

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

In accordance with the provisions of Article 44 par. 1 of Law 4449/2017, as replaced by the provisions of article 74 par. 4 para. 9 of Law 4706/2020, the Audit Committee is required to include in the annual report to the Annual General Meeting a description of the sustainable development policy followed by the Company.

SIDMA STEEL has incorporated the principles of Sustainable Development into its business activities and the way it operates, recognizing that these principles are a prerequisite for its long-term development. Care for the health and safety of employees, respect for and protection of the environment, comprehensive coverage of customer needs and harmonious coexistence with the local communities in which it operates are the main themes of the Company's Sustainable Development.

The Sustainable Development Policy follows the Company's values of responsibility, integrity, transparency, efficiency, and innovation. The Policy is determined by the Senior Management, which commits to:

- implement the Sustainable Development Policy at all levels and sectors of the Company's activities.
- strict compliance with the applicable legislation and full implementation of the standards, policies, internal guidelines, and relevant procedures applied by the Company, as well as other requirements arising from voluntary agreements, which the Company endorses and accepts.
- open, two-way communication with stakeholders to identify and record their needs and expectations.
- provide a healthy and safe working environment for its employees, associates, and all visitors.
- protect human rights and provide a working environment of equal opportunities, without discrimination.
- continuous effort to reduce its environmental footprint through the implementation of responsible actions and prevention measures in accordance with Best Available Techniques.
- cooperate and support of the local community, for the Company to contribute to the sustainable development of the local areas where it operates.
- constant pursuit of creating added value for its stakeholders

To fulfill the above commitments, the Company, on a voluntary basis, designs and implements the relevant programs, while at the same time setting strategic priorities that focus on the following Sustainable Development axes:

## **Economic Development and Corporate Governance**

The Company strives to achieve positive financial results, applies a system of sound corporate governance, evaluates, and manages business risks to safeguard the interests of shareholders.

It develops procedures and takes measures both - to enhance transparency and prevent and combat corruption.

To strengthen corporate transparency and control mechanisms, effective management and optimal operational performance, the Company implements Operating Regulations and has adopted the Greek Corporate Governance Code issued by the Hellenic Corporate Governance Council (ESED), dated June 2021.

#### Market

The Company aims to achieve the optimal and complete customer satisfaction and invests in research and development, to provide new products and solutions of high quality and added value, thus improving its position in the constantly evolving business environment. In addition, the Company expects responsible business conduct from its suppliers and partners.

### Human Resources - Health and Safety at Work

The Company respects and supports internationally recognized human rights and applies policies of fair remuneration, meritocracy, and equal opportunities for all its human resources, without discrimination and with respect to diversity. At the same time, it offers opportunities for development through on-going training and systematic evaluation of its human resources. Care to provide a healthy and safe working environment is an issue of high importance to the Company.

### Environment

In the domain of environmental management, the Company applies the precautionary principle and takes systematic actions to minimize its environmental footprint. The Company operates respecting the principles of the circular economy by ensuring the optimal management of natural resources, promoting recycling of metals, use of secondary raw materials and following practices applied for disposal of discarded materials, considering the "circularity" of the management work.

#### **Local Community**

The Company has built up a close relationship based on dialogue and cooperation with the local community – it fully supports the local community and responds sensitively to the issues of its concern. The Company designs and implements actions that respond to the basic needs of the society, in the areas of employment, development, education, health, environment and culture. It encourages volunteering and supports initiatives aimed at sustainable development of the local community.

We remain at your disposal for any additional information or clarification.