

Kierbeck

Reinforcement **EXPRESSED**



Environmental Update
January 2009

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Kierbeck Environmental Update is to bring everyone involved in our business (customers, suppliers, employees and other stakeholders) up to date with our environmental performance and initiatives.

With increasing pressure on all businesses to improve their performance and reduce their environmental impacts, we feel it is important to report the actions we have taken already and to demonstrate our commitments to continual improvement for the future.

2. STEEL BY SEA

To reduce the impact caused by delivery of its principal raw material, Kierbeck imports steel by sea direct to its Barking site. In 2006/7 45,000 tonnes of the company's steel was imported by sea helping to reduce congestion on the crowded roads around London.

In order to comply with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, Kierbeck has implemented a Port Facility Security Plan to cover operations at Kierbeck Wharf, Barking. The plan is subject to approval and audit by TRANSEC.

3. RECYCLED CONTENT

Steel used for Kierbeck's steel products is typically manufactured from recycled steel. This reduces waste and takes less energy to manufacture than steel made from iron ore.

4. RECYCLING

The following materials are already being separated for recycling, to minimise the amount of waste disposed of to landfill:



Steel off-cuts



Cardboard



Welding Wire Spools



Wood

5. CLOSING THE LOOP

By purchasing second hand furniture from Green-works, Kierbeck is prolonging the life of office furniture and reducing the demand for new raw materials.



6. LOGISTICS

Logistics and distribution of Kierbeck products has been contracted out to Dager, which operates a modern vehicle fleet of Volvo FH12 460s which are compliant with Euro-4 Emissions and the new London Low Emissions Zone (LEZ). The tractor units are made from 33% re-used materials and can be recycled to more than 90%.



7. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In preparation for the implementation of a formal ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, Kierbeck engaged the London Environmental Centre to carry out a review of the company's environmental impacts on its sites at Silvertown and Barking. The reports provided baseline information and were used to set objectives and targets for improvement in 2008.

8. PERSONNEL

The Directors have recognised the need for a more rigorous approach to environmental issues so Kierbeck recruited its first professional Environmental Manager, Eric Tomlinson MIEMA, to lead the development of Kierbeck's ISO 14001 Management System.

9. POLICY

The company's Environmental Policy has been reviewed and the latest version approved in March 2008 by Kierbeck's Managing Director, Finbarr Lynch.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

In September 2008, Kierbeck was registered to BS EN ISO 14001:2004 for the processing of steel reinforcement products. The certificate of approval was awarded by Cares, the UK Certification Authority for Reinforcing Steels. The award recognises Kierbeck's development and implementation of an environmental management system to provide a framework to control and minimise the environmental impacts of its activities, products and services. This framework provides a vehicle for Kierbeck to deliver its commitment to continual improvement in its environmental performance.

Brendon O'Connell, **Commercial Director**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. We are committed to the principle of sustainable development and will work to preserve the quality of life in the communities in which we operate.
2. We will maintain an independently registered ISO 14001 Environmental System in order to prevent pollution and to ensure that this policy is implemented.
3. We will comply fully with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and codes of practice.
4. We recognize the importance of climate change and will minimize energy consumption within our businesses. Our ultimate goal is to become a carbon neutral supplier and to be able to offer carbon neutral products to our customers.
5. We will apply life cycle assessment techniques to minimize the environmental impacts of our activities, products and services.
6. We are committed to reducing our environmental impacts through responsible purchasing.
7. We will apply the principles of the waste hierarchy (re-design, reduce, re-use, recycle) to reduce the amount of waste produced by our business. Our ultimate goal is Zero Waste.
8. We will take action to minimize the environmental impacts of transport movements associated with our business.
9. We will ensure that all employees are aware of the environmental impacts of their activities and provide appropriate training for the tasks assigned to them.
10. We will help to protect the wildlife heritage of the United Kingdom.
11. We will review our environmental performance annually and set objectives and targets each year, which reflect our philosophy of continual improvement.
12. We will publish an environmental report each year to inform stakeholders of our performance in meeting environmental objectives and targets.

Finbarr Lynch



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Managing Director, Kierbeck Limited
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