

Green Statement

Conserving resources and preserving the environment is our best gift to future generations.

As the largest tabletop company in the world, Arc International/Cardinal International share a commitment—not only to set innovation and technology standards—but also to grow them clean and green while providing sustainability of our resources well into the future. Arc has concentrated time and energy on choosing ways to specifically impact our energy consumption, atmospheric pollution, waste management, and material choices.

We are proud to report that a European reference document on technologies used in the glass-making world has ranked Arc International among those companies that are the most respectful of the environment. We use the ISO 14001 standard to ensure that our organization is set up to reduce our environmental impact. From respecting our environment by choosing sea and river transport, and voluntarily committing to programs for reducing CO2 emissions, such as the AERES program (in France) and the PNAQ program (national plan for allotment of quotas) based on the Kyoto protocol, we are giving specific attention to our environmental footprint. We use filters or decanters whenever possible to limit environmental impact, and water is recycled everywhere that it is technically feasible. We use materials such as glass, Opal®, Zenix® and stainless steel that can be recycled.

ARC / Cardinal committed to the United Nations Global Compact program on May 14, 2003. We are proud to report that in 7 years, a 20% reduction in the use of water and a 12% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions has been sustained. We are now recycling 10 times the amount of plastics that we recycled in 2003 and have reduced our energy consumption by 9% through recycling glass in the manufacturing process. We have defined these actions as priorities and we have created measurements which are conducted in all of Arc's organizations throughout the world.

Sustainable Development: the best way to grow

Sustainable Development is the key to Arc's future and it takes into account so much more than air and water conservation. The aim of sustainable development is to combine economic performance and social fairness with respect for the environment. Today, these challenges have increased with globalized markets and the increase in the world population.

Companies who commit to sustainable development decide on their own initiative to play a responsible citizenship role in the world. Economic growth, social cohesion and environmental protection necessarily go together, as we develop responsibly in our worldwide community. These initiatives include producing products suitable for local markets as close to customers as possible, and dedicating 3% of the R&D budget to find environmentally sound ways to improve our technology. And, we are taking care of the people who manufacture our products by providing socially responsible programs that provide food and aid to needy individuals.

These commitments are no longer considered as constraints to be taken into account, but as key investments underpinning the Arc / Cardinal company strategies.

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