

## **Purchasing Policy Statement**

In applying the principle of “Caring with Awareness” to our commercial relationships the following responsibilities follow:

We shall give preference to suppliers who can verify that their products are:

- 1) made totally or partially from recycled materials
- 2) where appropriate, made from plantation timbers and/or timber with FSC
- 3) delivered with minimal packaging or, preferably with packaging that is returnable or recyclable.
- 4) Biodegradable
- 5) non-petroleum based
- 6) made from renewable sources
- 7) pursue manufacturing techniques which demonstrably over time are reducing their environmental impacts
- 8) have in place a certified environmental management system

As an organisation we undertake to:



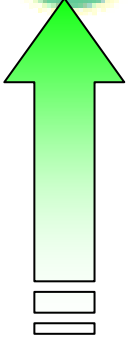













- 1) pay a “fair price”. In all our transactions to be provided with products and services that are in accord with our preferences.
- 2) encourage and support our suppliers to move to reduce their environmental impacts and provide “greener products”
- 3) when purchasing any manufacturing materials to respect the methodology or design and material use as outlined in <http://www.biothinking.com/materials.htm>. Giving preference to products on the white list.
- 4) be transparent and fair handed in all our commercial relationships

We intend to pursue continual improvement within our business in accordance with this policy.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007

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# Products Purchased Classifications:

Product Attributes	Code	Symbol	Description	Some Examples	Desirability	
<b>G R E E N S S O F P R O D U C T</b>	<b>G R E E N</b>	1		Product Performance Std. Eco labelled	    <b>Preferable</b>	
		2	 ISO 14001	Process Standard ISO 14001 or EMAS supplied products		
		3		Biodegradable, non-petroleum or coming from renewable sources		
		4		Recycled		
<b>R I S K O F U S E</b>	<b>N O N E</b>	5		For Greenness, all Other Purchases Not covered by the above categories	<b>Undesirable to be minimised in their use.</b>	
		6		For Risk, all Other Purchases Not covered by the below categories		
	<b>T Y P E O F R I S K F A C T O R</b>	<b>E n v i r o n m e n t a l</b>	7			Corrosive
			8			Flammable
			9			Dangerous for the environment
	<b>H u m a n H e a l t h</b>	<b>H u m a n H e a l t h</b>	10			Harmful
			11			Toxic
			12			Radioactive

A product may have more than one classification but they cannot be inconsistent with each other.

## Decision Guidelines:

All supplies of the company will be purchased in accordance with the purchasing policy.

- 1) All products or services must meet the “**Fitness for purpose**” requirement
- 2) The **Quality** requirements are covered within “Fitness for Purpose”
- 3) **Price** need not be the lowest but must consider the equation between quality, ease of use, possible superior product attributes, lower lifetime maintenance requirements and greater utility.
- 4) **Environmental Performance.** We will as a matter of preference buy products and/or services that demonstrate they are better for the environment. We are prepared to pay a price premium of up to 5% for this without referral to Roger. Customers may be given a choice of product made from “normal” and a supply where materials have some environmental performance.

We will differentiate between companies that have a process which has demonstrated capabilities in accordance with an ISO 14001 system. We will also give preference to products where there is a demonstrated superior environmental outcome from the use of those products or services.