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Doing what makes sense for our world.

Conserving the planet's resources is a shared mission at KI, one that stirs our deepest convictions. As an environmentally conscious company, we demonstrate this commitment in everything we do – from product design and manufacturing, to packaging and delivery, even to the volunteer efforts of our employees.

We act with a sense of urgency, to create sustainable solutions, adapt to technology, renew our resources and hold ourselves accountable for every action we take – at every level of our business.

New opportunities to make a difference will always present themselves, and we'll pursue every effort that makes good stewardship sense. Because at KI, acting sensibly to preserve the environment is just part of our nature.





account::ability

Being accountable for our actions.

To us, meeting the minimum is never good enough. Instead, we strive to exceed compliance with environmental laws and regulations, and we extend our efforts beyond our facilities. We hold ourselves, and our partners, accountable for making a positive impact on the world around us.

We do all we can to be responsible citizens within our communities. In fact, our employees volunteer for monthly cleanup and recycling activities, like the Adopt-A-Highway program. Corporately, KI supports wetland preservation projects and promotes outdoor recreation through public trails. Of course, we continually implement process improvements within our company. Consider our responsible transportation efforts to coordinate shipping, maximize space, reduce highway traffic, and minimize emissions and pollution.

All in all, we believe something that's worth doing — like protecting the environment — is worth overdoing.





response::ability

Responding to our conscience.

Throughout our company, there runs a stream of environmental consciousness. It's how we responsibly manufacture our products and what guides our everyday actions, whether behind a desk, on the plant floor, or on site. We constantly seek new avenues to conserve every little resource today, so we can make a big impact for future generations.

We demonstrate this commitment by introducing ongoing efficiencies and applying advanced technologies throughout our processes. We diligently pursue reductions in waste, air emissions and effluent discharges. KI's pollution prevention activities are extensive, and include the use of alternative materials whenever possible. Our electroplating operations save more than a half-million gallons of water annually, returning water to rivers cleaner than when it entered our facility.

In countless ordinary ways, we're achieving extraordinary feats of responsibility.





adapt::ability

The ability to adapt to our customers' unique needs.

Environment is more than air, water and land. It's also the space that surrounds us for the better part of our days. That's why KI designs products with adaptability in mind and creates resourceful elements to reflect our changing world.

Like our Genius® architectural walls, which can be refurbished, rearranged and reupholstered. They're easily reconfigured without requiring new building materials, which minimizes renovation waste. And with 100% reusable components, there's less debris for landfills. Also eco-friendly is our industry-acclaimed Sustain® furniture, made of renewable rubber trees spared from burning when they no longer produce sap – a sustainable effort that protects resources and ensures cleaner air. Our Jottings™ Collection of environmentally responsible upholstery fabrics carries the Green-e logo indicating that 100% of the electricity used to make the fabrics is matched with renewable energy certificates.



Both our products and our processes are highly adaptable to create better environments – inside and out.





renew::ability

Renewing our commitment to reuse and recycle.

"Re-." That little prefix gets used in some very big ways at KI. To us, responsibility to our planet isn't something to be carried out once; it has to be pursued continually, in every way possible, over and over again.

Throughout our manufacturing processes, we recycle, refurbish, reuse and reconfigure whatever materials and machinery we can — paper, steel, plastics, foam, fabrics and promising new media. Solvent-based paints have been steadily replaced with water-based or powder substitutes. And, KI designs products with recyclable components wherever possible. We continually seek innovative ways to introduce more products into recycling programs, and we're working to make all our resources renewable.

Through uncompromising renewal efforts, we're reinventing expectations about what's possible for the future.





sustain::ability

Partnering to sustain our environment.

Translating good intentions into great realities, KI proudly demonstrates its environmental leadership. We partner with architects and designers to create sustainable workplaces and spaces as defined by LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, the LEED rating system is the definitive green standard. It evaluates and recognizes buildings and interiors that are healthy and environmentally responsible, throughout their life cycles. KI employees are encouraged to attain LEED Accredited



Professional certification to help our customers and partners understand and meet the requirements for achieving high-performance, sustainable buildings. We continue to educate ourselves about better environmental approaches, and eagerly share our increasing knowledge about the whole building experience.

By putting sustainability into practice, we're following a natural course to environmental performance.



respect::ability

Earning respect for meeting our environmental obligations.

Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try, and at KI, we've tried to make environmental stewardship a daily walk. We've demonstrated our commitment through years of performance, recognized by our community. We don't do it for the recognition – we do it because it's the right thing to do – but the respect we've garnered drives us to continually improve our efforts. Over the past 10 years, KI has received numerous awards for our respect for the environment including:

- :: Prevention/Environment/Prosperity Award presented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- :: Wisconsin Business Friend of the Environment Award for Pollution Prevention presented by the Wisconsin Environmental Working Group®
- :: Wisconsin Governor's Award for Excellence in Environmental Performance
- :: Wisconsin Governor's Award for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Reduction

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