

# SEQUANA

Press release

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## Sequana signs up to the United Nations Global Compact, reinforcing its commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)



Sequana has signed up to the UN Global Compact along with Arjowiggins and Antalis, the Group's production and distribution businesses. This move underscores the Group's commitment to shaping a long-term CSR policy that embraces the key values of respect for others as well as ethical and environmental concerns.

Launched in 2000 by the UN Secretary-General, the Global Compact has 8,700 corporate participants worldwide who, in signing the Compact, agree to respect and promote its ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

By signing up to the Global Compact, Sequana, Arjowiggins and Antalis intend to advance these principles within their own spheres of influence and make them an essential part of their strategy, action plans and operations. To ensure transparency, the Group also commits to publishing a record of its progress each year.

Participation in the Global Compact represents a further step in the Group's efforts to build a more sustainable, inclusive and transparent global economy.

Commenting on this development, Pascal Lebard, Chief Executive Officer of Sequana, said "*As an international player through our distribution and production businesses, our Group will promote responsible production and consumption practices. We are proud to have signed up to the UN Global Compact and are sure that it will be a major factor in helping us to consolidate our actions in all countries where we do business*".

### About Sequana

**Sequana** (NYSE Euronext Paris: SEQ) is a major player in the paper industry, boasting leading positions in each of its two businesses:

- **Antalis:** European leader in the distribution of paper and packaging products, with around 6,000 employees based in 44 countries.
- **Arjowiggins:** World leader in creative and technical papers, with more than 5,200 employees.

Sequana reported sales of €3.9 billion in 2011 and employed some 11,000 people worldwide.

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## **Appendix: The Ten Principles of the Global Compact**

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.
- Principle 2: Businesses should make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.
- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.
- Principle 4: Businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour.
- Principle 5: Businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labour.
- Principle 6: Businesses should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.
- Principle 8: Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.
- Principle 9: Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.