

# A.I.S.E. Charter for Sustainable Cleaning

## LETTER OF PARTICIPATION/COMMITMENT FOR COMPANIES TO THE A.I.S.E. CHARTER FOR SUSTAINABLE CLEANING

(Version 1.1, 26 September 2006)

**A COMMITMENT** by \_\_\_\_\_  
("the Company") with a principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_

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("Address Headquarters") to the **CHARTER FOR SUSTAINABLE CLEANING** ("the Charter") of the Association Internationale de la Savonnerie, de la Détergence et des Produits d'Entretien with its legal seat at 15A, Herrmann Debroux, 1160 Brussels, Belgium ("A.I.S.E."), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

### WHEREAS

The Company has applied to the A.I.S.E. to be recognized as being a participant to the Charter and has agreed to make the commitments set out below;

Following due investigation by the independent verifier specified by the Charter, the A.I.S.E. is satisfied that the Company currently meets the eligibility requirements of the Charter;

The Company **HEREBY COMMITS** ("Commitment") to the Charter in respect of its soap and/or detergent and/or maintenance operations for household and/or industrial/institutional use ("Operations") in each of the countries designated by it in its application (through the Charter website [www.sustainable-cleaning.com](http://www.sustainable-cleaning.com)), it being understood and agreed that the Charter shall form an integral part of this Commitment and shall be incorporated in this Commitment by this reference.

**WHEREBY** the Company shall

- Strive to meet the aims of the Charter to support the continual improvement of the sustainability of the soap, detergent and maintenance sector and in particular strive to do nothing that may be detrimental to the aims of the Charter or may bring the Charter, A.I.S.E. or its members into disrepute;
- Comply in all material respects with the legal requirements applicable to its Operations;
- Comply with the terms of the Trade Mark Licence granted as part of this commitment to the Charter;
- With regard to the Charter Sustainability Procedures identified in the Charter:
  - have installed those Charter Sustainability Procedures (CSPs) identified in the Charter as 'essential' on at least 50% of its Operations' production at the Entrance Check identified in the Charter; and
  - within 3 years of the date of this Commitment have installed all of the Charter Sustainability Procedures on at least 75% of its Operations' production; and
  - maintain such installation and strive to extend to all of the Charter Sustainability Procedures installed on 100% of its Operations' production
- Submit to A.I.S.E. on an annual basis and in a timely manner via the protected Charter Extranet the data and information required to show its performance against the Key

Performance Indicators identified in the Charter and ensure that such data and information are correct and complete;

- Co-operate with the independent verifiers in the Entrance Check, the installation of CSPs and the reporting of performance against the Key Performance Indicators to the extent reasonably necessary and pay for the visits of the independent verifiers as specified in the Charter.

This Commitment shall remain in full force and effect until either terminated a) by the Company at any time serving not less than six (6) months prior written notice upon the A.I.S.E. of its withdrawing its subscription to the Charter or b) by A.I.S.E. serving not less than 6 months prior written notice upon the Company following the Company's failure to meet material requirements under the Charter and/or this Commitment and /or being in a material breach of the terms of the Trade Mark Licence, provided, however, that A.I.S.E. must provide the Company with written notice to the Headquarters Address specifying the Company's material failure or material breach. If such failure and/or breach is cured by the Company within sixty (60) business days from receipt of such notice the termination by A.I.S.E. for the respective failure or breach shall be null and void.

Any Company dissatisfied with any decision of A.I.S.E. in relation to the Charter which may prejudice its interests may refer the matter to the A.I.S.E. Board who will render a decision, after considering the Company's representations.

This Commitment and the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Company and A.I.S.E. under the Charter shall continue in full force and effect during any notice period.

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(Signature)