

Policy Statement Deforestation Policy

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent approach across RSE and the wider RSE Group. It supports compliance, alignment with strategic objectives, and the effective implementation of best practices across all Group companies, including but not limited to: RSE Controls, Amber ICA, Blackburn Starling, DPS, GPS, MTech, Safronics, TCS, Prime Pumps, WES, Aquazone, Chem Resist, and Greenacre Environmental Systems.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to RSE and all companies within the RSE Group, including but not limited to: RSE Controls, Amber ICA, Blackburn Starling, DPS, GPS, MTech, Safronics, TCS, Prime Pumps, WES, Aquazone, Chem Resist, and Greenacre Environmental Systems. It is applicable to all relevant personnel involved in or affected by the subject of this policy, ensuring a consistent and standardised approach is maintained across the Group.

3.0 POLICY

Risk Assessment: Recognize that global deforestation is largely due to agricultural expansion and wood extraction, sectors in which RSE and the RSE Group rarely operate, thus classifying them as low risk for deforestation.

Sustainable Sourcing: Ensure all wood products used by the company are obtained from sustainable sources such as PEFC and FSC accredited suppliers. Avoid engaging with suppliers or sub-contractors proven to be involved in deforestation.

Compliance with Regulations: Support and comply with the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) to decrease the consumption of commodities linked to deforestation and forest degradation.

Biomass Fuel: Ensure biomass fuel purchased for heating and hot water systems is sourced from government-certified and approved suppliers such as the Biomass Suppliers List (BSL) or Sustainable Fuel Register.

Audits and Assessments: Conduct audits and assessments on suppliers of wood products to ensure ethical sourcing.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors: Review this policy annually and revise or update it as necessary.

All Employees and Sub-contractors: Comply with the policy and ensure that all materials used are sourced sustainably and ethically.

5.0 APPROVAL

This policy is reviewed periodically by the Sustainability Manager and updated as required based on:

- Regulatory changes
- Organisational changes
- Audit findings

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Stephen Slessor'.

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