

Solution sheet – Towards a single-use plastic-free hotel

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Solution title: Pencil Solution tested by:

HOTEL 96

Single-use plastic(s) concerned:

Bic pens

Location: Meeting room

Presentation of the alternative: Wooden pencil (unvarnished and without an eraser at the end)

Technical and economic information:

Supplier: Balle de match, the distributor for La Compagnie Française des Crayons (a company based in France)

Wood sourced from sustainably managed forests in Indonesia

Price: €0.93 excl. VAT per unit

Social and environmental considerations:

Made of wood, so naturally biodegradable

Team feedback: enthusiastic about the idea of phasing out plastic pens, but concerned about the potential extra workload if pencils are left over after meetings and need to be sharpened before being put away for future use

Customer feedback: delighted because these pencils feature our logo, whereas we previously had plain, unbranded Bic pens; so they now serve as a little souvenir of the hotel

Your advice:

Ordering more pencils reduces the unit price