

ANTI-CHILD LABOUR POLICY

1. Introduction

Defining Child Labour

Child Labour represents hazardous forms of work that disrupt the healthy development of a child. Child labour can limit or damage the physical, mental, social or psychological development of children and undermine a child's right to childhood, development and education. The company recognizes its responsibility to take an effective role in reducing child labour.

Hazardous work

Any work which is likely to jeopardize children's physical, mental or moral health, safety or morals should not be done by anyone under the age of 18 or (16 under strict conditions).

Basic Minimum Age

The minimum age for work should not be below the age for finishing compulsory schooling, which is generally 16 years of age.

Light work

Children between the ages of 13 and 16 years old may do light work, if it does not threaten their health and safety or hinder their education or vocational orientation and training. Hardscape is firmly committed to creating strong business growth, which is not achieved at the expense of the environment, quality of life or social equity. The Company will comply with all relevant and applicable local and international labour regulations, treaties, conventions and principles relating to the protection, welfare and health & safety of children. Furthermore, the Company will not employ any person deemed by local or international laws, conventions or regulations to be a child in any capacity in any industrial operation under its control. Hardscape acknowledges that during carrying out its basic duties; without the knowledge of management; employers may indulge their children; it is sometimes customary for children to play a part in the day-to-day work for the fun of it since children have an affinity for work and activity. Nevertheless, the Company aims to apply this anti-child labour policy through education and strict supervision seeking to ensure that:

- a) The welfare and health & safety of children are always paramount.
- b) Any forms of practice undertaken by children for the development of craft skills and for the purposes of play do not conflict with or impede their proper educational development including school attendance.

The objective of the policy is to set out the ways in which the company will:

- Prevent child labour within its operations and supply chain
- Approach incidences where child labour is identified

2. Implementation

Hardscape Efforts to Reduce the Engagement of Child Labour

- Comply with national law on child labour and minimum age.
- Comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Not use or support the use of child labour
- Prohibit and seek to eliminate the worst forms of child labour
- Not work with those who use child labour – unless an elimination plan is in place.
- Base decisions about child labour on expert advice about the options available to children in the local context, and the best interests of the children affected
- Educate employees and all staff on child labour and its negative impacts in the work environment and in society.
- Education and vocational work for children
- Promote education for children of school age in accordance with the education policy of free compulsory basic education.



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