

## Environmental Policy

Liberty Merchant Bar plc (LMB) produces a wide range of merchant bar products in its two hot rolling mills at its Scunthorpe operations.

As a hot re-roller, the company impacts on the environment in most areas, its furnaces discharge emissions into the atmosphere, water is used for cooling purposes, considerable solid waste is generated from the processes and the company is a significant energy consumer.

It is LMB's policy to manufacture and deliver its products in a manner that minimises the impact on the environment where practicable. The company considers that matters regarding the environment are an objective to be shared by all employees of the company and it regards environmental issues as being of equal value to health & safety, quality, financial performance or any other business objective.

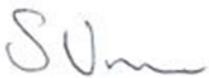
It is the company's policy to maintain an environmental management system which sets targets and objectives for continuous improvement in all fields of operation, and will be integrated into all management functions.

The company aims to:-

- Protect the Environment
- Enhance environmental performance
- Maintain procedures to assess, monitor and examine the impact of all current or new activities and processes on the environment.
- Maintain monitoring procedures to ensure compliance with this policy and, where measurement and testing is deemed necessary; ensure that data records and results are regularly updated.
- Eliminate or reduce pollutant materials to help conserve valuable resources.
- Reduce and re-cycle waste materials, where possible, to help conserve valuable resources.
- Maintain systematic and periodic auditing procedures and initiate corrective actions to address any deficiency found within the company's environmental management system, policy, objectives or targets.
- Encourage contractors working on site to apply standards which are commensurate with the company's own standards.
- Maintain procedures and contingency plans to minimise the potential impact of any accident damage discharge or emission of materials or energy, and ensure that public authorities are given the company's full co-operation.
- Endeavour to purchase environmentally preferable goods and services where practicable.
- Understand and manage the company's contribution to climate change by improving and monitoring energy efficiency.

The company is committed to pollution prevention. It strives to comply with all applicable environmental legislation and other requirements to which the company subscribes relating to its environmental aspects.

This policy will be reviewed at regular intervals and also whenever there are significant changes involving matters such as working methods, new equipment or changes in legislation.



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