SMC Signs on to Support UN Sustainable Development Goals

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On 7 September 2016, Andy Goodwin, SMEC Chief Executive Office, offered his endorsement on behalf of SMEC to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by signing the CEO Statement of Support.

These 17 global goals lay out an ambitious path to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet over the next 15 years.

As a signatory, SMEC joins a diverse group of 33 companies with footprints across Australia and the globe. These industry leaders agree that business has a critical contribution to make towards achievement of the SDGs – both domestically and internationally – through responsible business operations, new business models, investment, innovation, technology and collaboration.

SMEC is already contributing to the SDG agenda in many ways and we are proud to incorporate the SDGs into our business globally and locally. The SDGs offers SMEC a shared language to discuss Company’s commitments and contributions with our stakeholders and business partners around the world.

SMEC has integrated the SDGs into our business and annual reporting. In 2013, SMEC set a number of objectives, which align with the SDGs, to help deliver on the commitments the Company has made in each of its three Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) categories: People; Community; and Sustainability and Environment. SMEC reports on progress against these objectives in the Company’s annual Sustainability Report.

SMEC is committed to creating a rewarding, inclusive workplace for our people by encouraging personal development, recognising good performance, fostering equal opportunity and ensuring employee health, safety and wellbeing.

SMEC supports community and charitable programs that provide long-term solutions, through the SMEC Foundation. The SMEC Foundation is our company charity, and it provides small-scale grant support to development projects, communities and charities around the world in order to deliver the best possible social and development outcomes for individuals and communities in need.

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SMEC endeavours to eliminate or minimise any adverse impacts that SMEC’s office activities and projects have on the environment while raising employee, client and community awareness of the importance of environmental sustainability.

Through our participation in the UN Global Compact and the incorporation of the SDGs into our strategies, SMEC will continue to invest in these priority areas and work together with our business and industry peers to realise the opportunities the SDGs offer to all, and we call on other business leaders to join us.

For more information on the SDGs, click here.

To see the CEO statement and the businesses that have joined SMEC as signatories, click here.

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