



# charter of values

This Charter of Values for **Suez Cement group** states the basic principles underlying the group's governance model. It is the point where the personal ethics of each employee and those of the company come together in placing the individual as the basis of corporate development.

The Charter of Values does not replace or overlap the Codes of Governance which have already been approved by **Suez Cement** and which are now fully in effect. Indeed, it summarizes and strengthens the general principles contained in these Codes. It is the framework document outlining the commitments made by the company and by the women and men belonging to the **group**.

This document containing Suez Cement group general principles of ethics is designed to guide staff in their behavior with clients, institutions and public administrations, competitors, shareholders, suppliers, markets and non-governmental organizations representing the many interests generated by the group's business.

The Charter of Values states our commitment in respect of the following principles:

- ① **honesty, fairness, integrity, transparency and mutual respect** in managing the company and in its relations with stakeholders and markets;
- ② **dialogue and listening to community needs** in order to create value and widespread opportunities;
- ③ **protecting the individual** by valuing diversity and cultural identity, **professional growth** and **safety at work**;
- ④ **safeguarding of the environment** by pursuing the harmonious integration of each industrial plant with its landscape and developing innovative technologies to save natural resources and use renewable energy sources;
- ⑤ promoting innovation aimed at **industrial growth** and **sustainable development**.

The Charter of Values is distributed to all group employees and is shared by the entire organization that will play an active role in its implementation, integration or revision.

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*Suez Cement group Charter of Values is inspired by fundamental international reference standards such as the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization standards and the SA 8000 standard. Suez Cement group Charter of Values is based on the main governance codes and regulations drawn up by the group over the last few years, in particular the Code of Conduct, the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct (Internal Dealing).*