

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

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To whom it may concern

I hereby express our continued support for the Global Compact initiative.

Since our initial support communication nearly two years ago, the need for the Global Compact initiative has become even more relevant, and we are continuously working to fulfilling the principles of UNGP.

As architects designing places of living, working and leisure, we have a special focus on the principles regarding the environment. We work continuously with a mindfull approach to environmental challenges when designing.

We also collaborate continuously with various partners and suppliers on the development and use of environmentally sound technologies and methods.

For actions taken and outcomes achieved I kindly refer to the following pages.

Best regards



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ACTIONS

Human rights

- As a firm founded and based in Denmark – who has been a member of The United Nations since its creation in 1945 - we of course strive to be in compliance with the 30 articles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- As architects we have a special obligation in regards to article 25 (1) concerning the right to adequate housing. At VLA we have a strong focus on housing projects and have over the last years designed several projects with a high degree of both environmental and economic sustainable measures.

Labour

- Continued update of the 'VLA employee information' with description of rights and rules concerning employment in the firm. The information is available on the company's intranet and handed out in hard copy to every new employee. The information includes description of maternity leave, rights in case of illness, insurance, working hours, holidays and name of the elected union representative.
- Continued agreements with professional organizations ensuring the rights of employees at VLA.

Environment

- VLA has a defined strategy concerning environmentally sustainable approaches to building design. The strategy is built around five focal points; the job, the architecture, the technology, finance and the strategy.
- Production of a publically available sustainability information leaflet and www-page with abovementioned strategy and three case-studies.
- Two day course in energy-conscious building design offered to the entire studio. More than half of VLA employees participated.

Anti-corruption

- Compliance with Danish law in respect to anti-corruption – also when working abroad.

OUTCOMES

Lyngholm School



3.000m² expansion of elementary school in Farum north of Copenhagen. Built in prefabricated modules to ensure quick construction and less waste. Chosen materials are all reusable; wood, linoleum, plaster etc. Implemented environmentally sound technologies are; highly efficient insulation, geothermal heating, low energy lighting and motion sensors. The building was opened in 2009.

'Zero-energy' housing



VLA has designed an affordable housing concept with multiple environmentally sound solutions for low income residents. The houses are built as prefabricated modules to lessen the impact of a long construction period with excessive waste and negative impact on the surroundings. The roofs are fitted with solarpanels and efficient insulation is used throughout the buildings.

Strategy

Sustainability information leaflet and www-page
Please go to: www.vla.dk/english/sustainability_general.html
for information and download

Employee information

VLA employee information (updated 2008.09.01)