

Green Procurement Policy

Global warming is an urgent major problem both at the national and global level, affecting business and living in several dimensions from economic, social, to the environmental dimension itself. The expansion of the industrial sector where energy is greatly used and more waste from industrial waste are released is contributing to global warming as well. These are the main factors which pollute the community. The issue of pollution has been a problem given great concern by the world, giving rise to trends among corporations to start claiming responsibilities for the environment. This exacerbating and accumulating pollution problem is the push for the drive to develop the corporate into a Green Organization. This process is the commitment to sustainably reduce environmental issues, where many organizations have determined the scope and definition of a sustainable Green Organization.

Royal Plus Public Company Limited ("the Company") is an organization adhering to the policy of environment-friendly goods and services procurement and correct practices. The Company is aware that the procurement process and management of trade partners are crucial components in creating a sustainable supply chain in order for the concrete operations of procurement and trust among stakeholders. This is to ensure that the procurement process is carried out fairly, transparently, and verifiably. Furthermore, the Company actively encourages trade partners in the supply chain to acknowledge the policy as guidelines for their practices. Therefore, the Company establishes its procurement policy as follows:

The Company has established its policy of "Green Procurement" for implementation within the organization, along with its supply chain. This policy is the mechanism created to reduce resource usage and minimize release of waste and pollution, including the abolition and reduction of hazardous chemicals use, and the goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Company also encourages its internal operational units to gain knowledge and understanding of the criteria and regulations related to environment-friendly procurement under these following guidelines:

1. Proceed with the practices of Green Procurement which takes into account the environment at every step, from the procurement of resources, selection of trade partners, to the evaluation of trade partners for partners who are efficient and mindful of the environment. These criteria determine the guidelines of practices, sufficiently preventing and mitigating such risks.
2. Avoid single-use products and be mindful of using materials in components/products or packaging which can be reused.
3. Procure goods and services which efficiently save energy and are more flexible, therefore able to be used longer.
4. Procure products with Clean Technology and Clean Fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
5. Procure goods and services which use less water.
6. Procure goods and services which do not release irritant substances or toxins during installation and usage.
7. Procure goods and services which do not produce toxins or produce less toxins during disposal.
8. Procure goods and services which are anti-pollution and manage waste with sustainable practices.
9. Raise awareness of the protection of biodiversity, the prohibition of deforestation, and land preservation.

Roles of the Procurement Agencies in Becoming a Green Corporate

The procurement department is the operational unit which effectively drives the Green Supply Chain with the procurement process according to the appropriate standards in finding goods and service, selecting deliverers, including picking out materials. This allows for the Company to have its roles in taking responsibility for the environment, and for stakeholders to cooperate between the Company and its deliverer and adopt the principles of clean production.

Therefore, the Company places great importance on the process of procurement. The management gives its support to encourage procurement which is environment-friendly, or Green Procurement. It also prioritizes the establishment of environmental policies in response to the customer's needs to consume goods and services which are good for the environment.

Alliances and Trade Partners

The Company proactively cooperates with its trade alliances in its initiatives relating to environmental protection. The Company determines and requests its sellers to comply to its practices, starting by laying out environmental qualifications as the regulations for submission of tenders or as its conditions and demands. This includes the plan for the establishment of Green Purchasing Guidelines in order for sellers to conduct socially responsible businesses that do not affect the environment and the community. Guidelines for new trade partners are as follows:

1. Find resources from the trade companies which give serious concern to environment preservation by selecting partners who have been certified with ISO 14001, Green Industry, Green Label in its crucial goods and services. As for recycling process, there are considerations of the effects throughout the products' life cycle, including preparation of an environmental management system along with continuous compliance with any laws and regulations relating to environmental issues.
2. Has an environmental management system in place, with effective natural resources and energy monitoring for any products sent to the Company.
3. Initiate environmental activities of the producers and procurers of goods and services for the Company.
4. Reduce carbon dioxide and component parts of packaging, with consideration to their usage on materials and parts of packaged products shipped including in delivery to the Company.

Recognizing the significance of environmental management throughout the supply chain, the procurement department therefore began integrating environmental management projects through the supply chain. This integration aligns with the Company's environmentally friendly procurement practices. The operation of these projects is mainly carried out with the business requirements in mind. In the cases where trade partners have not passed the guidelines, the procurement department will assist and support suppliers in making improvements, adjustments to better care for the environment.

This Green Procurement Policy is an effective from November 10,2023 onward