosen union are fundamental rights that we cherish. We will ensure a healthy and safe working environment for all our employees. We believe that health and well-being are linked and that well-being is of great importance in the daily life of the individual and the company.

We believe basically that our social responsibility effort involves not only activities in Denmark, but covers our entire chain, regardless of where the production takes place. Our costumers must be confident that we have consideration for the people, who have been involved in the entire process from seed to tree.

What we do

We have a sustainability policy with focus on openness, education and a safe working environment. A policy to ensure that we respect the right to be a member of the union as the individual wishes, equality under the laws and elimination of discrimination in the workplace as well as basic labor standards.

We are a member of the employers association, GLS-A, and we respect the collective agreement system as a supplement to Danish labor legislation in our area of business. It is a system based on collective negotiations between employer and employee, resulting in a collective agreement in line with national legislation. Our collective agreement is between GLS-A and 3F, and between GLS-A and HK. We respect and follow all regulations in these collective agreements.

In our headquarter in Denmark we comply with Danish legislation on human rights and labor rights. In accordance with the Danish Health and Safety Work Act, we have a health and safety committee with representatives from the workers group and from the management group. Our occupational and safety work is well organized and functions successfully according to the intentions of the law.

All employees have access to relevant personal protective equipment (PPE). We have made the compulsory APV-assessments for all workplaces and we have a system to keep records of any accidents and "near-by" accidents.

According to our supplier Code of Conduct the work must be safe and sound for all workers. It is a general rule that no workers must work more than 48 hours + 12 overtime hours and never on a regular basis. Compensation must always be paid with a premium rate according to the intentions and spirit in Danish labor laws and we will assess any labor related risk of accidents professionally.

The company provides everyone with a private health insurance, and coffee, tea and fresh fruit for free besides lunch at favorable prices. We always try to offer jobs on special terms, whenever possible, to the long-term unemployed, trainees, unemployed in work testing situations.



Labour standards (continued)

Our office staff is encouraged to take education within their area of responsibility. We strive to give both men and women equal opportunities and we encourage both genders to join relevant training programs within their area of responsibility.

In peak season a subcontracting partner is supplying us with more workers employed by our subcontracting partner. We have appointed a serviceperson for all our foreign workers assisting in all sorts of problems arising from working in Denmark as a foreigner.

What we have achieved

We have been setting up goals and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) within human rights and labor rights in our headquarter, in our nurseries and farms in order to be able to measure our progress year by year.

Our collective pension scheme is currently of 12,99 % of the salary after 3 months of employment. In 2019/20 we had 0 accidents and had a total of 32 % of staff that has training in first aid, which is a satisfying result compared to last year.

The production in our nursery in Denmark and our farms in different European countries from Scotland to Poland, are all GlobalG.A.P certified. GlobalG.A.P is covering environment and working conditions. In that way we cover the environment as well as working conditions wherever our organization is represented.

Goals for 2020/21

In 2020/21 we will continue to focus on our labor standards. We will do our utmost to prevent any accidents and try to aim at the level of at least 35 % having training in first aid – and all functions having a person having the training. On top of that all employees in PL and SC have training. It is also our goal that all employees knows that basics CSR issues of the company.

We are aware of our obligations to address all human rights conventions according to the UN Guiding Principles.

What we do?	What we have achieved?	Goals for 2020/21
CSR-policy Global: IQ-net + Global GAP Certification	a) 0 accidents b) 32 % on first aid course c) 0 % employed on special terms Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net 100 % GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC 	a) 0 accidents b) 35 % on first aid course c) 2 % employed on special terms Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net. 100 % GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC



Environment

- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges*
Principle 8: Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technology

What we want

We want to reduce our CO2 footprint of operating our business and we strive to be a reliable environmentally responsible partner to our customers. We will support environmentally friendly technologies and help to raise of environmentally friendly production within our range of business. We will focus our resources to areas where we can have a considerably impact on the environment such as pesticides, fertilizer, and water consumption, however we are very weather dependent which is why our consumption will have a natural variation.



What we do

We integrate environmental concerns in our daily business activities on market conditions, in other words – we will operate a profitable business with respect for the environment and human health.

We focus on the environmental impact of the production of Christmas trees from cradle to grave. We are innovative and consider how to go new ways, use new production methods and new materials.

We focus on the environmental impact from running our headquarter. We have a waste management system in the headquarter- We have a project of minimizing pesticides and strive to reduce fertilizer. We make an effort to reduce diesel, have a restricted chemicals list defined according to the rules in the Global G.A.P concept and is successfully implemented in the organization.

We have raised awareness in general about the environmental impact from running a production and implemented our positions to our suppliers.

What we have achieved

We have drafted and continue to update an overview of our opportunities to be environmentally friendly. We have defined how we will measure our environmental impact from fertilizer, pesticides, electricity and water and we have generated Key Performance Indicators and have set up goals for our environmental work. As a new initiative, we have initiated and selected some Roundup-free production areas. We call this initiative Friends of Nature.

We measure our consumption of water, pesticides, fertilizer and recycling of all materials. Due to Danish legislation we recycle glass, paper and environmental harmful waste and sort our daily waste as much as possible. In 2019/20 our level of waste has gone up overall, however with improvement on the recycling figure (see table of results and goals on the next page).



Environment (continued)

We find the current level of consumption of pesticides satisfying, although at the same level as the previous year. However we always strive to improve, and have set a new goal for 20/21. Consumption of water went up, but this is a result of warm weather and a need for spring frost watering.

Due to the rules in GlobalG.A.P and the Danish legislation, we have a commitment to only use authorized fertilizer. We are satisfied with our 2019/20 figures in that respect.

We have allocated a responsible person to measure our efforts on various relevant areas within our external environmental impact. We continue raising awareness in our organization about environmental issues and the importance to European customers.

We are compliant with the environmental legislation in Denmark and our supplier in risk countries are in compliance with national legislation too.

We measured our total consumption of electricity, water, pesticides and fertilizer. We sort and measure our waste according to the Global GAP concept. Our figures for 2019/20 are acceptable and some of the differences in the results from previous years can be found in the business we operate in. We are a business that is highly weather dependent, which is largely beyond our influence.

However, our nursery in Denmark and farms in other EU countries are certified according to the GlobalG.A.P concept.

We are therefore confident that our nursery and farms are run in an environmentally friendly way and that the Occupational Health and Safety work in our farms is in compliance with the GlobalG.A.P standard. Our effort has raised awareness at suppliers in risk countries and they are now in compliance with national environmental regulations.

Goals for 2020/21

We are to some extent satisfied with the results of 2019/20. Naturally, we need to find the right balance in which the business can best operate, but always need to ensure that we minimize our environmental impact and utilize resources in the best way. In 2020/21, we focus on minimising the level of environmental impact, with some reduction goals seen below.

Nursery	2018/19	2019/20	Goals for 2020/21
Industrial waste in KG	24.852	29.522	21.000
Recycling of paper etc. in KG	6.353 (3.311)	2.038	2.000
Electricity in kWh	210.832	180.000	178.000
Consumption of pesticides in l. pr. ha. (Round-up)	3,8	3,8	3,7
Consumption of fertilizer in % of quota	50 %	51 %	49 %
Consumption of water in m3. pr. ha.	1132	1667	1100



Environment (continued)

DK production	2018/19	2019/2020	Goals for 2020/21
Consumption of pesticides in l. pr. ha. (Round-up)	1,29 l/HA	1,8 l/HA	1,25 l/HA
Consumption of fertilizer in % of quota	56 %	52 %	50 %

Poland production	2018/19	2019/2020	Goals for 2020/21
Consumption of pesticides in l. pr. ha. (Round-up)	3,1 l/HA	2 l/HA	1,0 l/HA
Consumption of fertilizer in % of quota	56 %	N/A	N/A

Scotland production	2018/19	2019/2020	Goals for 2020/21
Consumption of pesticides in l. pr. ha. (Round-up)	1,5 l/HA	1,3 l/HA	1,2 l/HA
Consumption of fertilizer in % of quota	N/A	N/A	N/A



Anti corruption

Principle 10: *Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery*

What we want

We refrain from all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery. We strongly support the work done by the UN and other international organizations against corruption since we very much denounce the phenomenon. It's a core Green Team value to be responsible in our way of doing business and therefore we take distance from using bribery. We will work against corruption and bribery of any kind in our effort to operate a sound and profitable business. We try to influence our partners to refrain from applying corruption in order to remain objective.

What we do

In Green Team we have formulated an anti-corruption policy, which will help us ensure that the company operates in an open and honest manner. We do not offer, promise or demand bribes or other undue advantage to obtain or retain business opportunities.

This is regardless of whether it is at the employee level or the company as such. We do not pay any protection money to obtain favorable terms and no employee shall not give or receive inappropriate gifts at work.

We try to influence our suppliers in risk countries. That business results through corruption is very wrong and that they should refrain from using bribery in any situation what so ever.

We have informed our suppliers that corruption is a key issue for us and that we might carry out unannounced inspections to disclose bribery if we have any such indications what so ever.

We have decided that all employees should have the opportunity to put forward any complaints, suspicions or concerns anonymously to the company.

What we have achieved

We have a detailed anti-corruption policy and with our anti-corruption policy, we have started focusing on corruption and bribery, even if the

subject is far away from the general workflow of a typical Scandinavian company.

We want to show our customers our work with CSR and our zero-tolerance-anticorruption policy. To visualize this towards our customers, we have introduced our "Integri-Trees" concept, summarizing our work with CSR, anti-corruption policy and core corporate values (page 8).

Goals for 2020/21

The goal for 2020/21 is to make sure that all suppliers keep on living up to the IQ-Net standards, and in time, to the certification schemes of ISO.

We will also strive to influence our partners as much as possible as well as make sure that every employee of Green Team are aware of the company's policy in this matter. We also want to highlight our Integri-Trees concept towards our customers.

What we do?	What we have achieved?	Goals for 2019/20
Anti-corruption policy Global: IQ-net	Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none">100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net.100 % GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC	Global: <ul style="list-style-type: none">100% of all suppliers in risk countries are certified according to IQ-net, and we aim to have this supplier following principles of ISO.100 % GlobalG.A.P certified production in EC





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