

# Forewords By Yann Vincent



ACC is an innovative company that is carrying out an exciting project ... but also demanding!

As you know, our ambition is to contribute to the energy transition by democratizing access to sustainable, environmentally friendly electric mobility. To do this, ethics must be part of our DNA, our strategy, and must animate us every day.

Regardless of your position, occupation, your status, or membership site within ACC, you have the absolute duty to know and apply the code of ethics, and above all, to be its daily ambassador.

Read it carefully. Be inspired by it. Distribute it. Respect it. And make sure it's applied around you,

As COMEX members and I are committed to applying it!



## Introduction

Automotive Cells Company ("ACC") is embracing corporate sustainability through a set of values and rules which are outlined in this code of ethics.

These rules may be summarized by two of our core values that guide everything we do:

- Excellence: Our conduct must be exemplary in every way; and
- Green & Clean.

Without being exhaustive, the code of ethics is a reference document intended for everyone within ACC. Internally, our actions must demonstrate that the code of ethics is being observed and put into practice.

Our code of ethics also applies to our suppliers. They must apply standards equivalent to ours and remedy any shortcoming.

It will also be communicated to all our stakeholders (e.g., local communities, customers, and shareholders) and engages us towards them.



### **Excellence**

#### **Most stringent standards**

We comply with national and international laws and standards governing our activities, including the principles of the United Nations Global Compact. In the event of a conflict between the laws, standards and our code of ethics, we apply the most stringent one.

#### **Human Rights**

Excellence implies that we treat every person with dignity and equality. We must avoid infringing the rights of others and causing or contributing to adverse human rights impacts through our activities and relationships.

Child labour and all forms of forced and compulsory labour are prohibited. We must also ensure to uphold the freedom of association and the right to representation.

#### Respect of each other

Being the best people means being respectful of anyone with whom we are in professional contact. We must respect their private life and their personal data, and refrain from spreading information. Any kind of harassment or of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation are not tolerated.

#### **Health and Safety**

We must protect personal health and safety and act in putting in place process to avoid accidents of our colleagues or our stakeholders. We strictly apply the safety rules, ensure that our suppliers do the same, remain vigilant to identify and manage health and safety risks and act swiftly.

Health and safety values guide us in the design of our product. We must ensure to deliver a quality and safe product.



### **Green & Clean**

#### Protect the environment

As a responsible business, we are committed in fighting climate change and mitigating its impacts. We act to:

- Minimize carbon footprint and environmental impact of our value chain.
- Ensuring the recyclability of our batteries through their design.
- Design our facilities for ensuring the energy efficiency; renewable energy sources will be used.

#### Integrity

We maintain a policy of zero tolerance for fraud of any kind, particularly bribery and corruption, influence peddling and violation of antitrust law.

As an example, the following behaviours are not acceptable:

- Offering a payment or item of value (gifts, travel, hospitality, etc.) to a public official, a member of that official's staff or family, or any person claiming to have influence with that official in return for the issuance of a government permit that is needed to start a project.
- Receiving a gift or hospitality of value from a supplier participating in a call for tenders that could affect the impartiality of the selection process.
- Agreeing concerted practices (e.g., Increase or lower prices at the same time) to prevent or restrict the competition.



## Speaking up

All of us must all take responsibility for applying the Code of Ethics. We encourage a culture of openness that allows everyone to express their concerns about the Code of Ethics and its implementation.

For ACC's employees, to request advice or report a situation of which you are aware that may be a violation of our Code of Ethics, you have several options available and can choose the one you feel is most appropriate:

- Talk to your line manager.
- Contact the human resources manager.
- Contact the Compliance Officer.

For our stakeholders, to report a situation of which you are aware that may be a violation of our Code of Ethics, you can contact the Compliance Officer.

The Compliance Officer details are:

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