

Geoffrey de Mowbray, Chief Executive and Managing Director of Dints International, is committed to his company continuing to adhere to the Global Compact and its ten principles. The company's main objective is to develop transparent supply chains within the mining industry, focussing predominantly on the African continent. It is hoped that this transparency will not only mitigate corruption, but also provide a framework in which local businesses, communities and the environment can operate and grow sustainably.

Practical actions that are being taken include the following:

a) Dints International has stated it has a policy to ensure the application of the Global Compact principles (stated on its website)

b) Dints International is working with its partners to finalise ways to fund projects specifically aimed at improving living conditions and reducing poverty (in line with the Millennium Development Goals) particularly in rural communities

It expects these projects to grow as a solid foundation as its investment partnership increases. Initial discussions are already under way in some countries. Examples of such projects include:

- Affordable clean water technologies throughout Africa to support communities who would ordinarily not have access to a safe drinking water supply
- Community Radio Stations ("RadioACTIVE") providing a medium by which communities can access and share information on how to fight poverty, as well as building a sense of community spirit
- Asian Eco-Tourism Project to conserve and protect the Thai jungle which is being deforested at an alarming rate due to increasing agricultural demands
- Internet based opportunities for small businesses enabling better access to skills, knowledge and finance. This project focuses on areas dependent on a single industry (e.g. mining) hoping to incentivise communities to diversify, build entrepreneurial spirit and appreciate the importance and power of Information Technology

We are also looking into the possibility of transforming our business into a socially focused company operating a new business model to achieve the objectives of all stakeholders in the countries in which we are working.

With regard to the measurement of outcomes, Dints International sets annual objectives in order to bench mark current activity and focus and drive momentum for the forthcoming year. The company is in the process of evolving a system (involving both qualitative and quantitative indicators) for measuring the effect these initiatives have on the countries in which they operate focussing on the four key elements: human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.