

## A Brandowner's Perspective on the "The Sustainability Challenge Facing Printed Packaging and a Strategy to address these"

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- 4 Guidelines
- 2 Key Impacts
- 1 Strategy





4 Guidelines: #1

## **Brands sell PRODUCTS**

**NOT Packaging!** 





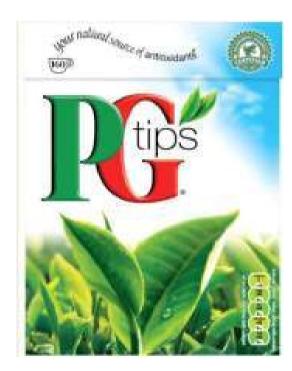
## **Brands Sell Products ----Not Packaging!**

The Lipton/PG brands promise:

A great cup of tea produced using <u>sustainable farming</u> <u>methods</u> by workers earning a <u>decent living</u> in <u>good</u> <u>working conditions</u>.

The pack is from certified sustainable forests and has 'Recycle Now' logo







## **Brands Sell Products ----Not Packaging!**

#### **Small & Mighty**

1 cap is enough for 1 wash!

- Clearly communicates the main product benefit.
- Retailer communicated the "reduced waste" benefit.



Don't underestimate the power of a retailer singing your praises.



## **Brands Sell Products ----Not Packaging!**

The Ariel promise:

To wash your clothes!

....but also to minimise the energy impact on climate change!



Clear understanding of the impact and how to make their product more sustainable – Brilliant!



4 Guidelines: #2

## Don't Talk Green

Walk Green!





### Don't Talk Green - Walk Green!

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Motorola's 'carbon neutral' phone

Made from recycled plastic

Even the outer pack is made from recycled carton!



Try to 'Green' the whole brand/product experience!



### Don't Talk Green - Walk Green!

Since 1978 Aveda has led the beauty care industry with "Good for the Planet" products.

This new retro pack to commemorative 30 years is entirely consistent with the Aveda promise and achievements:

•Bottle: 96% recycled HDPE (PCR)

 Closure: 100% recycled PP from cap collection program



Why not 'Green' the whole business?



### Don't Talk Green - Walk Green!

What better way to pack an energy saving LED light-bulb than in a recyclable pack made from 100% recycled & renewable material! – Enlightened!







4 Guidelines: #3

# Less Packaging Costs Less

(most of the time)

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## **Less Packaging Costs Less!**

All – Small and Mighty (US) sold the same number of washes with 40% less packaging!

#### Saving:

- over 7000 tons of plastic
- half the number of truck loads

....or more than \$7 million!



Old 156.9g New! 92.8g





## **Less Packaging Costs Less!**

Heinz light-weighted their food cans last year removing over 440 tonnes of steel!



They also predict a saving of £500,000 annually.



## **Less Packaging Costs Less!**

## "Slim-Fast Can loses weight!"

New beaded can reduces weight by over 13%! Or the equivalent of:

- 2500 tons of steel
- 2700 tons of CO2
- 230 truck loads of steel



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4 Guidelines: #4

# Consumers recognise 'Greenwash'

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## Consumers Recognise 'Greenwash'!

3 questions for making packaging related 'green' claims:

- Is it a relevant consumer message?
  - We sell PRODUCTS not packaging!
- Is it consistent with the product message?
  - Green pack but less than green product!
- Is the claim auditable?
  - Do you have Chain of Custody for the packaging?



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## 2 Key Impacts on Sustainability of Pack Design

#### Water:

**Ability to influence: Low** 

Packaging's related water impact is small relative to other water influences

#### **Environmental Impact**

1. Water

2. Carbon Footprint

**Climate Change:** 

**Ability to influence: Low** 

Packaging's carbon impact is typically 5 – 10% of the total product carbon footprint.

#### Waste

#### Waste:

Ability to influence: Med - Low

Packaging's impact on Waste is visual, emotional and can be significant.

4. Sustainable Sourcing

Key Impacts Sustainable Sourcing:
Ability to influence: High

Essential to ensuring future availability of key packaging materials together with a 'license to use' them.



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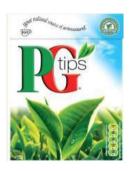
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## **Step 1 – Design to Reduce Waste**

















- Are these packs collected in all the markets in which they are sold?
- Do consumers know that they should recycle it?







## Step 2 – Sustainable Sourcing ...or 'designing a sustainable business'

- Do these packs use recycled materials?
- Are the materials renewable ?...and from certified sustainable sources ......even if this is only partly possible.
- Can non-renewables that won't be recycled (for SEE reasons) be substituted by renewable alternatives (with out compromising the product attributes)

#### **Objective:**

Availability of packaging materials at an affordable cost and with a 'license to use' in the quantities required by the product



## Step 3 – Minimising Fossil Fuel Carbon Footprint

- If using recycled materials, does it actually reduce the FF Carbon Footprint?
- Select materials carefully: eg not all papers/board/plastics are equal.
- Ask if renewable energy can be / is used at any stage of the lifecycle?

#### **Objective:**

To make a positive contribution to avoiding Climate Change



## Step 3 – Less GHS's ....or Minimising Fossil Fuel Carbon Footprint

#### **Grouping / ranking of packaging material**

based on Ecoinvent 2.0 October 2008

		GWP in kg per kg material
paper / board	solid unbleached board SUB solid bleached board SBB	2.99 3.46
	folding box White lined chip board	2.35 1.33
	Kraft paper unbleached Kraft paper bleached	2.93 3.93
	corrugated cardboard - fresh fibre corrugated cardboard - recycled fibre	2.42 1.04
Plastics	polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, at plant	2.78
	polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, bottle grade, at plant polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant polyethylene, LDPE, granulate, at plant polypropylene, granulate, at plant	3.00 1.93 2.10 1.97
Class		0.00
Glass	packaging glass, brown, at plant packaging glass, green, at plant packaging glass, white, at plant	0.96 0.93 0.95



## After Steps 1,2,3, - You're Done!

Remember "it's a journey! Not a destination" ......so you might be able to do even more in the future!





In summary:

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Thank you for listening.