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SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Erith is committed to the procurement of products and services in an environmentally, sustainable and socially responsible way; working with our supply chain to source products and services with integrity and care and develop greater understanding and diversity; while ensuring value for money for the company, our customers and the supply chain.

This sustainable procurement policy is an integral part of our wider sustainability strategy and is supported by our other policies including environment and sustainability policy, corporate social responsibility policy, quality policy and health, safety and wellbeing policy.

Our procurement process for materials, plant and other services will support our objective to be a more sustainable organisation. We will recognise and develop our supply chains and continue to develop positive relationships. We will understand and measure our impacts to the environment from these relationships.

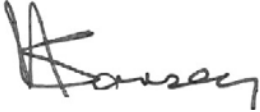
- **Healthy materials** - We are committed to proactively selecting and using, where possible, materials that are non-polluting and non-toxic including low and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)-free products. We will seek to substitute materials that can potentially be harmful to health and the wider environment.
- **Renewable fuels** - Erith actively encourage the use of alternatively powered vehicles and plant, biogas and sustainably produced biodiesel and electricity. We will invest in appropriate technologies and source alternatively powered equipment where these can support our overall objectives and are viable for our business needs.
- **Timber** - All timber products supplied will be certified as ethically and sustainably sourced meeting FSC, PEFC or government timber procurement standards. In addition, where viable, Erith will give preference to the use of re-used/re-claimed timber and timber products which are also assured as 'Grown in Britain' from renewable sources. This is extended to our procurement of paper, which should also be 100% recycled and chlorine free where possible.
- **Responsibly sourced products** - Erith will seek to procure products that have been certified as responsibly sourced, such as those certified BES6001 (Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products). If applicable we will also procure products certified by a member of Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO) or other ethical sourcing bodies, where they represent value for money and do not compromise other objectives.
- **Publications and other printed materials** - Erith wishes to minimise the use of printed publications and other printed materials and as such, favours the use of electronic publications and information, use of video and tele-conferencing facilities and the use of our Ezone digital system for project management. We will ensure that individuals requiring the use of these methods are provided with appropriate software and hardware.
- **Labour and sub-contract support** - Erith will seek to procure services and sub-contract support that do not support modern day slavery, illegal employment and unethical behaviours. All providers will be reviewed for compliance with our sustainability goals prior to engagement and will be required to help us meet these objectives.
- **Tools and equipment** - We will endeavour to source environmentally friendly tools and equipment where possible or practicable to do so. Alternative materials, that provide a more positive sustainable impact will be prioritised. Where practicable, we will repair, re-use and re-distribute rather than dispose of and re-purchase. We will continue to drive innovation in partnership with our suppliers.
- **Buildings** – We will continue to identify the latest energy saving technologies to apply to our infrastructure and temporary welfare; endeavour to develop further utility reductions; and reduce our reliance on higher energy using infrastructure and continue to work with our supply partners to achieve this.

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- **Disposal, recycling, re-use (“off-takers”)** - We will work with our off-taker community to identify the most energy efficient, compliant and local facilities to reduce carbon impact in transport of waste and materials to these facilities.
- **Vehicle & plant** - We will procure plant, machinery and vehicles in compliance with current legislation, carbon reduction statement and in anticipation of future requirements, such as the Non-Road Mobile Machinery Regulations (NRMM) and Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) . We will continue to work with our suppliers to maintain knowledge of new technologies to drive efficiencies.

This policy has been approved by the board and will be reviewed annually by the SHEQ and procurement departments and amended as necessary.

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Board:



Steven Darsey
Company Chairman
25/09/2024