

Statement of continued support from Michael Rose – Chief Executive Partner



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Over the past year, Allens Arthur Robinson has continued to support and promote the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.

As a firm, we believe that we have significant obligations not only to our employees and clients, but also to the wider communities in which we operate and to which our people belong. We engage with these communities through our pro bono, charity and environmental programs and by complying with, and supporting, the UN Global Compact.

Over the past year, our firm has continued to focus its attention on human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption. The following are some of the highlights of this work:

- We completed 40,800 hours of pro bono work, including work focused on human rights, access to justice and the rights of refugees.
- We continued to work hard to minimise our impact on the environment and we achieved record reductions in the firm's water, paper and energy usage.
- In 2009, we became the first major Australian law firm to implement a Reconciliation Action Plan. By doing so, we are making a public commitment towards the national effort to close the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- We have dedicated a lawyer to participate in the Working Group of the UN Global Compact Australian Local Network.
- In a joint project between the UN Global Compact and the International Bar Association, we are contributing to the development of an educational video for corporate counsel, explaining the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.

I am pleased to present this Communication on Progress which outlines not only our commitment to the UN Global Compact but also the efforts of our people in honouring that commitment.



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