



Critical Suppliers

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Supplier Support Visits

To ensure our Critical Suppliers in emerging countries live up to our Vendor Policy we have implemented a formal Supplier Support Visiting Process (SSV). We are willing to invest in a supplier if the supplier will invest in adherence to our Vendor Policy declaration.

A Critical Supplier in a high growth country must be visited under the SSV policy.

Critical Suppliers

Critical Suppliers are defined as:

suppliers in high growth countries:

- supplying products for which no technical alternative products are available, or
- for which no *commercially* attractive alternative suppliers are known and who's materials are essential for *margin management* protection

and/or suppliers

where local labor conditions, environmental conduct or business integrity may not to be in standard with our Vendor Policy and AkzoNobel Code of Conduct.