

Introduction

Ensuring that Acota's impact on the environment, together with that of our industry, is minimised is an integral part of the Company's business activities and strategies. Acota recognises the importance of environmental protection and we are committed to operating our business responsibly and in compliance with all environmental regulations, legislation and approved codes of practice specifically relating to the scope of the certification, but incorporating our overall business activities.

It is our objective to operate with, and to maintain good relations with all regulatory bodies, and to carry out all measures reasonably practicable in order to continually improve our environmental performance

Acota has long recognised the necessity for responsible environmental management and conservation of resources. Acota has also recognised the global nature of environmental matters and the importance of constructive cooperation in achieving international environmental conservation. Acota will continue to demonstrate leadership through our commitment to environmental management and the principles of sustainable development.

We are committed to research and development of processes which can help reduce our industry's impact on the environment and the effect which current processes may have on the people who operate them. The Company takes account of all relevant regulations and continuously analyses its practices, processes and products to reduce their environmental impact and works with its customers and suppliers to achieve a high standard of product stewardship. The commitment of the Company is to operate, wherever possible, to standards higher than those required by law, codes of practice and issued guidelines. The development of sustainable environmental policy and practice is supported throughout the Company.

We Commit to:

- Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of our equipment, plant and operations
- Adhere to all relevant regulations concerning waste and environmental well-being
- Ensure that all supplier and sub-contracted operations are in-line with this policy, and that they are aware of their respective responsibilities in the environment
- Train all employees in environmental issues and raise awareness and actively promote the establishment of a clean and healthy environment
- Minimise the production of waste and material wastage

- Minimise energy wastage by promoting the efficient use of energy, water and other resources
- Reduce and/or limit the production of pollutants to water, land and air. All waste will be disposed of under controlled conditions when re-cycling and/or the re-use of the materials is not an available option
- Minimise risk to the general public and employees from Organisation operations and activities

Our commitment to the above environmental objectives is reinforced by our setting of measurable targets and objectives to reduce our environmental impact. We are regularly assessing our performance against these objectives.

Past Environmental Achievements

Acota has been instrumental in helping many large companies reduce the environmental impact of their cleaning and coating operations. The Company was one of the first in the world to offer a viable alternative to the use of CFC's in the cleaning of precision components.

Acota developed the Certonal coating process for electronics protection, which eliminates the use of environmentally damaging volatile organic compounds.

The Company has implemented a scheme to recover and recycle more than 95% of the benign non-hazardous carriers used in the formulation of its coating materials and has also redesigned its coating application equipment to reduce its energy consumption. Recyclability of products, the reuse and utilisation of waste generated and safe responsible handling of waste are all being constantly monitored and improved. The Company uses recyclable packaging materials.

Policy Statement:

We will continue to recognise and exercise our responsibility to:

- Solve our own environmental and conservation problems.
- Develop products that support a sustainable environment.
- Prevent pollution at the source wherever and whenever possible.
- Conserve natural resources through the use of optimised manufacturing operations, reclamation and other appropriate methods.
- Assure that our facilities and products are in compliance with applicable national, regional and local environmental requirements, and in conformance with other applicable environmental obligations.
- Assist, whenever possible, governmental agencies and other official organisations engaged in environmental activities.
- Foster continual improvement through company and employee initiative.

Future Objectives

Acota continues to develop new materials with the aim of improving reliability of customer products whilst reducing the overall environmental impact of the processes used by our industry.

This policy is communicated to all employees, suppliers and sub-contractors and is made available to any interested parties.

All personnel understand their obligations under this policy statement, and abide with the principals and contents of our Environmental Management System (EMS).

We will constantly monitor and review our environmental performance and this Environmental Policy Statement in order to ensure its continuing suitability, and will implement improvements whenever appropriate.