

# PURCHASING POLICY



**“Keeping the trust of its shareholder, clients, employees, suppliers and partners is Axens’ priority”**

Axens’ ambition is to establish and maintain balanced and mutually beneficial relationships with its external resources.

## > Relationships with Suppliers, Partners and Subcontractors

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- Axens is committed to behaving fairly and professionally. Axens also respects the various phases of the purchasing process in a Total Cost-of-Ownership approach.

## > Reference documents

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- Above and beyond the applicable regulations, the following standards and charters are considered reference documents:
  - the ISO 26000 standard ;
  - the United Nations Global Compact initiative ;
  - the French Guide of Good Practices in Client-Vendor Relationships in the Chemical Industry ;
  - the global chemical industry’s Responsible Care initiative, signed by Axens.

## > Social Responsibility

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- Axens’ ambition is to purchase responsibly, taking environmental, social and economic aspects into account.
- Axens is also committed to taking the environmental performances, safety and social aspects of its external resources into account, working with them by sharing and adopting good practices.

## > Innovation

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- Axens seeks to involve its privileged suppliers in its various investment, innovation and development projects.

## > Confidentiality

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- Axens is committed to respecting the confidentiality of information from its external resources in accordance with the regulations and agreements signed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Lecarpentier".

Alain Lecarpentier  
Purchasing Director  
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