

BOOTH GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Incorporating safety, health, environment, energy, quality, and responsible sourcing

Booth Group considers effective management of safety, health, environment, energy, and quality to be of prime importance to the sustained success of the business. We take an integrated approach towards all our business processes and have a single sustainability policy, which is regularly reviewed for continuing suitability and appropriateness.

We communicate our policy to all employees, contractors, visitors, and other key stakeholders seeking to ensure it is understood and implemented. Our policy is made available to our supply chain and other interested parties on request to inform and promote wider adoption of responsible practices. As an absolute minimum, we comply with the law and other regulatory requirements applicable to our business.

The resourcing and implementation of this policy is the responsibility of our management team. Co-operation in the effective implementation of the policy is a condition of employment, partnership, and supply.



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

We strive for the prevention of injury and ill health in the workplace. We value our workforce and by recruitment, selection and development of employees, contractors and suppliers, ensure that they are appropriately skilled and competent to carry out their roles. We strive for the fair treatment of our employees and everyone in our supply chain.

We provide employment, economic activity and using local sourcing and local business where appropriate and practical and build our business on the basis of responsible practices. We encourage our employees, contractors, visitors and supply chain to operate in accordance with these practices and we actively engage with our customers, communities and other stakeholders to promote their wider adoption.

We identify and consult local community stakeholders affected by our operations. We inform our customers about the functional performance of our products. We engage with our stakeholders to encourage pro-active management of our sites and development of our products, services and manufacturing systems to continually improve sustainable performance throughout the product lifecycle and build a profitable and sustainable business.



CARBON AND ENERGY

We seek to improve operational efficiency and reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions and aim to reduce our use of fossil fuels by improved efficiency. We promote best practices through enabling sustainable operations.



WASTE AND RAW MATERIALS

We strive for the prevention of pollution and the minimisation of environmental harm. We use resources appropriately and sustainably and, where appropriate, substitute primary resources with alternative materials.

We adopt the waste reduction hierarchy of waste prevention, reuse materials, recycling, and energy recovery to minimise waste disposal and maximise productivity. We develop products that improve the quality and sustainability of the built environment, and we seek to eliminate all non-conforming products, maximising customer satisfaction.



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WATER AND BIODIVERSITY

We are committed to the principles of environmental stewardship and seek to apply these throughout our operations. We manage and restore sites to ensure land remains of value in its local environment, protecting and enhancing biodiversity and safeguarding geodiversity where appropriate.

We respect and protect our national heritage and we optimise our distribution operations to minimise social and environmental impacts. We use water efficiently and recognise that we must safeguard this resource by recycling where possible to reduce consumption and protect water quality in the natural environment.



QUALITY PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS

We adopt a systematic and integrated approach to all aspects of our business and are committed to complying with ISO 14001.

We are also committed to continually improving performance and to develop our integrated management system processes and activities. We maintain a documented framework for setting, implementing, and reviewing objectives and targets to drive forward this improvement.

We incorporate high standards of safety, health, environment, quality, energy management and responsible sourcing in the following business processes:

- Visible leadership
- Design, selection and operation of plant and equipment
- Management of suppliers and services
- Identification of customer needs
- Supply of products and services to meet or exceed customer expectation
- Development of rules, standards, and procedures
- Provision of information and assistance to those who distribute, use, recycle or dispose of our products
- Recruitment, induction and development of skilled, competent employees' contractors and suppliers
- Consultation and involvement of employees, their representatives, contractors, suppliers, and local communities
- Reporting and investigation of incidents, near hits, hazards, and non-conformances
- Monitoring and maintenance of plant and processes
- Provision of welfare facilities
- Development and testing of emergency procedures
- Management and supervision of practices and performance
- Development and implementation of action plans to improve our business and meet our targets

This policy will be communicated to all staff and provided to any interested party on request. A copy will also be displayed at the head office and each site.

Overall responsibility for this policy rests with John Nicholas, the Chief Executive of the Booth Group.

