Responsible materials procurement policy statement

This statement sets out Mace's strategic commitment to the procurement and management of materials.

Mace is responsible for specifying and procuring large quantities of materials for construction projects and associated services. We specify and procure directly, working with our supply chain partners and indirectly through the advice we provide to our clients.

We recognise that the choices we make and the advice we provide can have significant direct and indirect impacts upon people and the environment. We have a number of responsible procurement commitments in place to address these risks, which includes membership of SEDEX, the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange platform, to map our supply chain risks and assess ethical standards.

In procuring responsibly, we seek assurance for ourselves, our clients and other stakeholders that goods and services are legitimately secured from legal and well-managed sources, and from suppliers and contractors who can demonstrate responsible sourcing of their materials. This includes supporting actions to address organisational governance, supply chain management and economic, environmental and social aspects of sourcing, as covered by schemes like Achilles Building Confidence and BES6001 Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products.

Forest products procurement

Our intent is to source all forest products whether procured directly or on our behalf, from credible standards, according to the Forest Certification Assessment Guide (FCAG) criteria developed by the World Bank and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). We also support, and where feasible give preference to, schemes that support the principles of the Social Value Act, e.g. the use of timber and timber products which are assured as 'Grown in Britain'. Timber from unknown sources will not be approved for use on any Mace projects.

We require all suppliers to preferably procure FSC-certified timber with a fully-documented chain of custody direct to our construction projects, or from recycled sources with appropriate documentation to prove its provenance. Where appropriate, we encourage projects to achieve FSC Project Certification. Office paper procured by Mace is manufactured from FSC certified sources.

We only accept timber from other sources if contractors can adequately demonstrate that FSC-certified timber is unavailable and/or that the client specification cannot be changed. In these cases contractors may seek derogation from Mace to use timber from an alternative risk category.

Other materials procurement

Our intent is to ensure all materials used on our projects are certified as being responsibly sourced through credible, independent third party certification schemes, where available. These include BES6001, eco-reinforcement, CARES Sustainable Constructional Steel scheme and ISO 14001.

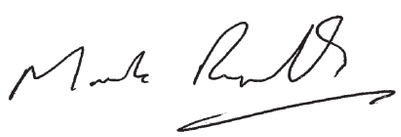
Advisory Services

Where Mace acts in an advisory capacity and does not specify materials, we advise our clients of this policy, provide relevant guidance and seek assurance that responsibly-sourced materials are specified and procured. Our intent is to ensure that we offer responsible sourcing recommendations in 100% of indirect influence by 2022.

Training and supply chain engagement

Mace people receive training on how to meet the requirements of this policy, in accordance with their role and we actively engage with key clients and supply chain partners to ensure that the aims of this policy are delivered.

For and on behalf of the board



Mark Reynolds
Chief Executive
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