

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

2011 review

The directors and management of the company have a continued commitment to the improved environmental performance of the company in all respects. We are currently working to lower the visual impact of the premises, this is involving the removal of some stock piles and the further planting of tree screens, the ultimate aim being where possible, to present a view of dry stone walls, trees or both. All fences, barriers and buildings are subjected to a rolling programme of redecoration with most items being repainted every 2 years. The land to the low side of the premises consisting of pasture land with a green belt designation has been populated with indigenous tree species of a type suitable for the exposed elevation. The remaining fields are regularly inspected for signs of contamination.

A sealed drainage system using ductile piping has replaced the open culvert system with deep oil/solids interceptions at regular intervals, the water then being discharged to the sewage system. Further work to the yard boundary and surfaces is being undertaken on a continual basis within the confines of trading conditions.

Plant and vehicles will continue to be replaced with models that offer lower emissions and noise output, again, within the confines of trading conditions. The company has operated a policy of continual renewal for a long period of time.

During 2011 we redesigned, enlarged and rebuilt our main entrance. We moved an 800 tonne stockpile and created a visitor and customer parking area. Roadways were white lined with a system put in place to speed up throughput whilst reducing the chance of accidents. This area is designated a clean area but is linked to the sealed drainage system. New signs have been installed giving clear instructions regarding the traffic management.

Material continues to be processed with a view to recycling 100% of the metal content. Much of this recycled material is supplied directly to UK foundries, particularly cast iron. Steel products are supplied to authorised exporters and from there to markets around the world.

The company is committed to complying with any relevant environmental legislation and is subject to regular inspection by the environment agency. Deficiencies in our systems or operation have been extremely infrequent and minor thereby supporting the above statement.

We will however continue to strive for zero deficiencies in our systems of operation. The management have undertaken to audit at regular intervals the stated environmental policy this will include a written report on the achievements of the previous period and to further document the targets for the following period.

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