



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

As one of the largest construction materials companies in Northern Ireland we are committed to the highest standard of environmental protection and to making a positive contribution to enhancing the world we live in. We recognise that our manufacturing and contracting activities have an impact on the environment and it is therefore our policy, across all our locations and activities, to manage these impacts by:

- Senior management being accountable for our Environmental Management System (EMS) and for both resourcing it and setting the strategic direction for it in light of the company's overall business aims.
- Continually improving our EMS in order to enhance our environmental performance.
- Promoting environmentally-enhancing product innovation and new business.
- Proactively addressing the challenges and opportunities of climate change by optimising energy use and reducing emissions so far as is practicable.
- Protecting wildlife and maintaining and enhancing biodiversity at our production locations.
- Complying with the requirements of and maintaining independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party accreditation of our ISO 14001:2015 EMS standard.
- Taking our significant environmental aspects, compliance obligations and risks and opportunities into account when setting measurable objectives at both strategic and operational levels and for relevant operations.
- Annually reviewing our environmental policy and our performance in achieving our objectives.
- Identifying and fulfilling our compliance obligations.
- Reducing waste by using the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, energy recovery, before the last and least desirable option of disposal to landfill).
- Communicating our policy and objectives to all our employees, contractors and suppliers and ensuring that they fulfil them.
- Improving the environmental performance of our supply chain.
- Purchasing timber from legal and sustainable sources as certified by FSC or PEFC.
- Considering, where applicable, sustainability and whole-life costing.
- Protecting the environment and preventing pollution.
- Being good neighbours in the communities in which we operate, through maintaining communications channels, and in responding to community concerns and complaints in a fair and open manner.
- Fostering community relations through hosting open days and facilitating visits by schools and other interested parties.
- Making our policy available to interested parties on request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Sweeney', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

E Sweeney, Managing Director, Materials Division, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017