

# STATEMENT OF POLICY ON THE ENVIRONMENT

***We, as a company, make the following commitments to our way of doing business:***

- **Within our operations:** we will minimise waste and maximise reprocessing and recycling opportunities. Our aim is to improve continuously our input to output ratio.
- **With customers:** we will develop partnerships to improve efficiency and reduce waste in their products and processes, and will only use suppliers who support us in these aims.
- **Within our company:** we will make environmental management an integral part of our working practices and quality systems at all levels.
- **Within society:** we will help educate about the benefits and sound uses of polyethylene films and be active in external initiatives to develop the efficient use of post consumer waste.

## Key Environmental Objectives

**Within our operations,** we undertake to:

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- Ensure that all internal scrap is reprocessed and made into saleable product (*extrusion being a continuous process that inevitably produces scrap*).
- Continually reduce scrap produced at source. All employees are responsible for incorporating these considerations into their working practices.
- Reduce virgin material consumption by using recycled or reprocessed material but without compromising customer and consumer quality requirements.
- Continue to invest in equipment that can regranulate and reprocess internal scrap and external waste. We will increase our use of recycled materials as far as is economically and environmentally justified.
- Maximise our output and minimise our consumption of resources through:
  - Reducing the use of consumables and reusing where possible.
  - Increasing packaging utilisation.
  - Increasing transport efficiency.
  - Reducing power consumption per tonne.
  - Utilising any waste heat generated.
  - Reducing unnecessary journeys.
  - Reducing waste in all areas.
  - Eliminating the wasteful use of any resources.
- Meet and exceed all current and future legislative and industry environmental and safety requirements.

**With customers,** we will work to improve their process efficiency and reduce their production waste through:

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- Developing higher performance films designed to improve yields and reduce operating costs.
- Encouraging the use of reprocessed and recycled material where viable.
- Providing technical assistance on:
  - Processing conditions.
  - Reducing and reusing packaging material where feasible.
  - Taking back and reprocessing waste where economical.

*To achieve these objectives, we are committed to continuous investment in equipment technology, personnel training and customer technical support.*

### **With suppliers, we will:**

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- Give technical support to develop higher performance grades to meet customer and environmental requirements.
- Help find uses for their scrap and out of specification material.
- Reduce incoming waste through increased silo usage.
- Work to improve the efficiency of our own internal processes and systems.
- Assist in developing the quality and performance of recycled materials.

### **With both customers and suppliers:**

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- We will seek to rationalise specifications, thereby reducing waste in the supply chain.

### **Within our company, we will operate to a formal environmental management system, this will:**

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- Identify the functions, activities and processes which affect, or could affect, our environmental performance.
- Designate responsibilities for those functions and formalised documented procedures and work instructions.
- Allocate responsibility for identifying existing and future legislation.
- State our objectives, targets and programmes to allow us to not only comply with, but, wherever possible, exceed any legislative requirements.
- Involve all levels of management and staff with both initial and ongoing environmental training.
- Allow the monitoring of our environmental performance, maintenance of records and their communication to staff.
- Include regular internal and external auditing to assure us of our compliance with the environmental management system and the effectiveness of it.

### **Within society, our policy and objectives are based on the following principles:**

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- That plastic film is an environmentally efficient product in comparison to competing materials due to:
  - Its high strength to weight ratio (*less packaging per unit*).
  - The efficiency of its production process in terms of energy, waste, emissions.
  - Its recycling and energy recovery ability.
- That there is a natural life cycle of **reuse, recycling and energy recovery** that should always follow the "*least environmental cost*" route; **recycle** where beneficial, **recover** for energy where not.
- That it is beyond the means of single companies to develop the systems and infrastructure to provide for the efficient recovery of plastics waste: this requires commitment at industry and Local and National Government levels.

### **Our objectives are to:**

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- Campaign for, and contribute to, an industry levy to support initiatives that improve the recovery of plastics waste.
- Involve ourselves in local and national initiatives that increase the efficient recovery of plastic film.
- Be active in the development of products using recycled material.
- Improve the understanding and awareness of the benefits and use of plastic film, both internally and externally, through training and promotion.