

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1 INTRODUCTION

Ahlström Capital (AC) believes that sustainability is a prerequisite for creating long-term value. AC is committed to promoting responsible business practices in our portfolio companies and to conducting sustainable asset management of our real estate and forest investments. The values of the Ahlström family – ambition and responsibility – guide all AC’s operations. As a responsible investor, AC continuously improves its environmental, social and governance (ESG) impact and performance in its own operations and in its investments. As an owner, AC can contribute the most to a sustainable ecology and development of society through the capital it provides, the engaged ownership role it takes and through the employment, innovations, products, and services that its portfolio companies provide.

2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define AC’s framework for sustainability. It describes the roles and responsibilities for fulfilling AC’s objectives as a responsible owner and company and is supplemented by AC’s Code of Conduct and other policies. This policy applies to majority owned Ahlström Capital Group companies. This policy also describes the ambition AC has as an owner in its minority owned companies.

3 GOVERNANCE

This policy is approved by the Board of Directors and the KPI’s reviewed by the Board’s Audit Committee. Within the management the Head of Corporate Communication & Responsibility is responsible for coordinating and driving the overall sustainability work.

4 SUSTAINABILITY AS AN OWNER

AC integrates sustainability in its role as an owner and a company by taking a broad business approach and by targeting three focus areas:

- Business Ethics & Nordic Governance model
- Climate & Resource Efficiency
- Employee well-being

As an owner, AC foremost influences through board representation. Sustainability is integrated in the value creation plans developed for each portfolio company. AC's material ESG topics have been identified and are incorporated in the screening processes and business development work of our portfolio companies. In addition to the ESG topics followed by AC, the portfolio companies have their own industry specific ESG topics, and AC expects the Board of Directors in the portfolio companies to decide on relevant targets for each company.

4.1 BUSINESS ETHICS & GOVERNANCE

Business ethics and governance constitute the foundation for AC's ownership model with clear roles and responsibilities. AC supports universally recognized human rights and assumes long-term accountability for ethical standards. AC strives to comply with laws, rules, and ethical principles. AC's Sustainability guidelines define the expectations applicable to AC and all its portfolio companies to conduct their operations in a responsible manner. AC and its portfolio companies need to ensure that sustainability is integrated into the business. However, each portfolio company is ultimately responsible for their operations and the way they are conducted.

AC's Sustainability guidelines:

- 1) Comply with local and national legislation in each country of operation
- 2) Be committed to the UN Global Compact and its ten principles, commit to UN Sustainable Development Goals, support the ILO conventions, as well as Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 3) Have implemented Code of Conduct and other policies that address relevant sustainability areas
- 4) Have a secure reporting channel for whistleblowing in place
- 5) Assess material sustainability topics and have an active dialogue with stakeholders
- 6) Analyse risks and opportunities and formulate relevant measurable targets
- 7) Continuously improve ESG impact with a special focus on climate, employee well-being and business ethics
- 8) Have adequate processes and resources to manage and monitor sustainability performance
- 9) Transparently report on the sustainability development

AC has defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to follow up the governance impact of the portfolio companies. These indicators are ESG management maturity, Code of Conduct trainings (both new employee and existing employees), Supplier Code of Conduct coverage rate (both new suppliers and existing suppliers) and an established whistleblowing channel. In addition to these KPIs, the portfolio companies may have own KPIs to measure their impact such as number of and ratings in customer audits and processes for sanctions monitoring.

4.2 CLIMATE AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

As an investor, AC acknowledges its role to accelerate the transition to a sustainable low-carbon economy. AC believes that increasing resource efficiency and investing in new technologies are key for its portfolio

companies to stay as leading companies. The built environment and the total amount of carbon stored in tree trunks have a significant role in decreasing our carbon footprint. AC also integrates climate and resource efficiency considerations in its investment process and strives to reduce its indirect negative environmental impact linked to the portfolio companies and increases their positive impact.

AC is targeting climate neutrality meaning balance between emissions and carbon sinks. AC has defined KPIs to follow up the Environmental impact of the portfolio companies. These indicators are energy intensity, share of renewable energy and CO₂ emissions (both direct and indirect). In addition to these KPIs, the portfolio companies may have own KPIs to measure their impact such as carbon sink, water consumption and recycling of waste.

4.3 EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING

AC aims to provide a best-in-class working environment for its employees. AC emphasizes good leadership and strives to create an environment with focus on health and safety as well as on the personal development of the employees. AC requests that all employees in the portfolio companies are treated equally, fairly and with respect regardless of ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, faith, religion, age or other characteristics protected by law. AC respects the rights of all employees to form and join trade unions and to bargain collectively. The well-being of the employee is the key to new innovations and successful business and therefore also for developing leading businesses. AC also believes that focusing on and improving employee satisfaction increases employee commitment and motivation as well as quality and customer satisfaction.

AC has defined KPIs to follow up the social impact of the portfolio companies. These indicators are employee satisfaction, employee turnover and accident frequency rate. In addition to these KPIs the portfolio companies may have own KPIs to measure their impact such as safety observations and audits.

5 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

AC strives to address sustainability issues that are relevant for the company as an engaged owner and where it can make the most impact. AC's most significant sustainability objectives are identified and prioritised, and the objectives need to be updated via engagements and dialogues with different stakeholders. AC shall act responsibly and in a transparent way in its contacts with stakeholders.

6 CONTROL AND REPORTING

AC shall be transparent in its efforts to support long-term sustainable development. Objectives and KPIs should be presented to the Board of Directors on a regular basis. AC shall report publicly on the sustainability development in the Communication on Progress report to the UN Global Compact and in the Annual Report. Through AC's whistleblowing system, employees can report suspected violations of law or other breaches of internal policies and guidelines.