



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY

“I am proud to be the current custodian of a family business that has served Aberdeen and the surrounding area for nearly 150 years. Four generations of my family have focused on quality and value and I seek to do the same. Being accountable for the smooth running of a family business in the 21<sup>st</sup> century brings exceptional challenges and responsibilities. My vision is to build on the traditions of the past – care for the local community, craftsmanship and personal service, while engaging with technology, greater ecological awareness and innovation to ensure we conduct business in an economically, environmentally and socially responsible manner. Woodland and timber products are an important part of the heritage of the UK and are a vital component of our economy. Instinctively we like to see and walk among trees and enjoy the look and warm feel of natural products made of wood. As we work together we can all play our part in helping preserve this legacy for future generations.” S Cordiner (Managing Director)

## OUR COMMITMENT

- We recognise that trees are nature’s own product and have great social, environmental and economic benefits for the whole community.
- We believe that timber has distinct advantages over other materials. It has the potential to regenerate, be sustainable and renewable. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, lasts for decades and can be recycled. It is strong, light, durable and diverse in its appearance and uses.
- The vast majority of timber we use is derived from indigenous, sustainable forests managed under the UK’s stringent standards maintained by the Forestry Commission.
- We pay close attention to and seek to exceed the requirements of all current legislation and regulations.
- We do our utmost to minimise the impact of the production process on the environment.
- We seek to ensure the use of energy is minimised and the maximum advantage is made of opportunities to recycle and reuse materials, minimising waste and energy consumption.
- We can provide detailed information to our customers to enable informed choices about the products they are purchasing.
- All employees are involved in ensuing environmental and social responsibilities are recognised and there is an open-door policy in relation to suggestions for improvement.
- We have a designated member of management accountable for the co-ordination, practice and improvement of our Environmental and Social policy.
- This policy is reviewed annually at the start of our financial year and a report is produced which is uploaded to the website.