

## STATEMENT ON PLASTICS AND MICROPLASTICS

At Beaulieu International Group, we are well aware of the environmental challenges facing our planet, and we are determined to play our part. Our Purpose is **“Shaping sustainable living, together”**: we want to build a better future by reducing our environmental footprint, caring for our people and communities, and conducting business in a transparent, ethical way.

To achieve our ambition, we have developed a roadmap leading to a zero footprint future, our **“Route 2030”**. Working toward a circular economy with the entire value chain in mind is our top priority.

We believe **plastics are essential** to our daily lives and play an important role in shaping a sustainable future. Plastic products have revolutionized our homes, and are used everywhere, including in work environments, hospitals, schools and even the international space station. These resilient, versatile and light-weight materials have enabled greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced in many applications, from more efficient thermal, electric and acoustic insulation, to the transport and use of lighter goods.

Yet plastic pollution is a growing problem today: largely due to improper disposal, plastics are found in soils, waterways and oceans. Solving this problem requires a transformation in which all actors in the value chain, including manufacturers, consumers, recyclers, and policy makers, work together to bring about the necessary behavioral and systemic changes.

Our commitment is to ensuring that plastics continue to provide much-needed societal and economic benefits without negatively impacting the environment. As part of our *Route 2030* we have set a goal of manufacturing products that are easily recyclable, produced with recycled or renewable materials, and that fully embrace a circular approach. We believe that **sustainable plastics** can accelerate the transition to a less carbon intensive and more circular economy in a fast, scalable and responsible manner.

We are very aware of the problem of **microplastics**, those plastic particles that are **intentionally added** to products for specific purposes or are **unintentionally created** through improperly discarded waste or when larger objects, such as automobile tires or synthetic textiles, wear out. Microplastics pollute the environment, from land and oceans to the Arctic ice cap. Scientists have collected evidence of microplastics in the food chain, especially in marine ecosystems. This is unacceptable: plastic has no place in our environment, food or drinking water.

As a responsible company, we are committed to making a positive change so that the risk of environmental pollution from plastics and microplastics can be significantly reduced, if not completely eliminated.

**We are committed to relentlessly focusing on the following concrete actions:**

- Properly handling plastic pellets and powders to prevent any loss during production and transportation. We have participated in Operation Clean Sweep® (OCS), an initiative specifically aimed at preventing litter and discharges into water flows and the marine environment.
- Adopting a “zero waste” philosophy, committing to zero landfill waste and avoiding incineration.
- Embracing a circular economy, by including at least 50% non-virgin or renewable raw materials in our product offering by 2030, preferably materials derived from difficult-to-recycle post-consumer waste that would otherwise be landfilled or incinerated.
- Designing our products, from textiles and event carpets to artificial turf, with quality in mind, ensuring high resistance to wear and tear to eliminate any potential contamination of the environment.
- Improving the recyclability of plastics by ensuring that our products are designed for recycling once no longer fit for use. Adjusting our designs to remove intentionally added microplastics from our products.
- Supporting the development of products that can help in preventing or mitigating pollution from plastics and microplastics.
- Taking measures to encourage proper handling, installation, maintenance and disposal of our products.

We believe these actions can accelerate the necessary transformation and shape a more sustainable future.



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