Environmental Policy

As Erateks, we are committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations. This commitment encompasses minimizing the environmental impacts arising from our offices, subcontracted production, and warehouses, as well as manufacturing our products using more sustainable resources. Through this policy, we aim not only to comply with applicable national environmental laws and regulations, but also to promote more environmentally sustainable practices and continuously improve our Environmental Management System. In this context, our fundamental approach is to identify environmental aspects, assess the nature and potential adverse impacts associated with them, and establish the necessary control mechanisms. As part of our objectives, we address key areas including chemical management, water management (including wastewater discharge), and energy management. We monitor developments within our industry, changes in applicable laws and regulatory requirements, and potential environmental risks, and take appropriate steps to incorporate these developments into our environmental practices.

We also undertake initiatives to improve the environmental performance of our subcontractors and are committed to complying with the environmental policies and requirements of the brands and customers we work with.

The environmental priorities guiding our approach to subcontractors and operational processes are outlined below. These priorities are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to address the key environmental challenges relevant to our industry.

1. Responsible Sourcing

Across our supply chain, we will source raw materials and semi-finished materials from more sustainable and traceable sources. When purchasing materials and services for our operational processes, we will consider the environmental impacts associated with raw materials and finished products.

2. Chemical Management

We will work towards eliminating the use and discharge of hazardous chemicals. We will also research safer alternative chemicals and ensure that appropriate measures are implemented for pollution prevention and control.

3. Resources and Waste

We will reduce the use of non-recyclable materials in our products and explore opportunities to promote the reuse and recycling of products and materials.

4. Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

We will transition to renewable energy sources in operational processes where feasible. We will also aim to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by implementing energy-efficiency measures and will work with our subcontractors to encourage the adoption of the same approach. We aim to reduce our Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across Scope 1, Scope 2, and relevant Scope 3 emissions by 2050. In pursuit of these targets, priority will be given to reducing absolute greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, expanding the use of renewable energy, and advancing emission-reduction initiatives throughout our value chain. For limited residual emissions that cannot reasonably be avoided, high-quality carbon removal and offsetting mechanisms will be considered solely as complementary measures.

5. Water Efficiency and Conservation

We will work to improve water efficiency associated with both production and domestic use within our operations and across our subcontractors.

Our Environmental Program will be implemented in accordance with the following principles:

- We have defined clear roles and responsibilities for our employees and subcontractors. Our environmental impact will be taken into consideration in investment and procurement decision-making processes.
- We maintain an internal audit program to monitor environmental compliance and ensure that necessary corrective and preventive actions are taken.
- We are establishing an ongoing training and communication program to support capacity building among subcontractor employees.
- We review our strategy, objectives, commitments, and performance annually.
- Management is committed to continuously monitoring and supporting the implementation of the ISO 14001 Environmental Policy and its associated objectives.

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