

# Chemical Footprint Project Survey: Investor Perspective

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# Mercy Investment Services

The mission of Mercy Investment Services is to enhance the financial resources of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas through *socially responsible investing*.

Mercy Investment Services *engages in collaborative efforts* to:

- ❖ *raise our corporate voice to effect systemic change in corporate policies and activities,*
- ❖ *provide capital to community organizations, and*
- ❖ *participate in other investment opportunities consistent with our mission.*

*Rooted in the Gospel and guided by the Direction Statement of the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Investment Services supports the life and ministries of the Sisters of Mercy.*



# The Critical Concerns

The Sisters of Mercy were founded out of a deep concern for persons who are poor and today, that commitment is focused in five “Critical Concerns.”

## Immigration



*Believing firmly in the dignity of every person, we work for just and humane immigration laws in the U.S., address policies that push people to flee their countries, and examine the global impact of immigration.*

## Earth



*We believe in the need for sustainability of life, supporting both a lifestyle and legislation that acknowledge everyone’s right to water and the need to address climate change.*

## Racism



*We believe racism is an evil affecting us all. We work to recognize and dismantle institutional racism in order to become an anti-racist multicultural community.*

## Women



*Through our schools, colleges, health-care institutions and spirituality centers, and through our legislative advocacy, we give special attention to women’s education, health and spirituality.*

## Nonviolence



*We work for peace through prayer, education, personal and communal practices of nonviolence, and legislative advocacy to reduce armed conflicts, gun violence and human rights abuses.*

# *Why Engage on Chemicals?*

- ❖ Ensure long-term safety of the consumer and the environment through the use of safe and sustainable chemicals in products and manufacturing.
- ❖ Growing reputational, regulatory, financial, and even legal risks for companies that don't address the issue of safer chemical management.
- ❖ Chemical safety is closely tied to other issues including human rights, plastic pollution, food packaging, water quality, etc.



# *Our Engagement Approach*

- ❖ Considered gold standard by investors for assessing chemical management due diligence of companies.
- ❖ Creates framework for companies to develop and implement chemical management processes.
  - ✓ Establish consistency of approach to measure progress.
- ❖ Annual survey process to conduct a chemical footprint and identify areas for further improvement.
  - ✓ Use trends to identify and understand ongoing gaps and to encourage movement among the laggards.

