



## SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Drogheda Port Company are very much aware of just how our business activities impact upon the environment. We are committed to ensuring these activities have the least possible detrimental effect, and strive to promote sustainability and follow sustainable business practices in our day-to-day operations.

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Our Sustainability Policy is based on the following principles:

- Complying fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations.
- Assessing the environmental impacts of our operations, continuously seeking to reduce these impacts and improving our resource efficiency through reduction of energy, water use and waste.
- Promoting environmental and energy awareness in our employees.
- Monitoring our progress to ensure on-going improvements in our environmental performance.
- Making clients and suppliers aware of our sustainability policy, and encouraging them to adopt sound sustainable management practices.

We are committed to achieving sustainability through the following actions:

## **ENERGY**

- Reducing our carbon footprint.
- Optimising energy efficiency and conservation in all operations.
- Controlling and managing energy efficiency in our business and promoting energy efficiency.
- Reducing the impact of transportation in our business activities.

## **WASTE**

- Actively promoting reduce, reuse and recycling both internally and amongst our suppliers and customers.
- Minimising waste generation by applying reuse and recycle options where possible.
- Minimising waste generation and unnecessary resource usage during the stages of planning, design and operation of new and existing business activities.

## **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

- Developing specific objectives to continually improve our environmental performance.
- Setting objectives and targets for continuous improvement. Measure and review our performance regularly and communicate our results.
- Continual performance improvement in minimising environmental impacts of our business.

## **PROCUREMENT**

- Choosing suppliers and contractors that adopt best environmental practices and make this the procurement policy of our company.
- Purchasing products and services that have the least environmental impact, where this is feasible.
- Encouraging suppliers and contractors to implement sustainable environmental systems.
- Minimising the use of hazardous chemicals and solvents and instructing our agents to do the same
- Using materials, fittings and furnishings from sustainable sources.

## **AWARENESS / TRAINING**

- Encouraging environmental awareness among our employees.
- Promoting environmental awareness throughout our business.
- Ensuring that all employees understand our environmental policy and conform to its standards.

In order to put these principles into practice we resolve to:

- Where possible walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to our offices, attend meetings, site visits etc. particularly when attending multiple sites close together or working from alternative office locations.
- Avoid physically travelling to meetings etc. where alternatives are available and practical, such as using teleconferencing and web cams.
- Ensure efficient timing of meetings and site visits to avoid multiple trips.
- Share a car where more than one employee is attending a meeting or site visit in the same place unless there is a valid reason not to.

- Minimise our use of paper and other office consumables, for example by double-siding all printing where appropriate and identifying opportunities to reduce waste.
- As far as possible arrange for the re-use or recycling of office equipment by purchasing energy efficient equipment and promoting good housekeeping practices.
- Purchase electricity from a supplier committed to renewable energy.
- Ensure that timber furniture, and any other timber products, are recycled or from well-managed, sustainable sources and are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.
- Eliminate our consumption of single-use plastic products, by seeking out sustainable suppliers and refilling items such as toner cartridges and hand-soap dispensers.
- Reduce our reliance on paper and reduce office printing. Work with our IT advisors to find less paper intensive file management strategies, and implement to reduce overall paper and printing.
- Keep energy usage low; ensure that all lights and electrical items are switched off when not in use.
- Recycle as much waste as possible.
- Recycling equipment that is no longer of use to the company., and where possible look to circular economy uses; for example, giving away electronic items / furniture etc. that we no longer use to not for profit organisations.
- Purchase products made with recycled paper, i.e. paper towels, printer paper and tissues.
- Purchase products with a lower environmental impact, i.e. environmentally friendly cleaning products, soaps and detergents.

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