

**BORALEX**  
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## Boralex's Responsible Procurement Charter

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Since Boralex's creation in 1990, its mission has been to increase its renewable energy production through high-quality facilities developed and operated in an environmentally responsible manner, while also respecting the best interests of its host communities, partners and investors.

It realized very quickly that sustainable development is not only what you do, but also how you do it, as reflected in our Code of Conduct. Its success over the years has been based on the development and operation of projects that provide a fair and reasonable balance of social, environmental, and economic considerations.

Boralex adheres to the [Equator Principles](#) and the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and has developed this charter of responsible procurement.

It aims to collaborate with suppliers who participate in the creation of a responsible supply chain. Boralex thus shares its commitment to ethics, health, safety and the environment, as well as its corporate social responsibility, by integrating them in its Responsible Procurement Charter.

The charter, based on ISO 26 000 standards, sets out Boralex's commitments and what is expected of its suppliers in terms of responsible procurement, for a lasting relationship between the parties.

### **Its responsible purchasing commitments**

To promote a responsible supply chain and sustainable performances that will support its activities, Boralex has made a threefold commitment:

**1. Adhere to the Responsible Procurement Process**

Ensure suppliers are treated fairly and incorporate a sustainability component when selecting partners, in particular by favouring suppliers whose practices are aligned with Boralex's CSR priorities.

**2. Promote Sustainable Development with its Partners**

Identify and promote its suppliers' sustainability initiatives.

**3. Contribute to Local Development**

Opt for local purchasing when possible.

Boralex emphasizes and reiterates its desire to continually improve its environmental and social performance through frequent procedure and policy reviews.

## **Its Suppliers' Commitments:**

The relationship between Boralex and its partners is key to the success of the company's projects. Its suppliers and its entire supply chain must strictly comply with the regulations and laws in force in their respective countries.

Boralex asks its suppliers to ensure the traceability of all of their manufactured products and also expects them to commit to the following principles:

### **1. Respect for Fundamental Rights**

Our partners commit to act in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable and in force in the countries where they operate or trade, including:

- The International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions;
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines.

They must respect the protection of fundamental rights, including child labour, slavery, forced labour, undeclared labour, discrimination, harassment, worker health and safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining, compensation, benefits, time worked.

Boralex expects its suppliers to ensure the application of these principles throughout their operations. If required, Boralex reserves the right to request information and possibly supporting documentation from its suppliers demonstrating that the required verifications are completed regularly with their subcontractors.

### **2. Respect and Protection of the Environment and Biodiversity**

Respecting and protecting the environment and biodiversity are important values for Boralex. Boralex's suppliers therefore commit to being mindful of the environmental impacts of their operations, their carbon footprint, and biodiversity, and, where possible, to assess the potential impacts of climate change on their business models.

Boralex also expects its partners to adopt the precautionary principle on environmental issues. In particular, this means that they are committed to implementing actions to minimize environmental impacts with a view to sustainable development:

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reclaim and Dispose Safely (3R-RD) the waste generated through their operations and products, with reasonable and sustainable consumption of resources, including water, paper and energy
- Implementation of processes to reduce their carbon footprint
- Implementation of environmental impact management systems
- Use of environmentally and biodiversity-friendly products
- Training and awareness of their staff on the subject

### **3. Maintaining Ethical Behaviour and Corporate Integrity**

Our partners must apply and respect the principles of professional and personal ethics and integrity.

They must conduct themselves in accordance with the following points of the [Company Code of Ethics](#):

- Protect confidential and proprietary data, including personal information
- Respect intellectual property and applicable laws regarding disclosure, patents, etc.
- Combat all forms of corruption, bribery or fraud
- Ensure the absence of conflicts of interest
- Never offer or accept illegal payments
- Never engage in racist, discriminatory or violent behaviour
- Promote the professional integration of people in difficulty

#### **4. Health and Safety Protection**

Our partners must implement the necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of their staff, their subcontractors and the public.

As occupational health and safety is at the very core of Boralex's philosophy, the company strives for zero accidents. Boralex expects its suppliers to do the same.

#### **5. Promotion of Local Development**

Boralex encourages its suppliers to participate in local development. This can be done by hiring local businesses to generate beneficial impacts for these businesses and the local economy. The objective is to contribute to the economic development of these communities and to the creation of local value.

**Suppliers must notify Boralex of any breach of these commitments and take corrective action as soon as possible. Boralex reserves the right to take the necessary action. Boralex also reserves the right to audit its suppliers.**

Our partners understand the importance of respecting these principles, including with their subcontractors.

Date:

Supplier - Authorized Signature :

Title:

Organization Name :

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