

AxizWorkgroup signs 49M pledge

In an effort to reduce its environmental footprint, IT hardware and software distributor AxizWorkgroup has introduced a couple of ways to become "greener" over the past few years.



The Pinnacle Holdings Group of Companies, of which AxizWorkgroup is a subsidiary, has signed the 49M pledge to commit to being energy efficient as an organisation and implement energy-efficient technologies in its business facilities to reduce its usage by a minimum of 10%.

The 49M initiative aims to inspire and rally all South Africans behind a common goal: to save electricity and create a better economic, social and environmental future for all. If we all reduced our energy usage by just 10% it would be as effective as building a brand new power station.

Over the last few years, AxizWorkgroup has endeavoured to be more conscious of its effect on the environment and has introduced initiatives to curb its energy usage.

Underwritten by Pinnacle Holdings, AxizWorkgroup subscribes to the OSHAS 18001 regulations that are in line with the ILO (International Labour Organisation). As part of the Occupational Health and Safety Management Plan, an updated risk assessment has been performed and AxizWorkgroup has made provision for a Waste Management System as well as a Pollution: Air, Ground and Water System. Waste classifications include general waste, hazardous waste and recyclable waste.

Responsibility to reduce environmental footprint

"As an enterprise-sized organization, we realise that our business has an effect on the environment, and that we not only have the power, but also the responsibility to reduce our environmental footprint and tread as lightly as possible. As a result, we are excited to have signed the 49M pledge, and look forward to doing our bit for the environment," said Vaughn Parkin, COO of Pinnacle Holdings.

Pieter Pretorius, senior manager strategic marketing of Eskom commended AxizWorkgroup and Pinnacle Holdings on their efforts to operate as a responsible corporate citizen. Pretorius said this commitment would go a long way in ensuring that the energy saving campaign achieves its mandate of achieving the 10% energy saving.

"This partnership is yet another milestone in our journey towards a sustainable future. We are extremely excited about AxizWorkgroup and Pinnacle Holdings joining forces with us to increase energy-efficiency awareness among South Africans," said Pretorius.

To date, 49M has signed 128 partners who have pledged to cut down on their electricity consumption. Businesses that have already signed partnership pledges include Goldfields, Anglo American, Samsung, Tsogo Sun, City Lodge, Standard Bank, Mnjindi Municipality, Umhlathuze Municipality, Nedbank and other top companies.

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