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Environmental Policy Statement

World Precision Instruments Europe

World Precision Instruments Germany GmbH and World Precision Instruments Limited (WPI) distributes laboratory instruments to academic and industrial institutes within Europe.

WPI recognises that, in pursuing its objectives, it shares with all organisations a responsibility to protect and nurture the environment.

By exercising proper control over its activities, WPI will promote the use of sustainable resources and discourage practices that are wasteful or damaging to the environment.

This **policy** contains a variety of practical measures to be taken to enable WPI to contribute towards protecting the environment at all levels of our activity.

An annual review of the **policy** will enable monitoring of achievements and will identify opportunities for further improvements.

Key Aims

- To reduce unfavourable impact on the natural environment by WPI through our work and consumption.
- To conserve and support use of sustainable resources.
- To follow “the waste hierarchy”:
 1. Reduce;
 2. Reuse or reclaim;
 3. Recover (Recycle);
 4. Dispose - as last resort.
- To establish and follow **environmental** good practice and comply with all relevant **environmental** regulations and legislations.
- To develop organisational awareness of the need to care for the environment, and measures that can be taken.

Use of materials

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Use double-sided printing and photocopying.
- Reuse printed paper for draft copies, internal notices, rough pads, draft printing, and informal hard copies of documents.
- Encourage electronic note taking, filing and archiving.
- Recycle old envelopes and other packaging materials.
- Reuse carton/boxes and packaging material from suppliers where they are structurally sound

Electrical and Waste conservation

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Minimise electrical consumption by switching off electrical appliances when not in use for long periods or overnight, including lights, printers, computers, computer monitors and heaters.
- Minimise waste by using washable crockery, cutlery, cups, glasses, etc rather than paper plates, plastic cups, etc.
- Use Green energy suppliers, and review periodically to gain benefits from market developments.

Purchasing

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Purchase recycled products.
- Purchase Fair Trade products.
- Order printed stationery (letterhead, envelopes) from a printer with sound **environmental** principles and with a responsible **environmental policy**.
- Favour suppliers who use little packaging or remove packaging as part of their supply contract and obligations and who operate according to sound **environmental** principles.
- Use local suppliers, to minimise “fuel miles”.

Disposal of materials

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Recycle all paper waste, including shredded confidential documents.
- Provide clearly labelled containers for material to be recycled, with notices of what can and cannot be recycled.
- Recycle paper, cardboard, glass, aluminium, etc.
- Return all toners and cartridges to suppliers or recyclers.
- Advertise redundant furniture and equipment for reuse.

Chemicals

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Use non-ozone depleting chemicals.
- Use only biodegradable, non-toxic, environmentally sound cleaning products and materials.
- Use all products sparingly.
- Provide an environment free of hazardous materials.

Employees' awareness

WPI will, where appropriate and possible:

- Provide **environmental** information and education for employees, encouraging employees to behave in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Use signs and notices as reminders.
- Include relevant information in new employees' orientation.
- Post **Environmental Policy** on Website.
- Encourage existing staff to set examples for new employees.
- Create awareness of the benefits to the environment of commuting by walking, bicycling or using public transport, while noting other constraints such as personal safety.
- Make information on recycling systems in WPI available to all staff.