

GRANORTE®

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

At GRANORTE, we recognize the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability in our industry. Cork itself is a natural, renewable and environmentally friendly material. Therefore, our environmental commitment, as a responsible manufacturer, is aimed to reducing our environmental impact, conserving natural resources, and promoting sustainable practices throughout our operations. This Environmental Policy outlines our dedication to environmental responsibility and our commitment to meeting the highest environmental standards.

Resource Conservation:

We are committed to conserving natural resources by promoting responsible consumption and minimizing waste in our manufacturing processes. We will strive to use cork and other materials efficiently, ensuring the sustainable use of resources while minimizing our ecological footprint.

Sustainable Sourcing:

We will ensure that we are supplied by legally, ethically and sustainably purchased raw materials, not coming from controversial sources. We will prioritize the sourcing of cork and other forestry raw materials from well-managed forests. We will collaborate with suppliers who share our commitment to environmental responsibility and support sustainable forest management practices.

Waste Reduction and Recycling:

We will implement waste reduction and recycling programs to minimize the generation of waste in our operations. We will use only packaging products that are made from recycled (or recycled content), recyclable and/or biodegradable materials. We will explore opportunities to recycle and repurpose cork waste, defects and by-products to divert them from landfills and contribute to a circular economy.

Energy Efficiency:

We will strive to optimize our energy consumption and invest in energy-efficient technologies and processes. By using renewable energy sources (as the cork powder waste from our production) and reducing the fossil-based energy usage, we aim to lower greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to mitigating climate change.

Pollution Prevention and Emission Control:

We will take measures to prevent pollution and minimize our contribution to air, water, and soil pollution. We will use exclusively solvent-free or high solid content materials, eliminating (as far as possible) the use of solvent content substances. We will control emissions associated with our manufacturing processes and adopt best practices to minimize our impact. We will implement effective waste management practices, including recycling and responsible disposal, and ensure compliance with relevant environmental regulations.

Water Management:

We will manage our water usage responsibly, striving to minimize water consumption and implement water conservation practices.

Environmental Awareness and Education:

We will promote environmental awareness and education among our employees, suppliers, customers, and stakeholders. By fostering a culture of environmental responsibility, we aim to inspire individuals to make informed choices and take actions that positively impact the environment.



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Compliance and Certification:

We will comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and standards relevant to our industry. We will seek relevant certifications and adhere to industry best practices to demonstrate our environmental responsibility. Our commitment to environmental compliance extends to all areas of our operations, including manufacturing, sourcing, transportation, and waste management.

Continuous Improvement:

We are committed to continuous improvement in our environmental performance. We will set environmental objectives and targets, regularly review our progress, and implement actions to achieve our goals. Feedback from employees, stakeholders, and environmental experts will be sought to drive ongoing improvement.

This Environmental Policy represents our dedication to environmental responsibility as a cork manufacturer. By adhering to this policy, we aim to lead by example in our industry and contribute positively to the protection of the environment. We are committed to continuous improvement, transparency, and accountability in our environmental practices. This policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect emerging best practices and technological advancements in environmental sustainability. Together, we can create a more sustainable future for our planet and generations to come.

This policy statement is communicated to employees and stakeholders and it is publicly available.

Approved on April 28, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Figueiredo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eduardo Figueiredo
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