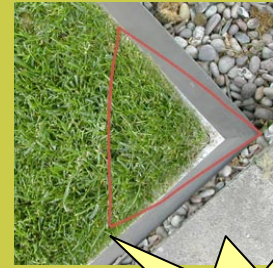




Sd3's Sustainability Snippets Sep 6th - Dec 6th digested, cut down and pasted from various sources. **First, what's in the press?**

- 🌱 Green Futures - Wind Power, Carbon Trading www.greenfutures.org
- 🌱 Fast Company - it's a decade since Jim Collins and Jerry Porras wrote "Built to Last" <http://www.fastcompany.com/magazine/88/built-to-last.html>
- 🌱 Ethical Consumer - consumer good guide, from cars to carpets <http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/>
- 🌱 A 'one-off', dear reader. Try <http://www.wearewhatwedo.org/pagedb.aspx?page=theActions&cat=1>



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Automotive sector and sustainable mobility		
PSA Peugeot Citroen has launched a website outlining its approach to sustainable development and serves as a sustainability database	http://www.sustainability.psa-peugeot-citroen.com/en/homepage.php	Sep 7
Corporate responsibility means being ahead of customers, as Ford needs to be now. The Escape is fuel efficient Hhybrid but Ford needs to be more progressive. Toyota and Honda leading the way in Japanese green car innovations. Fine judgement required: B&Q did it with timber sourcing why not car makers?	Mallen Barker article in Ethical Corporation	Sep 7
China's Communist Party and auto giants prepare to fill the nation's roads with hydrogen-fuelled vehicles (but it'll take 20 yrs).	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=7537	Sep 16
Dutch environment minister suggested EU should consider introducing a CO2 emission trading scheme for car makers.	ENDS 1728	Sep 17
Ford agrees to re-market TH!NK electric vehicles in Norway	Ethical Corporation	Sep 21
Activists hold 'day of intervention' at North American Ford dealers campaigning to stop 'pushing oil-addicted gas-guzzlers'.	http://www.ewire.com/display.cfm/Wire_ID/2383	Nov 18
Nissan are very active in developing fuel cell vehicles: "they can be produced in larger numbers," said Nissan Motor Philippines, Inc.	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=7550	Sep 24
Wallstrom says more must be done by industry and government to ensure cleaner transport options in urban areas.	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=7572	Sep 24
Hydrogen produced by nuclear power stations will fuel the world's vehicles by 2050 the World Nuclear Association has reported	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=7416	Sep 24
A "steady fizz" of reports and articles warns that people and politicians are expecting too much, too soon from hydrogen. Even Iceland does not expect to wean itself off fossil fuels in less than 40 years.	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=7362 & http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=10624	Sep 24 & Oct 15
Swedish government is considering a tax on drivers of SUVs. It could add up to \$7,900 to the price of Volvo's popular XC90	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=7298	Sep 24
Gulp! High pump prices aren't deterring European motorists from buying gas-hungry SUVs. Regional sales of SUVs may top 1 million next year (Source: JD Power-LMC) & if growth goes unchecked, >10% of all European new car sales will be SUVs before the end of the decade.	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=7134	Sep 24
Toyota has announced it will be setting up production plants in China to produce its successful Prius hybrid sedans	Ethical Corporation	Sep 29
As oil reaches US\$50/barrel, some of the world's major automakers are accelerating efforts to improve the fuel efficiency of cars without resorting to expensive batteries or hybrid gas-electric systems eg Honda, Toyota, GM ...	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=10295	Sep 30
Developing an efficient global liquefied natural gas (LNG) business that balances supply, price risk, market access etc will be complicated and lengthy says ConocoPhillips, Qatar.	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=10214	Oct 1
Sao Paulo (pop. 20m) could save 769 lives each year by switching 100% of the bus fleet and 50% of the truck fleet clean-burning ethanol-diesel blended fuel.	http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/3062.html	Oct 4
EU transport chief suggests EU tax on aircraft fuel for internal flights.	ENDS 1739	Oct 4

California regulators fight global warming Air Resources Board (ARB) called on automakers to build vehicles that will cut CO2 emissions by 30% in 12 years.	http://www.emagazine.com/view/?2078	Oct 6
The Korean government is working with the car industry there to produce more sustainable cars to try to improve energy conservation	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Oct 7
China's bike age over? A few facts on China: vehicle output expected to grow by 10 to 15% over next 20 years; Annual vehicle output in China is forecast to reach 10 million units by 2010; no.s of vehicle will increase six-fold to 140 million by 2020 ultimately to 250m. From 2000 to 2020 GDP will quadruple to US \$ 4,000 billion. But, the Chinese government has approved a scheme to set limits for fuel efficiency for new cars.	WBCSD & Ethical Corporation & http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/3214.html	Oct 7 & Nov 11
Italy considering a tax to discourage the use of large cars such as SUVs	ENDS 1746	Oct 13
US Department of Energy and EPA released the 2005 Fuel Economy Guide to help consumers make buy a new vehicle wisely. At an estimated 61 mpg in the city, hybrids are again top of the list.	Edie	Oct 8
EU "Impatient for vehicle CO2 cuts" Governments increasingly believe the EU will have to legislate to limit CO2 emissions from cars in the face of dwindling confidence in the voluntary approach up to now.	ENDS 1748	Oct 15
The trial has begun of four former Mitsubishi executives over allegations that they concealed facts about faulty vehicles	Ethical Corporation (subscription required)	Oct 18
Fuel cell works with biogas In a world first, an economically viable way of using biogas technology has been made available. Researchers used a PEM fuel cell for a combined heat and power system.	EEP (Umwelt Magazine, Germany) www.eep.org	Oct 25
Roche (pharma) is including Toyota Prius and Ford Escape hybrids into its sales fleet. This is apart of their efforts to improve business practices.	http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/3162.html	Oct 27
Porsche is allegedly studying whether to build a hybrid version of its Cayenne sport utility vehicle using a Toyota Motor Corp powertrain	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9089&channel=1	Oct 29
Car testing warning Inadequate testing standards could partly why air pollution in Europe's biggest cities is not falling as quickly as expected.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9092&channel=2	Oct 29
An estimated 200 to 500 Danes die prematurely each year of stress-related blood pressure and heart problems caused by traffic noise.	ENDS Daily 1753 http://www.ami.dk/	Nov 4
Michelin has heavily invested in research to improve performance of tires: reducing rolling resistance, extending tire life and reducing road contact noise - the three major criteria to diminish environmental impacts of tire use.	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectID=11327	Nov 4
A new technique which reduces nitrogen oxide emissions from the diesel engines of heavy vehicles by more than 90% has been developed.	heiri.hafner@hsr.ch	Nov 10
The IEA has used the WBCSD's Sustainable Mobility Project (SMP) to develop a global transport spreadsheet model to help projections and policy analysis. They describe the final case used in the SMP's Final Report, Mobility 2030: Meeting the Challenges to Sustainability.	http://www.wbcd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectID=11467	Nov 15
There have been more than 800 studies worldwide on the cost, potential and environmental impacts of biofuels in the transportation sector...	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11662	Nov 15
DaimlerChrysler and Poverty and Environment in Amazonia Research and Development project have partnered to preserve natural resources while providing a source of income to communities.	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11511	Nov 17
Automakers & dealers are going to court supporting a ruling that the US government does not have the authority to regulate CO2 as an air pollutant	www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11711	Nov 19
CleanUp register, like a buyer's guide, makes it easier for UK operators of commercial and public sector diesel vehicles to 'clean up' their act.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9195&channel=1	Nov 19
ChevronTexaco is building stations for fuelling cars with hydrogen.	http://www.wbcd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11991	Nov 25
Switzerland's Federal Council has released a consultation document proposing ways to reduce CO2 emissions: they involve a tax on CO2 emissions, and a "climate centime" voluntary tax on fuels.	www.eep.org	Nov 25
Citing economic concerns a German MEP urged EU to double the amount of time (3 to 6 yrs) car makers should be given to demonstrate that vehicles can meet recycling targets set in the end-of-life vehicles directive.	ENDs 1775 http://www.environmentdaily.com/articles/index.cfm?action=article&ref=17751	Nov 29
Is MG Rover "the unacceptable face of capitalism?" BMW's UK boss thinks so. As the struggling company pays bosses excessive salaries, what will the new Chinese owners think?	Ethical Corporation weekly (subscription required)	Dec 2
General Motors has launched a "Get Green" campaign web site and is touting its hydrogen fuel and gas-electric hybrid cars	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=3285	Dec 2
General Motors 2004 Corporate Responsibility Report launched Its transparency and quantification have been welcomed in the profession but commentators want it to focus more on what is really material. Eg, are	http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=3271 & http://www.gm.com/company/gmability/sustainability/reports/04/inde	Dec 1

stakeholders more concerned with the company's operations or the environmental impact of the product? The report is based on the 2002 Global Reporting Initiative guidelines and produced with Sd3.

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Financial services sector

Barclays' controversial Thai-Malaysian Gas project going ahead despite harsh criticism	Ethical Corporation weekly (subscription required)	Sep 13
SA8000 certification update - latest crop of certifications include Financial Sector, Environmental Services, Glass, Information Services.	www.sa-intl.org	Sep 14
CEO of Westpac Banking Corp. believes that the company's sustainable value creation has been positive for its financial bottom line (whilst being good for social, environmental and economic progress for stakeholders)	http://www.wbcscd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=7610	Sep 28
Dutch bank ABN AMRO has released its first group-wide sustainability report	Ethical Corporation (subscription required)	Sep 29
Co-operative Insurance Services (CIS) is consulting 5 million customer-stakeholders in Scotland on how to manage its money for a better world. CIS will then develop its ethical investment strategy.	Sunday Herald	Oct
Societe Generale Group and AXA publish their first SD reports.	UNEP FI e-bulletin	Oct 18
A UK judge ruled that three former NatWest employees be extradited to the US on fraud charges.	Ethical Corporation (subscription required)	Oct 20
Micro-finance lending (MFL) big opportunity. Banks in India know there's an opportunity: the rural poor earn little but have high credit quality. Foreign banks such as ABN Amro for whom rural lending is new, are also interested.	http://www.wbcscd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=11403	Nov 4
Paul Hawken SRI Article receives mixed response: It starts "Imagine an organic food trade association any company could join. Members set the standards to suit themselves. Thus, any store or company can label their products "organic" if they choose because there are no rules defining what organic means."	http://www.dragonflymedia.com/portal/featured_stories/200410/hawken_paul.html	Nov 5
Leading international banks are increasingly making environmental concerns part of their loan decisions, according to a survey carried out by international environmental consultancy ERM.	Ends daily ISSUE 1764	Nov 9
Al Gore on SRI: "Transparency, innovation, eco-efficiency, investing in the community, nurturing and motivating employees, [...] are integral parts of a company's enduring capability to create value."	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article1568.html & http://www.unepfi.org/ebulletin	Nov 17
First superannuation fund sustainability report launched (it's Australian).	http://www.vicsuper.com.au/resources/sust_report.pdf	Nov 18
Companies most committed to sustainable development have stronger market performance: share prices of 207 "best-in-class" firms recommended by Okom have outperformed others by nearly 17% since 2001.	Ends daily ISSUE 1776	Nov 29
Global index provider FTSE introduced new supply chain labour standards criteria for the leading SRI index series FTSE4Good, and is supported by industry/experts, government and NGOs alike.	http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/3260.html	Nov 29
In 2000, the Pensions Act reforms required social, ethical and environmental issues to be accounted for. However much of the initial enthusiasm has now been lost because of the lack of action by pension funds.	Insight Investment via Ethical Perf	Dec 1

ICT/Electronics sector

Germany is transposing into national law the electroscrap directives. Once approved Germany's electronic and electrical industry will have to bear the costs of taking back and recycling electroscrap from August 2005.	ENDS 1719	Sep 9
ICT/electronics sector making progress on core issues as an industry-wide code of conduct is discussed	Ethical Corporation	Sep 21
Toshiba's Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2004 seen to lack performance improvement targets	Ethical Corporation	Oct 20
HP, Dell and IBM launch electronics industry code of conduct; and Cisco, Microsoft and Intel subsequently sign up to it.	http://www.wbcscd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11048	Oct 28
Sanyo Electric Company Ltd is investing €150 million in what it calls its 'Energy and Ecology' business.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9173&channel=1	Nov 12
Lucent to face corruption charges over activities in China.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Nov 17
Have a look at a strong 2004 sustainability report from Fujitsu.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Nov 22

Local authorities/Local development

Local authorities to take a lead in cutting carbon emissions and increasing energy efficiency. Twenty-four councils (combined emissions of 400kt CO2) are to pilot the carbon management programme (LACM).	SPN UK	Sep 24
Good idea: Leicestershire Sustainable Officers Group is looking at doing	SPN UK	Oct 7

sustainability appraisals of each other's Community Plans		
Mainstreaming Sustainability Resource Pack WWF have posted an updated version. Areas covered include: Sustainable development defined, Community strategies and local strategic partnerships, Best Value, New political structures	http://www.wwf.org.uk/localmatters/Resources/pages	Oct 23
Go Wales! Dramatic increase in recycling and composting of municipal waste in Wales has risen from 12.7% in 2002-03 to 17.6% in 2003-04, excluding ELVs.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9091&channel=1	Oct 29
Sustainability management in business, CSR		
Licence to operate #1? Nigeria has banned government contracts with Halliburton Energy Services due to security negligence and safety matters.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Sep 29
Licence to operate #2? Pharmaceutical companies need to make a more convincing commitment to addressing current and future health crises in emerging markets, according to the Pharmaceuticals Shareholders Group.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Sep 29
UK new Operating and Financial Review requirements: NGOs say they don't go far enough, and the CBI warns that standards of compliance should not go over the top and put more red tape in the path of business.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Oct 7
Major European polluters, allegedly: GlaxoSmithKline, Atofina and BASF are responsible for disproportionate amount of pollution; they may not be ready to comply with forthcoming European legislation.	Ethical Corporation (subscription) and European Commission	Oct 18
Europe's CSR & Corporate Governance Directive: requires that "EU-based listed companies should disclose an annual corporate governance statement as part of their annual report. The Directive says that within their corporate governance statement companies may also provide an analysis of env'tal and social aspects necessary to understand [...] performance and position."	CSR@cec.eu.int DG Employment CSR flash newsletter	Oct 28
Moskowitz Prize Study study analyzes over 50 published studies on corporate social performance and corporate financial performance, and finds an unambiguous positive relationship.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article1555.html	Nov 2
GEMI's new tool "Transparency: A Path to Public Trust" shows how EHS excellence can enhance the business performance of companies.	http://www.gemi.org/Transparency-PathtoPublicTrust.pdf	Oct 29
Corruption is ubiquitous. It's present in almost every country as shown in the 2004 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), a "poll of polls" issued annually by Transparency International (TI) since 1995.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article1563.html	Nov 9
Stronger corporate environmental management is "clearly linked" to stronger financial performance, the Anglo-Welsh environment agency said.	http://www.environmentdaily.com/articles/index.cfm?action=article&ref=17641	Nov 15
Greenpeace's partnership with Unilever is good for sales of refrigerators that do not contribute to global warming.	http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11850	Nov 19
BNI-instrument is a new tool for assessing and managing partnerships between companies, NGOs and governmental bodies. And doWEB , from a Swiss EHS performance management software provider, is a tool to help companies collect, report and analyze sustainability performance data	www.bni-instrument.org & www.docount.ch	Nov 23 & Nov 29
Lest we forget - Bhopal: Twenty years on no one has been adequately held to account for the disaster, the plant has not been cleaned up and survivors are still awaiting proper compensation and adequate medical treatment.	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9235&channel=1	Nov 26
Environment & climate change		
PM Blair to use G8 presidency to act on global warming warning of its "catastrophic consequences" unless the major economies agree on immediate and decisive action to combat it.	http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=7508	Sep 17
Britons 'in favour of wind farms' believing them to be a clean source of energy for the future, but public participation is vital. See also http://www.embracewind.com/wow.html for more windy facts.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/1/hi/sci/tech/3670746.stm & http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=10240	Sep 17
Rubbish to China! More than a third of waste paper & plastic from British local authorities, supermarkets and businesses for recycling is being sent to China without any knowledge of the environmental or social costs.	Guardian www.guardian.co.uk	Sep 17
EU's industrial emission trading scheme will not help cut GHGs unless governments agree to reduction targets extending to 15 years into the future.	ENDS 1739	Oct 4
Hail the Russian cabinet's decision! They backed the Kyoto climate change treaty. It will help kick-start carbon trading. Meanwhile WWF proposes an emissions trading scheme that would help Japan cut its CO2 emissions by 168m tons and help reach its Kyoto Protocol target. The Kyoto Protocol enters into force on 16 February 2005, becoming legally binding on its 128 party countries. www.wbcsd.org .	http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/1/hi/world/europe/3705362.stm , http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=10933 & http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=10244	Oct 1, Nov 18
Government announced its proposals on the total number of greenhouse gas emission allowances to be allocated to UK industry as part of the first phase of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2004/041027a.htm	Oct 27
Breaking the armlock is a new alliance farming, environmental and consumer organisations calling for stricter controls over the major supermarkets' trading practices, particularly to stop them passing on unreasonable costs and demands to farmers and growers in the UK and overseas.	http://www.breakingthearmlock.com/ Buy locally-produced food	Oct 28

Royal Dutch/Shell, the majority shareholder in Russia's largest foreign investment project, Sakhalin Energy, has distanced itself from a major oil spill by arguing that Sakhalin Energy is an "independent company"	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Nov 2
Business case for biodiversity It's the responsibility of business too, not solely governments and NGOs.	http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11143	Nov 2
Success in a carbon-constrained world Nine northeast US corporations, incl. Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Citigroup, Eastman Kodak, General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer - teamed up with WRI to form the Climate Northeast initiative which focuses on management strategies for energy use, emissions tracking, and innovations such as green power purchasing.	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=11016	Oct 29
Averting climate change could cost less than expected says research director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Action priorities will be more efficient vehicles and buildings, reduced vehicle use, capturing CO2 at the point of emission, and where possible replacing coal, oil and gas with other fuels. Also cutting deforestation and ploughing methods which release less CO2. Controversially, in the eyes of some, he proposes the use of nuclear power to replace coal.	http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3975325.stm	Nov 3
Risks to business from climate change Article summarises research on on 51 of the UK's biggest companies including Rolls Royce, Tesco, Bank of Scotland, GlaxoSmithKline and Severn Trent	http://www.wbcsd.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&Objectid=11335	Nov 4
Environment in your pocket out now The ten warmest years in history have all been recorded since 1990 & there were 779 serious water pollution incidents in 2003	http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9121&channel=1	Nov 5
Soil Association launches great new site to help your organic habits grow. Organic food market booming.	http://www.whyyorganic.org & www.edie.net	Nov 17 & 19
The EU Emissions Trading Scheme legislation sets out that member states must put in place a computerised national registry to allow account holders to hold, transfer, or acquire EU allowances and Kyoto units.	Info4Local	Nov 18
Reporting/verification		
Towards Transparency: progress on global sustainability reporting 2004. Free report from http://www.corporateregister.com/ with ACCA.	CorporateRegister [info@corporateregister.com]	Sep 9
Just for kicks BAE Systems report says "Lead used in ammunition can harm the environment and pose a risk to people."	Ethical Corporation weekly	Sep 13
Survey by APCO Worldwide communication consultancy concludes that stakeholders have limited awareness of companies' contributions to their communities and communication is generally inadequate.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Sep 15
AccountAbility and the International Register of Certified Auditors launched world's first individual certification scheme in sustainability report assurers.	WBCSD and http://www.enviroreporting.com/news.htm	Sep 24
A leading group of 17 socially responsible investment managers across America has given their backing to the Global Reporting Initiative sustainability reporting standard. They represent \$147 billion in assets and are urging companies to improve their sustainability reporting.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Oct 7
The Spanish Government is considering regulating on accountability and transparency for listed companies by 2006.	Ethical Corporation (subscription)	Oct 7
New UNEP/SustAbility Report: "[T]he convergence of the financial and non-financial worlds is now under way. But the bad news is that most companies still fail to identify material strategic and financial risks and opportunities associated with the economic, social, and environmental impacts captured by the 'triple bottom line' agenda."	SocialFunds.com & http://www.sustainability.com/	Nov 11
G3 GRI is pleased to announce that it has commenced the process that will deliver the third generation (G3) of the GRI reporting framework.	GRI http://www.globalreporting.org/	Nov 15
Most of Europe's top firms now report on non-financial issues Study by Context and Salterbaxter shows 44 of Europe's top 50 companies issued a CSR/Sustainability report in 2003/4, up from 40 the previous year. Main gaps: third party verification & supply chain issues.	ENDS Issue 1768	Nov 22
UK Department of Trade and Industry has responded in detail to concerns raised in the consultation period on the Operating and Financial Review. Campaigners claim that they've been watered down.	Ethical Corporation (subscription) & http://www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?id=9279&channel=1	Dec 2
Assurance providers ever more conscious of business sensitivities As MMo2's CSR Manager urges caution in disclosing to assurance providers, consultants in the trade point out that, whatever their size, assurance providers and consultancies sign legally binding confidentiality agreements for which they are liable; also that smaller assurance providers tend to be driven by people who believe in corporate responsibility and so would be more likely to respect sensitivity to avoid malpractice.	Ethical Corporation (subscription) http://www.ethicalcorp.com/content.asp?ContentID=3252	Dec 2
Products/packaging waste/supply chain/logistics		

Gap chief executive sees supply chain responsibility as “the right thing to do” for employees and customers, not just some marketing tactic.	Ethical Corporation (subscriber)	Nov 17
So far SA8000 certification has been completed at 492 sites, in 40 countries, in 51 industries.	SAI	Nov 17
Extractive Industry		
Anglo American: row has flared up between the mining giant and the South African Government after President Mbeki's impassioned response to comments made by Chief Executive, Tony Trahar.	Ethical Corporation (subscriber)	Sep 21
Lawyers for Newmont Mining formally requested the release of 5 gold mining executives being questioned by police over pollution allegations in Indonesia. Also, Newmont's gold dispute in Peru is resolved.	Ethical Corporation (subscriber) & http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/3205.html	Oct 7, Nov 17 & Nov 11
BHP Billiton focuses on putting safety & environmental policies into practice as reported in new 2004 health, safety, environment and community report.	Ethical Corporation (subscriber)	Sep 13 & Oct 7
Rio Tinto has approached its "old adversaries" in the green lobby to discuss solutions.	http://www.wbcscd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11438	Nov 17
Congo: Shinkolobwe Uranium Mine closed by UN for potentially chronically exposing artisanal miners to radiation.	www.edie.net	Nov 19
International Council on Mining and Metals latest newsletter focuses on the sector's progress, protecting biodiversity, materials stewardship.	http://www.icmm.com/newsletter.php?rcd=16#92	Nov 23
Construction, flood defence		
To promote health and environmental improvements the new Natureplus label makes the selection of high-quality, environmentally friendly and healthy building materials easier.	EEP www.natureplus.org	Oct 7
Flood management foundation course launched by The Environment Agency.	http://www.edie.net	Nov 5
Water Framework Directive should have been called Land and Water Framework Directive claims Dr Peter Howsam.	http://www.cranfield.ac.uk	Nov 18
UK: Defra releases record funding for flood and coastal defences.	www.edie.net	Nov 19
Construction co.'s protect biodiversity in Africa (Lafarge) and UK (RMC).	www.wbcscd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=11439/...11068	Nov 23
An Insight/WWF project assessed how well 13 of the UK's largest listed house-builders manage and report on their impacts on the environment and society. Countryside Properties and the Berkeley Group topped the league showing that sustainability can be integrated into main business practices. Also, 87% of home-buyers want 'green' homes Halifax co-funded a piece of consumer research with WWF One Million Sustainable Homes campaign. Top of the list of eco-friendly assets are: improved levels of energy efficiency, lower running costs, enhanced air quality and daylight, and water efficiency.	Insight Investment via Ethical Perf www.wwf.org.uk/sustainablehomes/index.asp	Dec 1
World development		
Millionaire Era Affluent Market Research Program has found that there are now 8.2 million millionaire households in America claiming a net worth of more than \$1 million. That's a 33% increase from last year.	Fast Company Magazine	Sep
The world in 2054 might see: a third woman prime minister in the UK; extreme weather flooding London's Underground, and significant areas under five feet of water; the majority of Britons living in refugee camps; people fighting for their homes, possessions and lives in continual pouring rain; Gwyneth Paltrow has stepped down as US president!	UK Environment Agency http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/news/895753?lang=en&region=&projectstatus=&theme=&subject=&searchfor=&topic=&area=&month=	Oct
World Development Report 2005: "A Better Investment Climate for Everyone" launched end September.	http://topics.developmentgateway.org/businessenvironment/rc/ItemDetail.do-1012383-intcmp=00001	Sep
EU's new environment programme LIFE+ supports the 6th Environment Action Programme (2002-2012) to combat climate change, halt the decline in bio-diversity, minimise negative environmental effects on human health, and to deal with natural resources and waste in sustainable ways.	EEP	Oct 7

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Sd3 Briefing: Being 'In Accordance' with GRI

Is your Corporate Sustainability Report 'in accordance'?

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What's happened?

- GRI issued a note on 23rd September 04 on what 'in accordance' means to them. GRI recognises over 40 organisations that have issued one or more 'in accordance' reports;
- GRI has consulted its networks and has offered clarification on two areas:
 - A. Not explaining omissions fully enough - How a reporter phrases its explanation of why it is omitting something,
 - B. The CEO statement and how it states 'in accordance'.

What GRI expects of reporters if they want to be 'in accordance with' the GRI guidelines 2002.

A. Not explaining omissions fully enough

1. What do GRI say in their Guidelines?

GRI's 'in accordance' condition #3 states:	"Respond to each core indicator in ...[the performance indicators section]... by either (a) reporting on the indicator or (b) explaining the reason for the omission of each indicator."
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2. What's the problem?

- Good reports often lack sufficient explanation for the omission of a small number of core indicators (note: not relevant to 'additional' indicators).
- As a result, GRI cannot formally recognise these reports as being 'in accordance'. The key is to state **WHY** the indicator was not reported on.

3. What does GRI consider as **NOT** satisfactory for 'in accordance'?

You might see the following in a report's GRI Index:

Core Indicator A	"Not included"
Core indicator B	"Not reported"
Core indicator C	"Not available" [If a good reason, say why]
Core Indicator D	"Discussed elsewhere" [so signpost it]

Good reasons for not disclosing include:

- Protection of proprietary information;
- An indicator not being relevant to the reporting organisation. This must be backed up by a description in the report of the 'multi-stakeholder process' used to draw conclusions on the report's content.

4. What does GRI consider as acceptable phrasing?

The following would be satisfactory ways of dealing with missing information:

- "not available due to lack of data systems to generate the required information, we aim to report on this indicator in 2006"
- "discussed elsewhere, please follow this [link](#) [the exact hyperlink]"

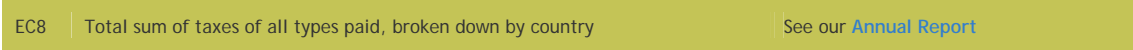
- “discussed elsewhere, please go to page X [exact page reference]”
- “discussed elsewhere, please refer to Report XYZ [title, date and location of material where the reader may find the data]”

For example:

Putting “Work in progress” in your GRI index is not good enough. It should be more specific by, for example, adding an intention to report on it by a certain date.

For example:

Imagine that ‘EC8’ in your GRI index is linked to your Annual Report for more detail. This is great, but the link might only go to a ‘pdf welcome page’ of your whole Annual Report where the reader is obliged to research some more to get the information.



So, reports can still be ‘in accordance with’ GRI even if they omit core indicators.

B. CEO Statement - how it states ‘in accordance’

1. What do GRI say in their Guidelines?

GRI’s ‘in accordance’ condition #5 states:

“Include the following statement signed by the board or CEO: ‘This report has been prepared in accordance with the 2002 GRI Guidelines. It represents a balanced and reasonable presentation of our organisation’s economic, environmental and social performance’.”

2. What’s the problem?

- Stakeholders are seeking affirmation that, regardless of decisions on indicators/scope/etc., senior management feels that they have produced a “balanced and reasonable” report.
- Reporters tend to not bother using these exact words. [The “balanced and reasonable” phrase was extensively discussed in the 2002 Guidelines revisions process.]

3. What’s currently tolerated but still NOT acceptable?

- placing the ‘in accordance’ quote in a call-out box or below the CEO’s signature - yet still on the same page and visibly connected to the CEO statement.

Until the end of calendar year 2004 GRI will continue to accept these variations as being ‘in accordance’.

4. So what’s acceptable?

From January 2005 the ‘in accordance’ quote **must** be placed above a signature of the CEO or board - whether as a part of the CEO statement or elsewhere.