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, in a sustainable way.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPPLIERS, PARTNERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

- 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.
- Axens also is fully committed to respect the applicable laws and regulations where it operates, and it expects the same from its Suppliers, Partners and Subcontractors.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Above and beyond the applicable regulations, the following standards and charters are considered reference documents:
- The ISO 26000, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and ISO 9001 standards
- 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 AND COMPLIANCE

- Axens' ambition is to purchase responsibly, taking environmental, social and economic aspects into account, in line with Axens Code of Conduct.
- Axens strives towards a sustainable and ethical procurement: Axens does not tolerate any form of child labor, force labor, human trafficking, slavery, harassment, physical abuse, or any activities that infringe Human Rights.
- Axens is also committed to taking the environmental performances, health, safety and social aspects of its external resources into account, working with them by sharing and adopting good practices.
- Axens also assesses the environmental impact of its activities, and try its best to promote a clean, respectful and sustainable Supply Chain, from the mines to its facilities and its end customers.

MINERALS AND METALS SUPPLY

- More specifically, Axens scrutinizes and assesses its actions related do Due Diligence, with a special emphasis on, but not limited to, Tungsten, Tantalum, Tin and Gold (3TGs) and Cobalt.
- Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) and Cobalt Report Template (CRT) will be shared upon request.

INNOVATION

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

CONFIDENTIALITY

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

