

Supplier Code of Conduct

Fortlane Partners is committed to responsible corporate governance and supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact on human rights, labor standards, environmental standards and the application of strict ethical and moral business standards. With this in mind, we expect our suppliers, their companies, employees, agents, subcontractors and distributors to comply with our environmental, social and corporate governance standards (ESG-standards).

The Supplier Code of Conduct is part of the contracts between Fortlane Partners, our suppliers and their suppliers. Should suppliers fail to comply with any part of the Code, they are expected to take immediate countermeasures. Fortlane Partners reserves the right to terminate its contracts with suppliers who cannot prove that they comply with this Supplier Code of Conduct.

OUR STANDARDS

- Protection of the environment
- Responsible use of hazardous substances
- Minimization of resource consumption, waste and emissions

- Protection of human rights
- No children or forced labor
- No discrimination or harassment
- Transparency of working time and remuneration
- Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- Industrial and occupational safety

- Compliance with antitrust and competition law
- Compliance with anti-corruption and bribery laws
- Compliance with anti-money laundering laws
- Data security and protection
- Avoidance of conflicts of interest

OUR MONITORING METHODS

Suppliers grant Fortlane Partners the right to monitor compliance with the Supplier Code of Conduct by the following methods:

- Self-declaration of the suppliers
- Third party declaration
- Certification submission
- On-site inspections

Our standards in detail

Environmental standards

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

We expect our suppliers to conduct their business activities in compliance with all applicable legal requirements and international standards on environmental protection and to establish an environmental management system or apply a comparable system.

MINIMIZATION OF RESOURCE CONSUMPTION, WASTE AND EMISSIONS

Our suppliers must constantly strive to use resources sparingly and responsibly. All sources of waste and emissions to air, water and soil must be minimized, labeled and monitored.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

When handling environmentally hazardous substances (materials, preparations and products), our suppliers must ensure that these substances are handled, transported, sorted, recycled, and/or disposed of safely.

Our standards in detail

Social Standards

PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

We expect our suppliers to respect and support the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and ensure that they do not engage in human rights abuses.

NO CHILD OR FORCED LABOR

In accordance with the conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO), our suppliers must not tolerate child labor, forced labor or other forms of compulsory labor.

NO DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT

Our suppliers must treat all their employees with respect and dignity. No employee shall be physically, psychologically, sexually or verbally harassed or abused on the basis of gender, age, race, family background, origin or religion.

TRANSPARENCY OF WORKING TIME AND REMUNERATION

The working hours of our suppliers' employees must comply with applicable laws. Your co-workers must be provided with employment contracts that explicitly state their working hours and compensation. Compensation must be paid promptly and in accordance with applicable laws.

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Our suppliers respect the right of their employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining in accordance with applicable laws and ILO conventions.

INDUSTRIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, our suppliers must ensure appropriate safety measures for the effective occupational health and safety of their employees. All hazards and the resulting health risks to employees must be taken seriously. In addition, our suppliers must train their employees on the subject of occupational safety on an ongoing basis.

Our standards in detail

Corporate governance standards

COMPLIANCE WITH ANTITRUST LAW AND THE COMMERCIAL CODE

Our suppliers are obliged to comply with all applicable national and international antitrust and competition regulations. For this purpose, suitable and necessary preventive measures must be taken.

COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY LAWS

Our suppliers must work against corruption and bribery. We expect our suppliers not to engage in any form of corruption or bribery, directly or indirectly, and not to concede, offer or promise anything of value to employees of government or private sector enterprises in order to influence official action or create an improper advantage.

DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION

We are committed to the highest standards of data security and privacy. As our supplier, you must comply with all applicable data protection laws, such as GDPR, and implement robust security measures to protect data.

AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Our suppliers must proactively ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between them and goetzpartners. If conflicts of interest do arise, they must be made transparent and eliminated.

COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAWS

Our suppliers must refrain from any form of money laundering.