

Policy statement on Responsible Procurement

With our commitment to responsible Procurement we create continuing value for AkzoNobel stakeholders in social, environmental and economic terms, for the benefit of our customers, employees, shareholders, communities, the environment and people in our supply chain.

We acknowledge our expectations in terms of sustainability:

People: We care about people and communities, a passion that's reflected in our commitment to safety, integrity and sustainability.

Planet: We challenge ourselves and our partners every day to be better global citizens and protect the future of our planet.

Paint: We keep pushing boundaries to develop pioneering paint solutions that make a world of difference.

As a member of Together for Sustainability (TfS) we have been proactively managing the sustainability performance and risk management of our suppliers.

The TfS initiative provides infrastructure for online assessments, and onsite audits carried out by EcoVadis – the partner of TfS and AkzoNobel.

Both programs (online and onsite assessment) are based on international standards and cover key sustainability areas like Environment, Labor and Human Rights, Health and Safety, Ethics and Responsible Supply Chains

The results of audits and assessments are shared across all TfS members, which helps our suppliers to limit the amount of assessment/audit.

To achieve commitment towards responsible Procurement this our Company will ensure:

1. Sign off and adherence by all suppliers to the Business Partner Code of Conduct.
2. Facilitating assessments by EcoVadis online assessments and TfS onsite audits of suppliers.
3. Work with Suppliers on their improvement/corrective actions as indicated in the assessment scorecard or audit corrective action plan
4. Adequate due diligence of upstream suppliers to reasonably determine that risk of adverse impact pertaining to human rights issues have been identified, prevented and mitigated.

This policy applies to Akzo Nobel India Limited and its subsidiary. We expect other partners where we do not have operational control to operate with consistent standards.