Connecting Materiality Assessment to CSR Strategy

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Stanley Black & Decker regularly updates its understanding of its key material issues through a variety of activities including internal stakeholder engagement, peer networking, and operational review. In 2016, we engaged an external advisor to carry out research, including interviews and surveys with internal and external stakeholders, for the purpose of identifying and understanding the issues of importance to our stakeholders and how they might impact on the business. This will help us confirm, refresh, and if necessary, reframe our understanding of the issues that are important to SBD, in line with changes to stakeholder concerns.

ECOSMART is our commitment to a sustainable future.
Material Issues Identification

The following process was used to arrive at the priority list of issues for SBD, drawing on the material issues identified through research and engagement.

- Issues identified by external ratings and reporting frameworks
- Risks identified by SBD’s internal risk management processes
- Issues reported as material by peers
- Issues highlighted by multilateral and membership organisations
- SustainAbility trends analysis and experts

Long list of issues facing the industry

Consolidate and group in relevant categories

List of material issues

Assess stakeholder interest and business impact

Materiality assessment
**Stakeholder interest and business impact were assessed using interviews and surveys with internal and external stakeholders.**

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<td>• An additional 3 external stakeholders completed both survey &amp; interviews</td>
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<td><strong>Assessment Approach</strong></td>
<td>Each issue was assigned a score of 1-3 (low/medium/high) based on degree of importance stakeholders placed on the issue during interviews.</td>
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Materiality Assessment Results

Material issues plotted on a matrix based on the assessed stakeholder interest (Y-axis) & business impact scores (X-axis). The color coding indicates the issue categorization.

- The materiality assessment has enabled SBD to conduct a deep and extensive engagement process with internal and external stakeholders which resulted in positive and constructive feedback.
- Insights gained on key issues for stakeholders has enabled the company to refine and strengthen its strategic sustainability approach.
- Priority recommendations have been used by SBD to further leverage and refine its approach.
Summary of Priority Material Issues

The issues reported in the Materiality Matrix are briefly described below in priority order:

1. **Customer satisfaction**: Delivering an industry-leading customer experience.

2. **Product safety**: Ensuring all products are in compliance with relevant safety rules and regulations.

3. **Product innovation**: Creation of new industry leading products and services that remain aligned to our customers’ expectations and needs, including improved performance, aesthetics, and sustainable attributes.

4. **Responsible business practices (anti-trust, anti-corruption, and taxation)**: Complying with applicable competition (or anti-trust) laws to ensure our products and services are judged solely on their merits. This also includes promoting high standards of business ethics, working against corruption, extortion and bribery, payment of tax contributions in accordance with local legislative requirements, and a transparent approach to tax reporting.

5. **Intellectual property, data privacy, and information security**: Respecting and protecting intellectual property rights, adopting secure data capture, storage and transfer approaches that protect the privacy of personal and business information, and promoting transparency in the processing of personal data.

6. **Transparency, accountability and responsible marketing**: Openly disclosing strategic sustainability approach and performance against measurable targets, as well as marketing products and services honestly and avoiding negative implications for the customer and end user.

7. **Health and safety / wellbeing at work**: Maintaining compliant and industry leading Health, Safety, and Wellness programs that have a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of our employees and value chain.

8. **Employee satisfaction and engagement**: Promoting professional growth and learning among all employees and promoting two-way dialogue with employees through company activities, which include performance reviews, career development, and strong internal communication to improve employee satisfaction.

9. **Restricted materials and hazardous substances**: Ensuring the absence/removal of restricted content from products in line with regulatory standards and customer requirements. Eliminating the use of hazardous substances from manufacturing processes in compliance with RoHS and REACH standards.
10. **Supply chain responsibility**: Ensuring our suppliers’ environmental, health, safety, labor, and ethical practices meet SBD standards. Ensuring the diversification of the company’s supply chain through inclusion of diverse suppliers (e.g., those that are small and underrepresented, or that are owned by women, minorities, or military service veterans).

11. **Waste**: Reducing waste and optimizing opportunities for recovery, reuse, or recycling of by-products throughout our operations.

12. **Partnerships**: Investing in and establishing partnerships and collaborations with global leading industry stakeholders, companies, universities and research organizations to support research that advances sustainability.

13. **Global diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination**: Establishing a workplace where all employees are treated fairly, with dignity and full respect for their private lives — without discrimination in employment, wages and occupation as well as ensuring that the company workforce (at all levels) reflects a diverse workforce pool in our countries of operation.

14. **Air pollution**: Reducing non-GHG emissions including NOx, SOx and other significant air emissions in alignment with national and local legislation.

15. **Water**: Sustainable management of shared water resources within direct operations and across the value chain.

16. **Climate change**: Reducing carbon footprint (CO2 and GHG emissions) across the value chain and supporting adaption and mitigation efforts to address the negative impacts of climate change.

17. **Socio-economic development**: Ensuring that the company positively contributes to socio-economic development through societal participation and improving access to employment, housing, healthcare, and education.

18. **Philanthropy and volunteering**: Enabling employee volunteering for social and environmental projects. This includes financial and in-kind contributions to NGOs and charitable organizations for underserved communities.
Mapping Materiality Assessment to CSR (ISO 26000 Standard)

Table 2 — Core subjects and issues of social responsibility

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- Health and safety / wellbeing at work
- Employee satisfaction and engagement
- Global diversity and non-discrimination

**Environment**
- Restricted materials & hazardous substances
- Waste
- Air pollution
- Water
- Climate change

**Ethics**
- Responsible business practices
- Intellectual property, data privacy & information security
- Transparency, accountability and responsible marketing

**Customers**
- Customer satisfaction
- Product safety
- Product innovation

**Communities**
- Partnerships
- Socio-economic development
- Philanthropy and volunteering
Building SBD’s CSR Strategy: Objectives

Learnings from the four inputs inform our development of key success factors, structure and potential focal areas of SBD’s CSR strategy.

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<td>✓ Leading engagement and communications to demonstrate sustainability leadership</td>
<td>✓ <strong>Excelling across all aspects of strategy</strong>, establishing 3-4 pillars of focus and embedding CSR into the core business strategy</td>
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<td>✓ <strong>Engaging employees across businesses and geographies</strong> by including GEM issues and causes, translating messages to field workers, and providing clear terminology</td>
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<td>✓ <strong>Differentiating from peers with ambitious goals and flagships</strong>, but collaborating on certain efforts e.g. STEM education</td>
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<td>✓ <strong>Addressing relevant global challenges</strong> such as Skills Deficit, Rising Inequality, Climate Change Resilient Infrastructure, Rising Consumption, and Environmental Degradation</td>
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There were three steps to build the framework for SBD’s strategy:

1. **Establish Priority Issues**
   - Based on the 2016 set of material issues, insights from the internal interviews, market review, and external trends analysis.

2. **Set Pillars**
   - Based on insights from market review of leader’s frameworks, SBD’s purpose, and existing organization structures.

3. **Organize into Framework**
   - Mapping the issues into pillars to construct an organizational strategy framework.
Highest Priorities: Mapping the Issues into Pillars

1. SDB Current State Overview
   - Current People, Planet, Product, and ECOSMART efforts
   - 2016 materiality assessment

2. Internal Interviews
   - 21 interviews with leadership

3. Benchmark + Peer Review
   - 5 CSR leaders, 14 peers, 4 retailers

4. External Trends
   - Top external issues relevant for SBD
   - External stakeholder perspectives from 2016 materiality assessment

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Highest Priorities: Mapping the Issues into Pillars cont.

**Priority Issues**

- Employee Health and Wellness
- Employee Engagement
- Diversity and Women Empowerment
- Human Capital Development
- Upskilling Tomorrow’s Workers
- Developing Secure, Resilient Communities
- Delivering healthcare solutions
- **Sustainable (ECOSMART) Products/Services**
  - Sustainable sourcing/lifecycle/materials design
  - Customer satisfaction, Product/service safety
  - Product/service innovation
  - Digitization
- **Sustainable Operations: Waste, Water, Carbon, Energy**
- Ethics
- Governance
- Transparency
- Information security

**Criteria for selecting highest priorities**

- Deliver on purpose
- Align with ambitions heard in interviews
- Align with material issues
- Contribute to solving global challenges
- Place SBD in CSR leadership group
Our 2030 Global CSR Strategy

INSPIRING MAKERS AND INNOVATORS TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD

**Empower Makers**

Enable 10 million creators and makers to thrive in a changing world

- Upskill our employees who are displaced by technology
- Empower citizens with vocational training, STEAM education and access to maker spaces

**Innovate with Purpose**

Innovate our products to enhance the lives of 500 million people and improve environmental impacts

- Create and use products to meet underserved societal needs
- Improve the lifecycle impact of our products and sourcing and reduce supply chain GHG emissions

**Create a More Sustainable World**

Positively impact the environment through our operations

- Improve our environmental impacts related to GHG emissions, water and waste

Foundational Issues

- Business Ethics
- Customer Satisfaction
- Diversity
- Employee Engagement and Wellbeing
- Employee Health and Safety
- Governance
- Green Building
- Intellectual Property
- Data Privacy & Information Security
- Human Rights
- Local Community Engagement
- Philanthropy and Volunteering
- Product Innovation
- Product Safety
- Transparency, Accountability, Responsible Marketing

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### Strategy Overview: Pillars, Ambitions and Goals

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<td><strong>Goal 5 Addressing Unmet Societal Needs</strong>: Deliver ‘innovation with purpose’ projects which address unmet societal needs, improve the lives of 500 million people, and contribute 10% of SBD revenue</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 6 Circular Design</strong>: Ensure improved sustainability within our product lifecycles, by incorporating ground-breaking circular design and processes including everything from material selection to operation to end-of-life considerations.</td>
<td><strong>Goal 9 Sustainable Water Use</strong>: Sustainably use water by mapping water risks and setting context-based targets</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 7 Sustainable Supply Chain</strong>: Guarantee that suppliers meet strict environmental and social criteria with the aim of achieving a more sustainable supply chain. By 2025 two-thirds of our supply chain by spend will be tasked with setting Science-Based Scope 1 and Scope 2 targets. In addition, our Scope 3 data quality will be enhanced, and we plan to set a new emissions reduction target in 2025.</td>
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