

ENVIRONMENTAL TIMBER SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. Responsibility

The Company recognises a responsibility to its customers, suppliers and staff to base its commercial activities on well managed forests.

2. Legality

The Company is committed to sourcing all timber from legal sources and will seek evidence of compliance from suppliers that they are operating in accordance with the laws of their country and in accordance with the UK Timber Regulations.

3. Endangered Species

The Company will not source any timber species prohibited under Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

4. Traceability and Supplier Monitoring

The Company will seek from suppliers :

- a) evidence of commitment to continuous improvement in environmental performance
- b) clearest practicable information on the sources of wood product
- c) evidence of good forest management practice at the original source of wood products

5. Timber Certification

The Company will only accept or use labels or certificates which include claims of environmental soundness or sustainability if these are supported by publicly available standards drawn up in a fully participatory, transparent and objective manner and backed by independent inspection.

6. Avoid Boycotts

The Company will not encourage boycotts or bans on specific species of timber. Notwithstanding this, the Company will cease to source any species if its supplier is in breach of Commitments 2 or 3 above.

7. Avoid Misleading Claims

The Company will strive at all times to avoid misleading and unsubstantiated environmental claims in relation to wood products supplies.

8. Management Structures

The Company will ensure that all employees associated with timber purchasing are encouraged to act in accordance with this policy and are given appropriate education and training to do so if required.

The Company has appointed a Director to be responsible for the implementation of this Policy and will ensure that environmental issues relevant to the Policy are discussed regularly at the highest level of management.

9. Continuous Improvement

The Company will define its own programmes, and establish its own objectives and targets, to achieve continuous improvement in environmental performance in accordance with this Policy.

The company is independently certified with FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody accreditation and is committed to maintaining registration with the Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification for the supply of sustainable managed product.

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Signed: *C. D. Firth*

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