

The Environment & Office Furniture



**DESKS
PLUS**





think global™ think green



For more information on Global's green initiative visit
www.globalcontract.com/360thinking.pdf

360° Thinking

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 2008

SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

- At Global Contract, it means integrating our efforts to sustain the earth, air and water into our entire corporate culture, at all levels, in all operations. 360° thinking means that at every stage of every product's life, from conceptualization through manufacturing to reclamation of resources at the end of its life, we ensure that it has the smallest possible negative impact on human well-being and the environment. 360° thinking means going beyond our own walls and working with our suppliers, customers and the broader community to achieve more than we could alone. It means building on past successes and developing new technologies to take us into the future. It's about seeing the results of our efforts in the world around us and knowing that we have laid the foundation so that future generations can carry our success even further.

WALKING THE TALK

- Our Packaging is 80% recycled cardboard. When possible, we ship products flat-packed to reduce the carbon footprint.

CLOSING THE LOOP

- Approximately three-quarters of all aluminum produced to date is still in use.
- Global Contract recycles, paper, wood, plastics, aluminum, fabric, leather, steel, cardboard, printer cartridges, foam, fibre, and electronic equipment - virtually everything.
- 95% of Global Contracts obsolete electronic equipment is recycled.

GREENGUARD: Healthy Interiors

- 98% of Global Contract's products are greenguard-certified.
- On our paint lines 99% of over-sprayed paint is recovered and reused.
- Fabric scraps are baled, sold and re purposed.

CLOSING THE CIRCLE: Our Take-Back Program

- We refurbish used products for resale or break them down and reclaim the resources.

THE FUTURE: A 360° Vision

- Our environmental programs have no finish line. We will continue to invest in a sustainable future.



Humanscale. Human-kind. Earth-friendly.



Humanscale

Humanscale. Human-kind. Earth-friendly.

At Humanscale, we believe good design achieves more with less. In other words, performance and sustainability are not mutually exclusive, but rather, complementary outcomes of good design. By striving for simpler, more elegant design solutions, Humanscale excels in developing products that - compared to others in the same class - consume less of the Earth's limited resources. This is accomplished by creating designs that:

- *Weigh less, requiring less raw material*
- *Use Fewer parts and manufacturing processes*
- *Contain a high percentage of recycled content*
- *Contain a high percentage of recyclable content*

Whenever possible, Humanscale uses aluminum as its material of choice. Our aluminum is 100% recycled and recyclable. It never degrades, so it can be reused over and over again. And because recyclers are paid a premium for aluminum scrap, we believe that the aluminum in our products will almost surely be recycled when the time comes. Using aluminum usually costs us more than plastics or other alternatives, but our products are better for it. And so is the environment.

In addition to supporting sustainability through superior design, Humanscale is a major contributor to and maintains an active partnership with World Wildlife Fund.

For more on Humanscale's green initiative visit
www.humanscale.com/designatwork



it's our environment



krug

For more information on Krug's green initiative visit
www.krug.ca/about/environment.htm

it's our environment

KRUG AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Krug is continuously committed to incorporating environmental sustainability in all our business practices and manufacturing processes. We feel it is important to provide well-designed furniture in the most environmentally responsible way possible.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Hardwood Lumbers and Veneers

- All of our wood is taken from areas in Canada and the United States maintaining the practice of sustained forest management.

Finishing and Chemical Material

- All of this type of waste is sent to a waste management firm for reprocessing.

Fabrics and Leathers

- All of our waste is recycled in our upholstery process as decking for chair and sofa seats. Our leather scraps are sold to a local toy maker of leather children's toys.

Electricity

- Krug has set an internal limit on kilowatt usage. A lower usage level has been achieved with the conversion of machine motors from single phase motors to multiple phase motors, along with the conventional practices.

Delivery and Installation

- Krug offers the option of blanket wrapping for all of our products to reduce the use of packaging materials entirely

Printed Materials

- Office forms, price guides and marketing brochures are all printed on recycled paper.

Product Durability

- It is not unusual to see a seventy five or one hundred year old Krug product still in use today.

The Numbers

- Overall, over 90 percent of the waste produced by our manufacturing facilities is now being recycled. As well, the overall amount of waste being sent to the local landfill has been reduced by over 70 percent.

DESKS PLUS



485 Eashchester Ave. E. | St. Catharines | Ontario L2M 6S2
905.641.4713 | 1.800.667.2658 | Fax 905.641.2328
www.desksplus.com

DON'T TRASH IT!
We Recycle Office Furniture