

Sustainable Purchasing Policy

The decision to purchase is our most powerful decision for sustainability. Our goal is to make purchasing decisions that consider social, economic and environmental aspects without compromising quality and performance needs. It is the responsibility of employees purchasing items for Walker Industries, to consider the following aspects under the SEE model for sustainability.

SOCIAL

- The health & safety of our employees
- Sustainable labour practices
- Human Rights and Accessibility Obligations
- Supporting the local community by hiring local contractors and local service providers
- Consider the opportunity to purchase products and services from local Aboriginal businesses
- Our Communities' well-being
- Know where the product originates and check that the product was manufactured under fair workplace practices

ECONOMIC

- Products that:
- balance environmental support with quality, performance, availability and cost
 - meet our performance needs
 - are available within a reasonable period of time
 - are cost effective
 - provide a true picture of the cost by including maintenance, insurance, operating, disposal & potential liability costs
 - are preferably locally sourced

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Buy the most sustainable products and services that provide the required function and value
- Consider any potential improvements/reductions that may be provided and any additional adverse impacts/concerns that may result



Consider the following environmental performance characteristics:

- Bio-based
- Biodegradable
- Carcinogen-free
- Durable
- Locally manufactured
- Free of volatile organic compounds
- Non-toxic
- Made from rapidly renewable materials
- Recyclable/recycled content
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced packaging
- Resource, energy and/or water efficient
- Reusable
- Heavy metal free

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Additional environmental aspects to consider for products and services are available in Procedure A11 Sustainable Purchasing Policy in the EARTH 1st Manual



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All your questions and discussion topics are on the reverse side - get talking!

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Company _____ Date _____ Delivered by _____

Other topics discussed _____

Name	Signature	Name	Signature

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

RECORD RESPONSES SPECIFIC TO YOUR SITE

- Which purchases at your site have been made keeping sustainability in mind? _____
- What are the life cycle phases of one piece of machinery/equipment at your site? _____
- What are the disposal options of this piece of machinery/equipment? _____
- What opportunities are available at your site to make sustainable purchasing decisions? _____

2014 Sustainability Report

The 2014 Sustainability Report is now available on the corporate website: <http://www.walkerind.com/corporate/sustainability/>. There are options available to download the full PDF version of the report or, new this year, you can view and share the stories in the HTML version from your computer or mobile devices!

There are great stories on what we do to support the environment. Some fun facts from the report:

- Walker Emulsions Portland achieved a 68% decrease in electricity with a lighting upgrade
- Walker Brothers Asphalt Plant achieved a 40% energy reduction through their plant upgrades
- Norjohn Contracting reduced their water footprint by 32% by using a high efficiency, company-owner water truck and utilizing an air sweeper for dust suppression.
- Walker Environmental diverted 152,837 tonnes of waste
- Walker Aggregates diverted 142,158 tonnes of concrete and asphalt
- Walker Emulsions reworked 886,792 kilograms of emulsion back into their products, preventing waste generation.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the 2014 Sustainability Report! Please contact Jamie Mereweather if you would like Sustainability Report business cards for events, meetings, etc. Hard copies are available at each site for employees and visitors to enjoy.



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