

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
SUSTAINABILITY - GENERAL STATEMENT**

Our sustainability management statement, as set out below, supplements and complements our Environmental Management System and ISO14001 Policy General Statement.

- 1.1) We recognise that our operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment .We will ensure that all staff are trained in our environmental management policy and given guidance in its implementation.
- 1.2) As a consequence of this, the management are committed to continual improvement in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. The undersigned, is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this environmental policy.
- 1.3) Current environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.
- 1.4) We will implement measures to help the business and its employees to use 'green transport', for example, providing facilities for cyclists, encouraging car sharing and encouraging the use of public transport by providing information on local routes.
- 2) We will dispose of all waste in a responsible manner, ensuring that we always comply with the Duty of care regulations. Any services used for the storage or disposal of waste will be checked to ensure that appropriate licences are held.
- 3) If any notice or prosecution related to a breach of environmental legislation is served against the business by the environment agency, a local authority, or another regulatory body, we will immediately notify the third party accreditation bodies with whom we are listed as an approved supplier and provide full details of the notice or prosecution.
- 4) We will attempt* to reduce or eliminate the use of ozone depleting chemicals (CFC, Halon, 1.1.1 Trichloroethane, HCFC), tropical hardwood from forests which have not been independently certified as sustainable, pesticides on the UK 'red list or EC 'black list', and peat for soil amelioration purposes. *It should be noted that we do not trade in, process, install or handle any of the above substances or materials but there may be occasions where we may be able to influence the environmental decisions of others with whom we do business, who may so come into contact with such items.
- 5) We will, wherever reasonably practicable, use suppliers who are willing to take away packaging for re-use or recycling and will consider the environmental impact of any purchase.
- 6) We will, wherever reasonably practicable, reduce the energy and water consumption of the business and minimise CO2 emissions. We will invest in the improved energy efficiency of products we use and investigate environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources. This will be applied to meet current government policies and guidance.
- 7) We will ensure that dust, noise and odours do not cause a nuisance to the community surrounding the place of business or site on which we are working.
- 8) We will try to reduce waste production and carry out recycling as far as is reasonably practicable.

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- 9) In the office environment, paper will be used sensibly, with measures to re-use and recycle waste paper and the increased use of electronic communication to reduce the need for paper use.
- 10) We will ensure, where it is applicable to our activities, that no polluting matter enters surface waters or groundwater, will obtain permission before discharging any contaminated water, and before commencing any works we will check the area for endangered species, protected plant schemes, trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, and protected archaeology.
- 11) We will, wherever reasonably practicable, use sub-contractors and suppliers that are locally based i.e. either to our own company office or our work site, as appropriate and who comply with the requirements of our environmental policies and procedures, and will help sub-contractors and suppliers to comply with environmental statutory and regulatory requirements.
- 12) In line with our Corporate Social responsibility ('CSR') Policy, we will also ensure that Products sourced from suppliers and sub-contractors are sourced ethically in terms of the legal and sustainable sourcing of the raw materials involved and have not been produced using 'sweat shop' or other illegally procured labour including child labour.

This policy will be reviewed annually as a minimum and, if necessary, reviewed and revised at other appropriate times in the light of circumstances, legislative, regulatory or organisational changes and through the operation of this policy, we aim to achieve continual improvement in our sustainability management performance.

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