



## **Environmental Policy Statement on Operations**

JOS Structures Ltd are determined that all aspects of its operations are managed sustainably. We believe that environmental considerations must be at the heart of the Company. Not only is this necessary to provide support and credibility to our policy goal of promoting a low carbon, high growth economy, but is also essential if we are to meet our legal obligations and wider government targets. We are therefore committed to continual improvement in our environmental performance, preventing pollution and minimising to the extent reasonably practicable, adverse environmental impacts.

We will work to fulfil these commitments by:

- Reviewing and understanding the environmental impact of our activities; Complying with all applicable UK, European and international environmental legislation, and any other environmental requirements to which we subscribe;
- Setting environmental objectives which are in accordance with “Sustainable Operations” and making progress towards these objectives. These cover carbon emissions, energy efficiency, waste management, recycling, water consumption, and utilisation of low-carbon or renewable sources of energy;
- Objectives will be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timebound
- Reducing energy and resource consumption in line with current best practice;
- Avoiding the use of toxic and environmentally damaging materials where possible and preventing the accidental release of polluting substances;
- Ensuring that this Policy is understood, implemented and advocated at all levels in the organisation and is supported by appropriate guidance and training;
- Ensuring that this Policy is available to staff, customers and other interested parties upon request;
- Regularly reviewing this Policy with the aim of continuous improvement in our performance.

### **Office Best Practice**

- All taps and internal plumbing will be checked on a regular basis to ensure that there are no leaks or drips. Dripping taps will be tightened to prevent dripping. Where drips persist, or leaks are identified, then a plumber will be called to rectify the issue as soon as possible.
- Water bills will be monitored to look out for signs of excessive water usage which could indicate underground leaks. Where such signs are identified, then steps will be taken, as a matter of urgency, to rectify the situation and minimise water loss.
- Office lighting will be turned off when rooms are not occupied.
- Office heating will be turned off/down when rooms are not occupied.
- When purchasing lighting or heating equipment, energy efficiency will be a priority consideration.
- Where possible, documents will be produced and stored electronically to reduce the amount of paper usage.
- Recycling of waste paper will be carried out wherever practicable.

Responsible person: **George Brady**

### **Company vehicles**

- Fuel economy will be a primary consideration when purchasing new vehicles.
- Company vehicles will be maintained in accordance with manufacturers recommendations to ensure maximum efficiency.
- Employees must not undertake any unnecessary journeys.
- Where practicable, vehicle sharing will be applied to reduce the number of vehicle journeys required.
- Engines to be turned off when vehicle is not in motion.

Responsible person: **Marc Rainey**

### **Company plant**

- Fuel economy will be a primary consideration when purchasing new plant.
- Company plant will be maintained in accordance with manufacturers recommendations to ensure maximum efficiency.
- Engines to be turned off when vehicle is not in use.
- Fuel for company plant will be stored in double banded bowsers.
- When refuelling, drip trays will be used, and appropriate spill kits will be available. Every effort must be made to prevent fuels entering watercourses.
- Plant nappies will be used with static plant.
- If any fuel or oil leaks are observed the must be reported straight away. Repairs will be made as a priority.

Responsible person: **Marc Rainey**

## **Site waste**

- Materials will be selected with the minimum amount of packaging.
- Every effort will be made to avoid over-ordering. Over-ordered materials will be returned to the supplier wherever practicable.
- Generally waste disposal facilities are provided by the Principal Contractor. JOS Structures will follow any segregation/waste disposal strategies implemented by the Principal Contractor.
- Depot Waste is segregated into a skip and collected and disposed of by a licensed waste carrier and disposer (Kiely Bros Ltd. Upper Tier Carrier Dealer-Licence No: 40186)
- Concrete mixer trucks will only be permitted to wash out in the area designated by the Principal Contractor.

Responsible person: **Marc Rainey**

## **Hazardous substances**

- The company commits to avoiding the use of toxic and environmentally damaging materials where possible and preventing the accidental release of polluting substances.

Responsible person: **Marc Rainey**

## **Timber based products**

- The company uses timber and timber-based products for the construction of formwork. Wood can be a renewable mainstream building material. As a responsible company we will make every effort to buy from sustainable sources. To assist in this, we will look to buy timber products from schemes recognised by the governments Central Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET). These schemes include FSC, PEFC, SFI and CSA.

Responsible person: **Ben Truran**

## **Training**

- The company's environmental policy will be communicated to new employees at induction.
- Ongoing reinforcement of the environmental best practice principles will be communicated to employees by toolbox talk.
- Further, higher level/formal environmental training will be considered in the future.

Responsible person: **George Brady**

## Aspects and Impacts Register/Assessment

Activity, service	Environmental aspect	Environmental impact	Positive action
Heating and lighting offices	Using electricity	Resource depletion and pollution (burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity)	Heating/lighting to be turned off/down when rooms are not occupied.
Cleansing and sanitation activities	Using water	Potential water pollution, impact to natural resources.	Dripping taps to be identified and repaired. Taps not to be left running once receptacle has been filled.
Workplace transport	Use and storage of fuels, exhaust gases	Resource depletion and air pollution (burning of fossil fuels). Ground/water pollution (when refuelling).	Unnecessary journeys to be avoided. Engines on vehicles and plant to be turned off when equipment is not in use. Fuel efficiency to be a consideration when purchasing new vehicles. Drip trays and spill kits to be available/used at plant refuelling points.
Concreting activities	Using ready mixed concrete	Resource depletion (mining of constituents, burning of fossil fuels in processing materials), impact to natural resources (use of water). Ground/water pollution (washing out).	Ordering of materials to be as accurate as possible (avoiding unnecessary waste). Washing out of mixer trucks only to be in areas designated by the PC.
Formwork activities	Using timber products	Resource depletion (forestry, burning of fossil fuels in processing materials), potentially loss of biodiversity (effects on natural habitats).	Where practicable, timber/plywood to be stripped, cleaned and reused (multiple times if possible).
Construction activities	Use of construction chemicals	Ground pollution.	COSHH assessments to be produced and adhered to.

### **Relevant legislation**

The register of Environmental legislation will be reviewed annually during the review of the policy. Only legislation identified as being relevant to the scope of company activities will be recorded.

- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999
- Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (As Amended)
- Control of Pollution Act 1974
- The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011(As Amended)

### **Monitoring**

This policy is still being developed and will be subject to annual review and development. A simple audit will be carried out by our external advisors on an annual basis, and observations and recommendations will be noted and acted upon.

### **Summary**

The company is aware of the need to protect the environment. These principles not only satisfy a social obligation, they also will lead to commercial advantages. At this point the company's activities have a limited impact on the environment, and our approach must be proportionate. This policy will be reviewed developed on an on-going basis.

Signed (Director). *John O'Sullivan.*

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