

Creating a better present, without compromising the future

The Sustainability Programme at BIM

BIM has based the sustainability strategy on the **UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**. Hence, sustainable development at BIM is “development that satisfies the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to satisfy theirs”. We are specifically focusing on four goals that are most important to us and our stakeholders; good health and well-being, decent work and economic growth, responsible consumption and production, partnerships for the goals.

For more information about our strategy, please see our **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**, which is available for download on our website.

BIM has a set of sustainability **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS** (KPIs) and associated targets in our Group common **BALANCED SCORE CARD** (BSC), involving aspects of e.g. human resources, quality, health and safety, supply chain, finance, environment, and product development. The BSC is continuously followed-up and reviewed by Group management.

BIM’s responsibility in the value chain and life cycle approach to a sustainable development of our products is visualized by the **GREEN CHEMISTRY CONCEPT** presented on page two.



BIM has received a GOLD rating in 2020 by **ECOVADIS** (established supplier assessment tool). EcoVadis is an independent sustainability assessment agency, assessing companies globally and across several business sectors. The EcoVadis rating reflects the quality of the company’s sustainability management system regarding policies, actions and results.



As a member of the **UN GLOBAL COMPACT**, BIM is dedicated to the ten sustainability principles and we report our progress annually. Thus, we operate in ways that meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption and we strive for continuous improvements.

BIM is a member of the **RESPONSIBLE CARE PROGRAM**, managed by the International Council of Chemical Associations. The association strives to support chemical companies all over the world to keep a high sustainability profile by self-assessments, networking and competence support.



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For more general information about our sustainability work, please visit our web at: <https://www.bimkemi.com/our-responsibility/>
Our policies, certificates and statement are available at <https://www.bimkemi.com/about-us/media-downloads/>



With new ideas and smart solutions we create the future of green chemistry



Green Chemistry

Green chemistry at BIM is about having a life cycle perspective and sustainability focus in everything we do, from sourcing of raw materials to the manufacturing at BIM, application at our customers, and the reuse of our products. It is about defining the sustainability profile for a product, be able to communicate it to our customers, but also use it to improve data gaps and crucial sustainability aspects.



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Resources and Distribution

BIM only works with suppliers that are in line with our **SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT**. In addition, all our suppliers are rated according to a supplier scorecard which involves sustainability aspects. They are given feedback on expectations and improvements.

Manufacturing and Governance

BIM has supporting management and service systems in place, which ensures that our operations are done according to established requirements and routines in the areas of business ethics, quality, environment & energy, and health & safety.

BIM has a **CODE OF CONDUCT, ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY, and WHISTLE-BLOWER SYSTEM** to maintain a good working environment, good business relations, ethical conduct, to do business in a long-term and sustainable way and to help our customers do the same.

BIM has a **SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME** and is certified according to **ISO 9001**. BIM is also certified according to **ISO 14001** and continuous plans for **ENERGY MEASURES** and improvements are required by local authorities and presented in our annual environmental reports. We calculate our **CLIMATE IMPACT** according to GHG Protocol and share the result with our customers. Further, BIM has a structured work in line with local regulations for **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY** on all our sites.

Customer Perspective/Application

Part of our challenge and mission is to support the pulp and paper industry to **SUBSTITUTE PLASTICS** and other non-renewable raw materials with wood fibre. We also strive to **REDUCE WATER AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION** as well as emissions, and to **INCREASE THE YIELD OF WOOD FIBRE** in pulp and paper products. Our focus is to develop our BIM Green chemistry concept, to become even more sustainable and reach the customer specific targets with our unique application know-how. **CHEMICAL PRODUCT SAFETY** is one of our top priorities. BIM fulfill regulatory requirements and additional internal chemical guidelines. We provide extensive information to our customers on the safe handling of our products.

End of Product Life – Recycling and Degradation of Materials

An important sustainability aspect is to **INCREASE THE RECYCLABILITY** of material in the value chain. Today, BIM uses several waste streams from our customers, i.e. lignosulphonates and distilled tall oil, as ingoing components in our products. When it comes to reduction of hazardous compounds in the cycle of production and nature, BIM develops methodologies for measuring **BIODEGRADABILITY, COMPOSTABILITY AND REPULPABILITY**, together with our customers.