

Global Compact CoP

2021 UN Global Compact Communication on Progress

We have been a participant in the United Nations Global Compact since 2005. As a signatory to the initiative, we have committed ourselves to its ten principles, which cover key UN conventions on human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. At the same time, the UN Global Compact calls on all participating companies to work to implement these principles within their own sphere of influence.

The following table summarizes the key actions we took in 2021 to advance the principles of the Global Compact.

	<p>This is our Communication on Progress in implementing the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and supporting broader UN goals.</p> <p>We welcome feedback on its contents.</p>
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UNGC principles	Key actions in 2021	Relevant GRI disclosures	Link
Human rights			
Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Incorporated human rights and modern slavery into our “EHS StartUp!” training for new EHS managers ◆ Offered e-learning courses on our Human Rights Charter and Social and Labor Standards Policy, targeted to all managing directors and senior leaders reporting directly to the Executive Board ◆ Conducted webinars within the scope of the Security Academy meetings on human rights and modern slavery ◆ Formalized review process to ensure fulfillment of safety-relevant human rights aspects at our sites through security audits ◆ Participated in “TfS Talks” by sharing our conflict minerals approach ◆ Adopted and published the Code of Digital Ethics ◆ Offered a free-of-charge and anonymous whistleblowing channel, our compliance hotline, to report potential human rights violations 	103-2, 412-1, 412-2	Compliance management Human rights
Principle 2: Businesses should make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Supported the development of a training platform concept on sustainability management within the scope of our TfS membership ◆ Conducted internal and external audits of suppliers on sustainability topics and collected self-reported information ◆ Chaired the Responsible Mica Initiative 	412-3, 414-1, 414-2	Compliance management Sustainable supply chain management Mica supply chain Human rights
Labor standards			
Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conducted internal audits on workplace matters covered in our Human Rights Charter, which are specified in more detail in our Social and Labor Standards Policy ◆ Regularly included local employee representatives in company decision-making ◆ Formalized review process to ensure fulfillment of safety-relevant human rights aspects at the sites through security audits 	102-41, 402-1, 407-1	Compliance management Human rights Attractive employer

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Principle 4: Businesses should support the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted internal audits on workplace matters covered in our Human Rights Charter, which are specified in more detail in our Social and Labor Standards Policy Published on our website the UK Modern Slavery Statement and our Australia Modern Slavery Statement, both endorsed by our Executive Board Incorporated human rights and modern slavery into our “EHS StartUp!” training for new EHS managers Conducted webinars within the scope of our Security Academy meetings on human rights and modern slavery 	409-1	Compliance management Human rights Attractive employer
Principle 5: Businesses should support the effective abolition of child labor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted internal audits on workplace matters covered in our Human Rights Charter, which are specified in more detail in our Social and Labor Standards Policy Chaired the Responsible Mica Initiative Conducted internal and external audits of suppliers on sustainability topics and collected self-reported information 	408-1	Compliance management Mica supply chain Human rights Attractive employer
Principle 6: Businesses should support the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refocused our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) strategy on the following priority areas: gender parity, culture and ethnicity as well as inclusion Defined new DE&I targets for 2030: Achieve gender parity in leadership positions (2021: 36%); increase the proportion of colleagues in U.S. leadership teams who are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups (2021: 21%); increase the global share of nationals from Asia, Latin America, and MEA in leadership positions to 30% (2021: 16%) Conducted a pay equity analysis Joined the UN Target Gender Equality Programme >Integrated the inclusion concept into our Human Resources programs and processes Launched a tool to support the use of gender-neutral language in job advertisements Ran a pilot project in the United States: Increased bonuses for successful referrals of qualified diverse candidates. Offered trainings on unconscious bias Group-wide Fostered diverse talent through mentoring, sponsoring and talent programs Supported numerous local and global employee networks on diversity, equity & inclusion Collaborated with Disability:IN 	102-8, 202-1, 202-2, 401-1, 401-3, 404-1, 404-3, 405-1, 405-2, 406-1	Diversity, equity & inclusion Attractive employer

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Environmental stewardship			
Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Passed third-party ISO 14001:2015 audits at 13 sites ◆ Performed 51 internal EHS audits, with all audited sites being rated as “good” or “satisfactory”. ◆ Achieved a 9% reduction of our CO₂ emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) in comparison with the baseline year 2020 amid operating business growth, thereby contributing to our target to lower CO₂ emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) by 50% by 2030 compared with 2020. ◆ Sourced 30% of our purchased electricity from renewable energies (2020: 27%), thereby contributing to our target to cover 80% of our purchased electricity with renewables by 2030. ◆ Signed a renewable energy virtual power purchase agreement in the United States ◆ Applied to join the Science Based Targets Initiative ◆ Set new water management target: By 2025, lower the Water Intensity Score by 10% compared with the baseline year 2020. ◆ Expanded the central wastewater treatment plant at the Darmstadt site (expansion to include a fourth purification stage). ◆ Worked towards shrinking the environmental footprint of our waste by 5% by 2025, as measured by our waste scoring system, as compared with the baseline year 2016. In 2021, we achieved a 5.6% reduction (2020: 4.6%) ◆ Took measures to ensure product safety (for instance REACH, GHS), plant and process safety, and transport and warehouse safety (such as internal EHS audits) 	201-2, 301-1, 302-1, 303-1, 305-1, 305-2, 305-3, 305-6, 305-7	Safety of chemical products Plant, process and transport safety Environmental stewardship Climate protection Waste and recycling Water management
Principle 8: Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Introduced bulk packaging designs for a subset of our Durapore® and Millipore Express® filter cartridges ◆ Commercialized greener alternative products such as Cyrene™, our Stericup E filtration system and our microplastic-free functional filler RonaFlair ◆ Utilized reusable and recyclable packaging, which we also offer to our customers ◆ Offered sustainable mobility options to employees (such as “Jobticket” public transit passes and shared bicycles) ◆ Installed at our global headquarters an extensive electric vehicle charging infrastructure, part of which is available to our employees for their own personal use 	301 - 308	Sustainable Products and Packaging Climate protection

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Principle 9: Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Leveraged DOZN™, our web-based tool for evaluating greener alternatives to various chemicals. We also provided this tool to our customers and partner universities. ◆ Updated our “DfS: Development” approach to integrate sustainability aspects into the product development process ◆ Integrated ESG criteria into R&D portfolio management ◆ Developed sustainable products such as liquid crystal technologies, raw materials for natural cosmetics and “greener” alternatives to chemicals. ◆ Reduced packaging materials and deployed more sustainable packaging as part of our SMASH Packaging sustainable packaging strategy ◆ Continued to expand the recycling programs for our Life Science and Electronics customers 	302-4, 302-5, 305-5	Sustainable Products and Packaging
Anti-corruption			
Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Revised our risk matrix with a focus on bribery and corruption risks ◆ Performed 84 internal audits on corruption-related risks ◆ Provided employee training courses on topics such as anti-corruption, anti-trust, data privacy and healthcare compliance. ◆ Expanded our training courses to comply with the Code of Conduct in healthcare-specific dilemma situations in all countries in which our Healthcare business sector operates and developed comparable training course for our Life Science and Electronics business sectors ◆ Developed our anti-money-laundering program further by conducting a risk analysis ◆ Offered a free-of-charge and anonymous whistleblowing channel (compliance hotline) ◆ Formed partnerships and engaged stakeholders to coordinate and enhance anti-corruption efforts ◆ Published annual EFPIA transparency reports 	102-16, 102-17, 205-1, 205-2, 205-3, 415-1	Compliance Management Responsible Interactions with Health Systems