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Sustainable Procurement Strategy

1. Introduction

At EdgeConneX, we are committed to undergoing a sustainable transformation by 2030. As part of this strategy, we want to become a carbon neutral datacentre platform by 2030. For EdgeConneX, procurement of products, goods and services makes up a large part of our scope 3 emissions. Almost 50% of our emissions originate from procurement. Sustainable procurement therefore contributes significantly to our “net zero” ambitions. However, “net zero” does not mean that we solely look at the embedded carbon footprint of the products that we purchase but that we also look at the impact to society as a whole. We encourage our suppliers to follow the [Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact](#). These principles are referenced in our contracts with suppliers.

2. Aim

Our sustainable procurement strategy aims to:

- Uphold the laws and regulations of the countries in where EdgeConneX operates
- Endorse highest standards of economic, social, ethical, and environmental practices
- Acquire the products and services that meet our needs
- Deliver long term value: maximize social and economic benefits and minimize the damage to the environment and health
- Identify, moderate, and mitigate risks associated with our procurement process; and
- Communicate the policy with stakeholders (internal and external) and raising awareness among our suppliers

3. Scope

The Sustainable Procurement Policy applies to all our suppliers and vendors with a yearly contracted value of > \$ 50.000 (or equivalent currency).

4. Procurement Principles

The basis of our procurement strategy is the UN Global Compact, our vendors and suppliers are to conform with these principles:

4.1 Human Rights

- [Principle 1](#) : Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- [Principle 2](#): make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

4.2 Labor

- **Principle 3:** Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining
- **Principle 4:** the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour
- **Principle 5:** the effective abolition of child labour; and
- **Principle 6:** the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

4.3 Environment

- **Principle 7:** Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; This means that our contractors should:
 - o Comply and adhere to all the applicable environmental laws in respective countries and jurisdictions
- **Principle 8:** undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
 - o Responsible waste management and disposal
 - o Reduction of greenhouse gases and other emissions that harmful to the environment.
 - o Conservation of renewable resources, new virgin materials are the option of last resort.
- **Principle 9:** encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

4.4 Anti-Corruption

- **Principle 10:** Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.
 - o Demonstrate procedures to prevent:
 - Money Laundering
 - Fraud, bribery, and corruption
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Data security issues.

5. Transparency and Auditability

EdgeConneX understands that improving procurement performance is an ongoing process. We appreciate and recognize the contribution that our suppliers can make in EdgeConneX's journey to become more sustainable. EdgeConneX pursues transparency, trust, and compliance in our supply chain.

Our suppliers are therefore subject to audits based on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria and the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals Audit are an integral part of the annual sustainability reporting cycle.

Our larger suppliers and vendors agree to Monthly and Quarterly Business Reviews (MBR/QBR). Just as EdgeConneX is subject to these reviews and audits with our own customers. During these meetings, we share new insights and knowledge to improve our shared processes and deepen our

relationship. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of continuous improvement in our respective operational processes.

Depending on the location where the vendor is active EdgeConneX is able to raise additional (sustainability) requirements for the vendor to meet. These additional requirements will then be part of the specific Scope of Work for that contractor.