



Policies & Statements

Sustainable Procurement Policy Statement

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We are committed to contributing to sustainable development through the goods and services we procure.

Our aim is to ensure that the products and services we specify, procure and use are responsibly sourced according to recognised certification standards. Wherever possible we will seek independent evidence of the products and services we procure meeting high levels of environmental, ethical and social standards. Furthermore we will endeavor to take into account the whole life cost of products and services to ensure they provide value for money to all stakeholders over the longer term.

We will achieve our aims by adopting the principles of the UN Global Compact and ISO20400 and through the following:

Organisational Governance:

- Clearly defined structure of roles and responsibilities for sustainable procurement.
- Our Procurement people will have an awareness of the principles of sustainable development and training on sustainable and ethical procurement.
- Supply Chain pre-qualification, evaluation and procurement decision making processes will incorporate sustainable and ethical criteria.
- We will establish and maintain two way communication and reporting processes on sustainability issues with our Supply Chain

Labour and Fair Operating practices:

- Ensure that our Supply Chain addresses and mitigates any labour issues and complies with the Equality Act 2010 and the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- We will require our Suppliers to provide transparency regarding the provenance of their products and the processes and working practices used in manufacturing and transporting them.
- Prevent and fight corruption in collaboration with our Supply Chain by providing relevant training and promoting reporting of unfair procurement practices in accordance with our Fraud, corruption, tax evasion and anti-bribery policy and our whistle-blowing policy.
- Promote fair competition and comply with the Prompt Payment Code.

Environment:

- We will endeavour to source products and services that have lower environmental impacts these include but are not limited to: operational and embodied carbon, Volatile Organic Compounds, and embodied water.
- The products we purchase shall, where possible, have high levels of recycled content and low levels of packaging and we will encourage re-use and up-cycling of discarded materials.
- Prioritisation will be given to those products where the manufacturers can produce evidence that they are following responsible sourcing principles using BES 6001 or other recognised sustainable/ethical standards.

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Community Involvement and Development

- We will work together with our Supply Chain to promote Social Value creation and skills development.
- We will encourage our direct supply chain to supply their products and services in a manner, that considers and makes a positive contribution to the local communities, and economies, within which we are working.

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(Note: this version has the same content as the previous GOL Policy under the same name, reference CHEQ-CP-004 dated 1st Jan 2021. This version contains minor names changes for the Business and other minor changes to reflect the standalone nature of Octavius).