

Environmental Policy

Kilwaughter Chemical Company quarries and processes limestone and aggregates for a variety of uses in building products and materials; and for horticultural and agricultural processes. The Company design and manufacture a wide range of liquid acrylic and dry bagged renders and mortars, plus a selection of ancillary products.

The Quarrying and Render manufacture operations conducted by the Company are recognised to have an effect on the local and regional environment.

The quarry is situated on the border of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and as such, the Management is committed to the conservation and protection of all indigenous wildlife and the preservation of habitat. We also demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement in environmental performance and in the prevention of pollution or harm to the area.

The Company will maintain compliance with all current environmental legislation and regulations. These will be regarded as the minimum standards against which environmental performance will be evaluated.

Kilwaughter Chemical Company will endeavour to minimise energy use and reduce CO₂ emissions. It will continue to invest in improved energy efficient products and technologies. Through careful planning and effective maintenance fuel usage and emissions by vehicles and plant will be minimised.

The company will consider the environmental impact of its products, packaging and raw materials at all stages of the product life cycle. We will conserve resources through efficient and careful planning.

Wherever possible, waste will be minimized and recycled or re-used, all other waste will be disposed of through safe and responsible channels.

The Company and staff are committed to a continual improvement in environmental performance. All staff and contractors are given sufficient training and skills to understand and perform tasks with awareness of the environmental aspects and the impact of their activities. Regular communication and updates are given to staff using a selection of media, ensuring effective implementation of the Environmental Management System and to provide an understanding of issues relating to an individual's areas of work.

This performance is monitored by a self and third party evaluation of our achievement in implementing these principles and complying with all applicable laws and regulations.

Kilwaughter Chemical Company operates an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System illustrating our commitment to our environmental responsibilities. In order to achieve our aims we have set out a range of Policies for continuous improvement in all Environmental aspects of our business.

KILWAUGHTER CHEMICAL CO. LTD.

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COMPANY LIMITED

Our Policies:

Vendor Policy

All projects or purchases of plant and raw materials take into account the energy efficiency and / or waste generation. Where possible energy efficient items, recycled or reprocessed materials or materials from sustainable sources are used. Where a material or service is available from more than one source preferential status is given to suppliers with a proven record or environmental accreditation. When choosing new suppliers consideration is given to the amount of waste packaging. Suppliers are encouraged to reduce excess packaging where possible. Where appropriate, raw materials are sourced in bulk by tanker. In all instances consideration is given to improved energy efficiency, life span and emissions when purchasing any plant or equipment.

Travel & Transport Policy

It is the aim of Kilwaughter Chemical Company to optimise or reduce travel where possible and practical, all journeys will be planned to minimise fuel usage and reduce emissions. No unnecessary journeys are made. Where a journey is necessary, visits or deliveries are grouped geographically. All vehicles are well maintained and a good driving technique is followed. Consideration is given to the use of public transport whenever possible with the exception of air travel which is minimised.

All company vehicles have efficient clean engines. The choice of hybrid or smaller cars is positively supported. All purchases of new vehicles take into account fuel economy and carbon emissions. Old mobile plant is replaced with more energy efficient options at the end of its life cycle. All lorries are limited to a maximum speed of 90 km/h and the fuel consumption and mileage of all our lorries is centrally recorded and monitored.

Employees are encouraged to use green alternatives for travel i.e. cycling or car sharing.

Energy, Impact and Waste Policy

We strive to reduce both waste and power consumption per tonne of finished material on an ongoing basis. We continually endeavour to reduce waste materials and recycle or re-use materials where viable. We consider alternative renewable energies on a continuous basis taking into account current energy prices against installation and running costs. Where the prices are viable, preference is given to the renewable source

The potential impact on the environment of each individual function of our business is categorised and evaluated. From this, actions and targets are set and prioritised according to the potential environmental impact. This outcome is made publicly available. Our design process for new products incorporates reclaimed or recycled materials in formulations and packaging wherever possible. All waste materials generated by us are disposed of by the prescribed routes, where possible waste is recycled or re-used.

Local Environment

It is our policy to reduce the impact of Kilwaughter Chemical Company on the surrounding environment; specifically, the control of dust, noise or others effects that are detrimental either to biodiversity in the area, or cause disturbance or inconvenience to local residents. Levels of noise and vibration from each blast are monitored and plant is kept in good order to ensure that noise levels are within acceptable limits. To minimise disturbance to local residents processes that potentially generate higher levels of noise or dust are not undertaken during unsociable hours.

Biodiversity

It is our aim to ensure that any adverse effects on the environment are minimised and that there is a positive approach to preserving natural habitat and species. We have set aside undisturbed land for use by interested parties and for educational visits. We manage this land carefully and sympathetically to preserve and enhance the biodiversity.

Where any concerns are raised, protected species are found or The Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order could be contravened alternative arrangements are made to ensure that no irreversible damage is done.

Archaeology

Prior to development, all land is inspected by independent bodies for geological and archaeological finds, and an assessment made as to the impact on the habitat and wildlife in the area. Any archaeological excavation that has been, or will be required is fully funded by the Company. Where work is already underway when a find is made the work is halted until expert assessment can be conducted.

Ethical Sourcing

At Kilwaughter Chemical Co Ltd we have a good understanding our supply chains, the manufacturing location of raw materials, and the prevailing Health and Safety and employee wellbeing legislation and practices in the locality.

We expect our suppliers to act in a responsible manner, and supply goods and services that do not involve exploitation and have the least negative impact on the environment.

We expect our suppliers to act in an ethical manner, and to support the fundamental human rights of their individuals employed.

Kilwaughter Chemical Co Ltd encourage ethical sourcing; raw materials and services are provided by reputable Companies predominantly located within the United Kingdom, Ireland and the EU.

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