

International Press Softcom Limited

FY2018 Sustainability Report

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About Us

[GRI 102-2] **Activities, Brands, Products, Services**

International Press Softcom Limited ("IP Softcom") together with its subsidiaries (the "Group") is a technology-based provider of print and packaged products coupled with a host of value-chain services and solutions within the print and media space.

[GRI 102-4] **Location of Organisation**

Apart from our company headquarters in Singapore, our subsidiaries have facilities in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (Shanghai, Shenzhen, Xiamen), India, Vietnam and Malaysia.

[GRI 102-6] **Markets Served**

Apart from our company headquarters in Singapore, our subsidiaries have facilities in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (Shanghai, Shenzhen, Xiamen), India, Vietnam and Malaysia.

[GRI 102-9] **Supply Chain**

Paper is the main raw material used in our production. The major types of paper rolls we use for production are wood free paper, kraft paper, duplex paper and the aqua kote paper etc.

Apart from paper rolls, we utilise ink chemicals for our printing operations.

Other major services provided by us include returnable packaging, a packaging solution that allows a customer to use the packaging more than one time. Returnable packaging is often designed to promote durability, ease of use, ease of cleaning, ease of repair, and collapsibility or nestable design to provide inexpensive return when empty.

Returnable packaging can include primary consumer packages, such as beverage containers, as well as transport and industrial packaging. The focus of this piece is on transport and industrial applications. The materials used in returnable packaging can be in the form of wood, plastic and steel-based materials, amongst others.

[GRI 102-10] No significant changes to our supply chain took place in the financial year ended 31 December 2018 ("FY2018").

Board Message

[GRI 102-14] **Statement from senior decision-maker**

Dear Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to present to you our second sustainability report for FY2018.

IP Softcom is a technology-centric provider of print and packaged products. We have also gone on to provide a whole host of value-chain services and solutions within the print and media space. As such, raw materials such as paper, plastics and ink remain some of the main inputs that we use within our day-to-day business operations.

In recent times, media coverage over high profile cases such as the Facebook data-privacy crisis has led to rising anxiety surrounding data leaks and misuse across the world. Due to the digital nature of some of our operations and the sensitivity of both intellectual property as well as customers' private data, prevention of these data leaks remains an important issue that we have to consider.

In view of these prevailing trends, we continue to recognise the importance of having a comprehensive management structure and a range of policies to enhance information security and effectively mitigate any information leakage incidents.

Managing intellectual property and customer data

We believe that the protection of intellectual property requires a collective effort by all stakeholders along the value-chain. To preserve the integrity of our digital business ecosystem, we continue to adhere stringently to our policies and processes to ensure private intellectual property as well as customers' data are managed securely.

Proper management and disposal of raw materials and effluents

As part of our commitment to proper management and disposal of raw materials such as paper, ink, plastics and their by-products, we have invested extensively in recycling infrastructure which has enabled us to reuse, reduce and recycle to lower our environmental impact.

In FY2018, we purchased a paper waste compressor for our Vietnamese production plant in a bid to enhance workplace safety for our fellow employees. With this new machinery, paper waste is now baled neatly into cube form, thereby containing the risk of fire and

reducing the overall hazardous impact toward our employees on the ground. In addition, this newly employed method reduces the storage space required, making efficient use of our working area due to a reduction of clutter.

We also harness an established system of handling and storing chemicals, to the disposal of their by-products. On top of basic policies and procedures, we have also established a dedicated Emergency Response Team ("ERT") comprising a group of our in-house employees who are first responders to any unfortunate events such as a chemical spillage at our production facilities or in public areas. These precautionary measures ensure that chemical spillages are mitigated and the discharge of such chemicals to the public drainage system is prevented or minimised.

Anti-corruption

A whistle blowing policy has been made available to employees and external parties as well, so as to provide a channel to report in good faith without fear of reprisals, concerns about suspected fraud, corruption, dishonest practices and other similar matters.

To strengthen our internal processes and controls, we had in FY2018 hired UHY Loh Chartered Accountants ("UHY Loh") to conduct a review of our operations in Malaysia.

Following the comprehensive review, the Audit Committee ("AC") was satisfied that the Company's existing internal control systems put in place by Management with the assistance of the internal auditors is adequate and effective in meeting the needs of the Catalist Listing Rules.

Stakeholder Engagement

The assessment of our customer service is supported by annual surveys, dedicated account teams engaging in frequent phone and email correspondence as well as making regular visits. We engage with suppliers on a day-to-day basis and conduct site visits occasionally. Membership in trade associations such as the Singapore Business Federation, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers and the Fujian Provincial Printing Association keeps us up to date with ongoing business and macroeconomic trends.

Apart from our annual general meetings ("AGMs") and announcements through SGXNet, we practice active engagement with our fellow shareholders where required through email, phone interactions, and face-to-face meetings.

Internally, our employees take part in annual performance appraisals and engage in seminars and training sessions, while new staff takes part in orientation programs.

Our Commitment

The Board considers sustainability issues as part of its strategic formulation, and has committed to oversee the management and monitoring of the material environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors. Correspondingly, the Board has determined the material ESG factors to be:

- Anti-Corruption
- Intellectual Property Protection
- Raw Materials
- Management of Effluents
- Client Data Privacy
- Workplace Health & Safety

Over the coming years, we plan to progressively allocate greater efforts to sustainable activities that will contribute further toward lowering our environmental footprint while taking into consideration the well-being of our people. I hope you will find information from this second sustainability report for FY2018 interesting and informative, and we look forward to your feedback.

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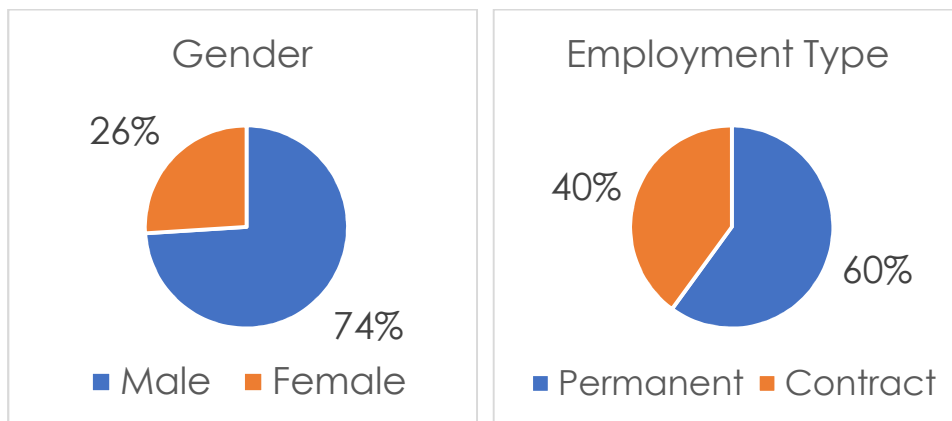
Founder and Executive Director

Organisation Scale

[GRI 102-7] Organisation Scale

No. of Key Operating Entities	8
Revenue	SGD32.7 million (for FY2018)
Total Assets	SGD56.1 million (as at 31 December 2018)
Total Liabilities	SGD13.1 million (as at 31 December 2018)
Total Equity	SGD43.0 million (as at 31 December 2018)

[GRI 102-8] **Workforce**



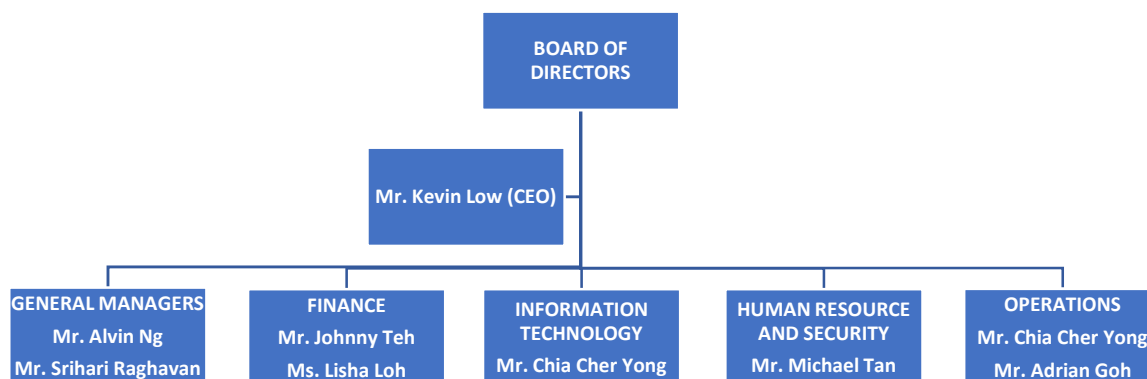
	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Singapore	26	20	46
Malaysia	21	33	54
PRC	19	38	57
India	475	46	521
Vietnam	54	77	131
Total Employees	595	214	809
Singapore	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Permanent Employees	26	20	46
Contract Employees	-	-	-
Singapore Employees	26	20	46
Malaysia	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Permanent Employees	21	33	54
Contract Employees	-	-	-
Malaysia Employees	21	33	54
PRC	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Permanent Employees	19	38	57
Contract Employees	-	-	-
PRC Employees	19	38	57
India	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Permanent Employees	185	12	197
Contract Employees	290	34	324
India Employees	475	46	521
Vietnam	Male	Female	Sub-Total
Permanent Employees	54	77	131
Contract Employees	-	-	-
Vietnam Employees	54	77	131

Governance, Ethics, Integrity

[GRI 102-16] **Core Values**

Our Group's operations are driven by international standards such as the ISO 9001 Quality Management System and ISO14001 Environment Management System.

[GRI 102-18] **Governance Structure**



[GRI 102-11] **Precautionary Principle**

The Group's policy is to continually ensure that all our supplies are purchased from sustainable sources. We suspend procurement from suppliers which are reported to have engaged in errant practices until there is reasonable assurance that the offending practice has been rectified.

Quality and Environmental Management

[GRI 102-12] **External Initiatives**

The Group has attained the International Organization for Standardization standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 relating to quality and environmental risk management for its selected production processes.

The Group renews the ISO certifications every three years by complying with stringent risk management standards and is required to complete a satisfactory audit *inter alia*, its process controls and records. ISO reports with the list of audit findings at the entity level are readily available for review. Our China, Vietnam, Malaysia and India operations are all ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified by SGS¹ and accredited by the UK Accreditation Service. The Group's ISO certifications was last renewed in 2018.

¹ Formerly known as Société Générale de Surveillance, SGS is a multinational company headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland which provides inspection, verification, testing and certification services

[GRI 102-13] **Membership of Associations**

Singapore	Malaysia	China
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Business Federation • Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Singapore Institute of Directors • Print and Media Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers • Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Club in Xiamen • Fujian Provincial Printing Association • Shanghai Additive Manufacturing Association

Stakeholder Engagement

[GRI 102-42] **Stakeholder Selection**

The stakeholders that we engage with for ESG assessment are the various parties along the Group's value chain(s) that have significant impact on regulatory requirements relevant to us as well as business impact. Priority is given to stakeholders that are willing to create opportunities for dialogue and are transparent and responsive when the Group communicates its sustainability topics in the context of economic objectives.

[GRI 102-47] **List of Material Topics**

Economic	Environmental	Social
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Corruption • Intellectual Property Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw Materials • Management of Effluents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Data Privacy • Workplace Health & Safety

[GRI 102-46] Defining report content and topic boundaries

The sustainability topics material to the Group were determined by the management based on the Group's stakeholder engagement below. The scope of discussion of this report is based on the impact of the material topics to business risk and how extensively the Group has managed such risks.

The Group refers to the Global Reporting Initiative (2016) as a framework for disclosure inclusion as it believes it is more suitable for a company starting out on its sustainability journey to have clearly defined guidelines on disclosures. As the Group's raw materials significantly comprises of paper, plastics, ink and plates, the management has identified that responsible management of raw materials and the proper management of effluents should be considered. These key material aspects have been determined as significant for the sustainable development of the Group.

Furthermore, intellectual property protection as well as protection of client data are also crucial items to consider due to the digital nature of the Group's operations and when dealing with online collection of customer data.

[GRI 102-43] Stakeholder Engagement

On an annual basis, we engage and collaborate with our various stakeholders to promote the adoption of sustainable practices along our value chain of a wide range of print, packaging and supply chain management services and solutions.

[GRI 102-40] Stakeholder Groups

[GRI 102-44] Key Concerns

Stakeholders	Mode of Engagement	Key Concerns
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular visits • Dedicated account teams • Email and phone interactions • Surveys • Social media 	<p>Intellectual Property Protection & Anti-piracy Solutions to ensure intellectual property is guarded against piracy and theft.</p> <p>Protection of Client Data For supply chain and e-commerce services to customers of the Group</p>
Regulatory Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Email and phone interactions • Seminars 	<p>Proper Disposal of Effluent Ink bottles and plates are disposed by licensed handler.</p>

Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent employee communications • Ethics hotline (whistle-blower policy) • Seminars and training sessions, including program for new staff • Email messages from management • Safety briefings for on-site employees • Annual performance appraisal 	Workplace Health & Safety Process safety management procedures for the Group's operations
Suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-to-day interactions • Plant Tours 	Timely delivery, quality of products and after-sales service
Industry Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade associations • Chamber of commerce • Seminars 	Responsible Management of Raw Materials Paper volumes consumed, supplier certification, management of wastepaper & packaging materials, recycling effort and provision of returnable packaging services
Shareholders & Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM/EGM • Face-to-face meetings • Email and phone interactions • SGXNet announcements • Corporate Website 	Anti-Corruption Corporate communication policies

Economic

Anti-Corruption

The AC has incorporated a whistle blowing policy into the Company's internal control procedures to provide a channel for staff and external parties to report in good faith and in confidence, without fear of reprisals, concerns about suspected fraud, corruption, dishonest practices or other similar matters. The objective of the policy is to ensure an independent investigation of such matters and for appropriate follow-up actions.

Details of the whistle-blowing policies and arrangements have been made available to employees via emails, who are provided access to different levels of channels in the Company – such as an ethics hotline – for them to raise their concerns in confidence to the Managing Director/CEO, Chairman or the Chairman of the AC.

The AC reports to the Board on such matters at the Board meetings. Should the AC receive reports relating to serious offences and/or criminal activities in the Group, the AC and the

Board have access to the appropriate external advice where necessary. Where appropriate or required, a report shall be made to the relevant government authorities for further investigation or action.

There were no whistle-blowing reports received in FY2018.

In addition to the aforementioned reporting channels, the Board acknowledges and supports the need of an internal audit function where its primary objective is to maintain a system of internal controls and processes to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets.

In FY2018, the Group outsourced its internal audit function to UHY Loh Chartered Accountants ("UHY Loh") to conduct a review of its operations in Malaysia. Prior to the review, the AC reviewed and approved the internal audit plan to ensure the adequacy and coverage of the scope of audit. The AC was also satisfied with the ability of UHY Loh to discharge its duties effectively as the Group's internal auditor.

Following the comprehensive review, the AC was satisfied that the Company's existing internal control systems put in place by Management with the assistance of the internal auditors is adequate and effective in meeting the needs of the Catalist Rules in addressing financial, operational, compliance and information technology risks of the Group in its current business environment.

In renewing the ISO certifications annually, the Group is required to comply with the stringent risk management standards and complete a satisfactory audit of, inter alia, its process controls and records. For FY2018, the AC reviewed the findings of the ISO reports and is satisfied that there were no material control weaknesses highlighted by the ISO auditors.

Following the comprehensive review, the Group eventually attained the International Organization for Standardization standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 relating to quality and environmental risk management for its selected production processes.

Intellectual Property Protection

Intellectual property rights are conceived as a tool to reward innovators and creators for their contributions to society, for a statutory period of time. They are intended to provide the necessary incentives for the generation and dissemination of knowledge as well as to encourage the transfer of technology.

Due to the digital nature of these operations and the ease of leakage of intellectual property ("IP"), we have established systematic procedures to prevent IP theft. Digital IP machines are

used to house all customers' digital IP, which includes product keys, artwork, engineering specification, bill of materials and product images.

Having received a notice of termination in relation to the Company's Microsoft Replication Services Agreement, International Press Softcom will cease the replication of any Microsoft software with effect on 30 June 2019.

Environment

Raw Materials

[GRI 301] **Materials**

Offering a wide range of print and packaged products including software license kits, software and hardware retail packages amongst others, paper makes up a substantial portion of our inputs and remains the main raw material used throughout our business operations.

Why it is important to manage the utilisation of paper

The paper that we use in production is mainly harvested from wood and is therefore a renewable resource. We strive to promote the sustainable usage of paper for commercial purposes. Our target is to reduce our environmental footprint with proper management of use and disposal of paper. We aim to achieve paper waste of no more than 2% as this is the efficient market norm.

How we manage the use and disposal of paper

Over the years, we have continued to make improvements to our production processes in efforts to reduce the volume of paper wastage. On the ground, our operations team engages in several reviews of systems and processes each year to enhance the operational efficiency of our plants and machinery so as to reduce the amount of paper used as well as paper waste generated. For example, we purchase actual cut size sheets from manufacturers instead of roll format to reduce residual paper waste resulting after paper sheets are cut. For low volume jobs, multiple layouts are measured out and printed together to avoid such wastages with the benefit of time savings as well.

Our investments into recycling infrastructure also reduces the consumption and net amount of waste produced by our facilities. At our facilities in India, paper wastages are processed by a balling machine that crushes and forms the waste into a tight bale. An authorised scrap

dealer subsequently picks up the scrapped material daily and transports the processed paper waste to the paper mills for recycling.

To ensure that the waste we produce does not impose harmful pollutants onto our environment, we have obtained the Restriction of Hazardous Substances ("RoHS") certification which originated in the European Union and certifies that certain restricted and hazardous substances are not used in the raw materials supplied to us.

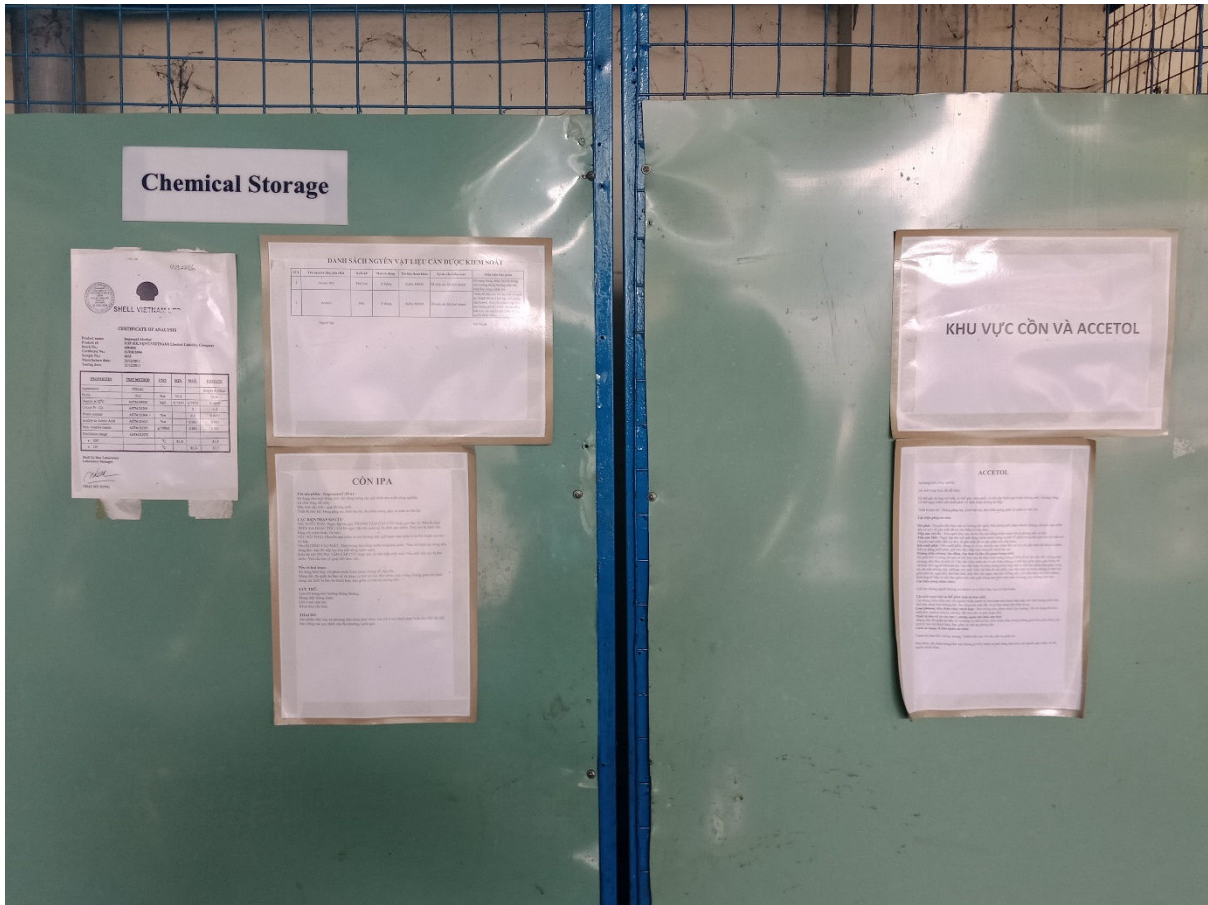
Management of Effluents

[GRI 306] **Effluents and Waste**

As an organisation with a keen focus on print operations, the Group procures and utilises a wide range of ink chemicals to fulfil its pre-press, press and post-press printing capabilities. IP Softcom's printing facilities are located mainly in India and Vietnam.

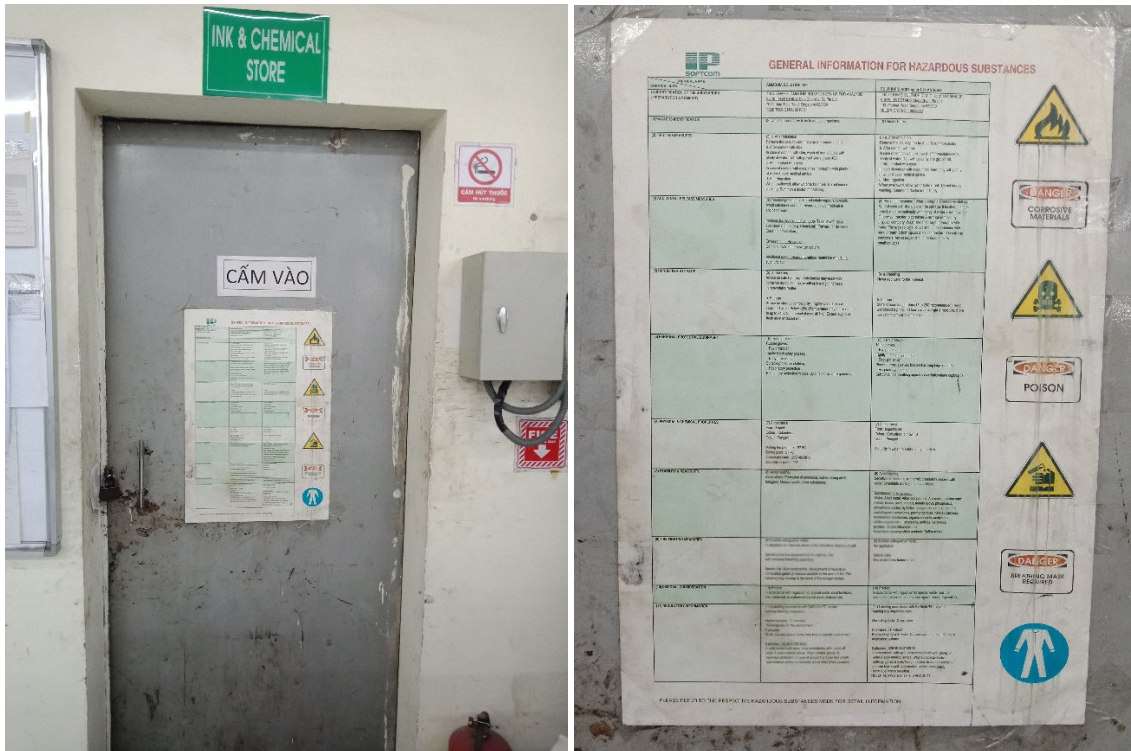
Why it is important to manage the handling and storage of chemicals

The manufacturing process for our print products requires large amounts of ink chemicals. As countries such as India are suffering from chronic water shortages, proper handling and waste management is therefore of great importance as we strive to utilise and dispose of waste chemicals responsibly so as to minimise the degradation of our shared environment.



How we manage the handling and storage of chemicals

The Group's various production sites have been appropriately controlling chemical substances based on an established system of handling and storing chemicals, to the disposal of their by-products. As a safety precaution, all chemicals handled by the Group are approached as hazardous, and all containers are labelled with their respective chemical names, concentration and a hazard warning sign. In addition, warning signs are also clearly displayed at all areas storing these chemicals.



During disposal, chemicals of different categories are strictly separated (and not mixed) to prevent any unforeseen and undesirable chemical reactions. Furthermore, waste bottles and containers containing these waste chemicals are properly stored before a licensed collector is arranged for proper disposal. Waste water generated from our operations is also consolidated into a waste water interceptor before final discharge is collected and processed by an approved waste water disposal unit.

Emergency Response

On top of the above basic measures, the Group has also developed an emergency containment procedure which illustrates a systematic workflow in the event of a chemical spillage incident

A pre-designated Emergency Response Team ("ERT") consisting of a group of employees identified by the Company, led by an ERT Leader will first determine if there are any casualties before checking a Material Safety Data Sheet ("MSDS") to identify the chemical name and/or composition of the spilled chemical. The ERT will then be able to identify the counteracting agent required to neutralise the spilled chemical. The ERT will also be tasked with cordoning off the area of the spill and determining the threshold limit values of the chemical in the air. Absorbent materials will be placed along the perimeter of the spill to prevent its spread. In line with ISO 14001 requirements, these systems and processes will

potentially allow for the expeditious clean-up of spilled chemicals. Further spillage to other work zones and public areas outside the boundaries of work premises will be mitigated, while discharge of spilled chemicals to the public drainage system is prevented or minimised.

There were no chemical spillage incidents in FY2018. Supported by an established handling, storage and disposal system, the Group aims to maintain a zero chemical spillage incident rate in FY2019.

Social

Workplace Health & Safety

[403] **Occupational Health & Safety**

Our ERT team follows a cleaning procedure to prevent chemical spillage from posing any hazard to our personnel or to the public. This includes taking action after checking on the following:

- If there have been casualties from exposure to the fumes or vapour of the chemicals and immediate medical treatment
- Material Safety Data Sheet for the name and chemical composition of the spilled chemical
- Chemical hazards associated with the spillage (poison, flammable, corrosive, explosive)
- Personal protective equipment needed
- If actual levels of chemicals in the air exceed threshold limit values

In a bid to enhance workplace safety, the Group had in FY2018 purchased a paper waste compressor for its Vietnamese production plant. With this new machinery, paper waste is now baled into cube form, thereby reducing storage space, containing the risk of fire and reducing the overall hazardous impact toward employees.

There were no occupational health & safety incidents in FY2018. Moving forward, the Group aims to maintain a zero occupational health & safety incident rate in FY2019.

Customer Data Privacy

[418]

IP Softcom considers all Personally Identifiable Information ("PII") received from customers as part of its own confidential business information. PII is any data that could potentially be used to identify a particular person. Examples include a full name, NRIC number, driver's license number, bank account number, passport number, and email address.

The IP Softcom Privacy Policy describes how and to what extent the PII collected from customers may be accessed for various reasons. The policy details that the PII collected will not be revealed without prior consent and only provided where required by law. Occasionally, it may also be necessary for business units to disclose certain PII to carefully selected business partners who provide support services. These business partners are accordingly bounded by strict contractual requirements to keep such information confidential. Alongside other reasonable measures such as network security with firewall protection, unauthorised access or disclosure of sensitive PII would be sufficiently mitigated.

In order to securely terminate any sensitive data from storage devices before recycling them for use, the Company has in place a Secure Data Destroy or Termination Procedure to prevent users from recovering data from devices illegally. With the help of the data destruction software, the IT team executes the data termination process on various devices by overwriting it several times with carefully selected patterns.

Apart from data destroy or termination, an Encryption Policy is also in place to cover all computers, electronic devices and media capable of storing the company's sensitive data, as well as the circumstances under which encryption is to be used when data is being transferred across various mediums. For example, any transfer of unencrypted data must take place via an encrypted channel. A varied list of approved encryption methods such as Transport Layer Security ("TLS"), Secured FTP ("SFTP") and the use of the company's Virtual Private Network ("VPN") is employed to cover the transfer of data.

Lastly, the Company's Data Breach Policy details a process to report suspected thefts involving data, data breaches or exposures (including unauthorised access, use or disclosure) to appropriate individuals. Staff suspecting potential theft or breach are required to report to the IT department which will investigate and confirm if an incident has indeed occurred. The removal of compromised data is executed as soon as possible. Detailed in the Data Breach Policy, the IT department head chairs a response team dedicated to handling such breaches or exposure (see table below). During an incident, human resource will handle all communications relating to the breach or exposure, while the IT department work with various appropriate parties to remediate the root cause of the issue at hand.

1 VP – Singapore Operations
2 HRSS Manager

3	VP – Information Technology
4	Security Officer
5	Facilities Officer

There were no data or PII breaches in FY2018. Supported by a comprehensive management structure and various policies to enhance information security, the Group aims to maintain a zero information leakage incident rate in FY2019.

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