



# Sustainability *focus*

**“THE ABILITY TO MANAGE SUSTAINABILITY IMPACTS HELPS ORGANIZATIONS PRESERVE AND INCREASE THEIR VALUE”**

**Helping to Attain Sustainability Goals...**

## Sustainability tip of the month

***“Remove up to 87 percent of air toxins in 24 hours by decorating your office with indoor plants.”***

Decorating the office space with indoor plants is very essential for healthy work environment. These plants improve the quality of the air that we breathe in a sealed building as well as reduce work stress, and also increase performance in the work area. According to a report of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), indoor plants successfully filter toxins and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which can cause acute and chronic illnesses. World Health Organization (2002) stated that building materials such as paints, surface finishers, particle boards, air fresheners, carpets and other cleaning stuffs emit VOCs which could be responsible for over 1.6m deaths per year. Indoor plants play a vital role in improving the interior environment of the office and efficiency in the workplace.



## PLANET WATCH

### Indoor plants improved air quality in an office of Sydney

Sydney researchers have found that indoor plants improve the air quality of rooms with little or no airflow.

A team led by Adjunct Professor Margaret Burchett at the University of Technology, Sydney, have found that common indoor potted plants such as the Peace Lily and the Kentia Palm improve indoor air by reducing levels of volatile organic compounds, or VOCs.

To read more:

[http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish\\_660596.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish_660596.htm)

### About Sustainability Focus:

As a proud member of the BRAC family, BEIL's core beliefs are very much based on the social goals of BRAC and that is why we believe that profit and growth are not sustainable in the modern world without taking care of the environment and community first. Sustainability Focus endeavors to enhance social return on investments. BEIL has published Sustainability Report of 2011; and aims to continuously monitor both our internal and external environment to ensure sustainability in all our business practices. Sustainability Focus is one of the initiatives to bring awareness to our employees and people around us. We believe every little step will make a difference.

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