



In its efforts to further the cause of Corporate Social Responsibility and fulfill its commitment towards the principles of Global Compact, the Company over the years has undertaken several community development projects, partnering with NGOs. The focus has been to trigger development at micro-community level, generating high impact therefore. The broad areas for this purpose have been health, shelter, education, and economic rehabilitation. Initiatives however are not restricted to community development projects only; several initiatives are under pursuance in the areas of

- a. Sponsoring generation and usage of Clean Technology/ Energy
 - b. Invest in process that are Environment Friendly
- During the financial year, '08 - '09; part of the profit earned during FY '07 - '08 was focused towards community development programs, wherein it was decided to further and consolidate the activities undertaken during the pervious financial year.
 - As part of our commitment to enhance quality of life of the poor in the country, we have provided 12 houses for deserted women in Vahe Valva Taluk, Satara in Maharashtra, during FY '07 - '08. During '08 - '09, an amount of Rs. 1.08 lacs was spent on those houses to enhance the quality of life of the occupants of those houses.
 - In the eastern region the total spends during the financial year amounted to Rs. 2.51 Lacs.
 - The spent has been in the area of projects for renovation and building of toilet blocks at a rural school, Dara Adarsha Bidyamandir, West Bengal, and for providing critical resources for effective functioning of the of the Health Center and Vocational Training Centers for Women at Ramnagar Abad, Patharpratima Block - West Bengal. These centers were identified during '07 - '08, for being supported, the focus being economic rehabilitation of rural women, with an objective of facilitating sustainable community development through economic empowerment.
 - Further, the Company's commitment to get all its manufacturing facilities in the Greases Division accredited to ISO 14001, was completed during the April '08 - March '09 period when the Chennai facility was certified as an ISO 14001 compliant manufacturing facility.
 - The most notable and far reaching of all initiatives undertaken during the period under reporting was the Company's initiative to start a shift towards usage of clean energy. As part of the process, the Company has completed the due diligence process and identified the consulting partner who would be entrusted to guide and facilitate the process of generation of Power using wind energy and reciprocally use the wheeled over output at its production facility at Chennai - Manali Complex.

A Snap Shot of the various initiatives undertaken by Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. during the period under reporting and their alignment to Global Compact Principle are captured hereunder in Table - 1

Sl. No.	Acitivity/ Investments made	Corporate Objective	In pursuance to Global Compact Principle
1.	Renovation of Houses built for Women	Enhance quality of life of underprivileged in the society	Principle - 1 & 2
2.	Renovation and Up-gradation of	Upheld children's' right to	Principle - 1, 2 & 5

	Schools in rural India	education creating opportunities to explore their potential and prevent child labour	
3.	Aid functioning of Health Centers and Vocational Training Centers for Women	Uphold and protect basic human rights as regards health and right to earn living through supporting empowerment at the grass root level	Principle - 1 & 2
4.	ISO 14001 certification of all Greases & Lubricants manufacturing facilities	Ensure that the Company is functioning effectively and responsibly from the environment perspective	Principle - 7 & 8
5.	Use of Wind Energy generated Electricity for manufacturing facilities	Facilitate and pioneer the usage of clean and green technology/ energy	Principle - 7, 8 & 9