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DID YOU KNOW THAT GOOD INDOOR ENVIRONMENT QUALITY IS PROVEN TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE OCCUPANTS' WELLBEING?

After years of research on the topic of indoor environment and its impact on occupants, there is now mounting evidence which shows the strong correlation between indoor environment quality and workplace productivity.

Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ) refers to the quality of air in an indoor environment such as an office or a classroom. Today, many buildings are purposely built to reduce air exchange from the outside environment in order to conserve energy. As a result, most modern offices are now sealed from the outside environment, which can lead to poor Indoor Environment Quality.

Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ) is also one of the key measures included in the Green Star rating system; a comprehensive environmental

rating scheme that evaluates the environmental design and achievements of buildings. The Green Star system aims to provide a standard measure for green buildings and was developed by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA, 2007).

Many employers are now turning towards improving workplace indoor environment as a way to enhance staff moral and lift productivity. To most employers, the cost of workers' salary greatly exceeds other building facility and maintenance costs. Therefore, there is definite financial benefit for an employer to make a relatively small investment to improve workplace indoor environment quality which will ultimately lead to improved staff productivity.

Indoor Plants can effectively improve indoor air quality by remove harmful Volatile Organic Compounds, which are a major component of air pollution. Research conducted by the University of Technology Sydney suggests that indoor plants can confidently be used to improve indoor air quality and this positive effect increases through prolonged exposure (Burchett et al, 2001).

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