



# STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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## INTRODUCTION

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES

Almost every business has an impact upon the environment to a greater or lesser extent, particularly those concerned with the production or supply of raw materials.

In recent years public concern over the lasting effects of this impact has understandably increased to the point where it ranks among price, quality and service as one of the considerations when responsible bodies award contracts. This importance is increasingly widespread and every business and every individual is now expected to not only be aware of the impact of what they do, but also to attempt to influence acceptable standards of behaviour. Day Group Ltd has compiled this policy statement to meet the requirement for accountability and to outline the major areas of potential environmental impact and the resulting corporate policies.

The four main areas covered within this statement are:

- Depletion of natural resources.
- Transport of these resources to the market place.
- Production, storage and handling within depots.
- Other regulations and responsibilities.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Established in 1947, Day Group Ltd (previously Day & Sons (Brentford) Limited) is a family owned business based in Brentford, West London.

The company operates in three main areas:

### **AGGREGATES DIVISION**

Covering South London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent, Day Aggregates operates eight rail or sea fed depots distributing materials by lorry. Annually over 2.4 million tonnes of crushed rock, sand and gravel aggregates, ground fill, stabilisation and drainage materials and high performance road surfacing chippings are supplied into this market. Approximately one third (2000/01) of this volume is recycled materials, and this proportion is anticipated to increase still further.

### **CONTRACTING DIVISION**

Throughout the south of England this division contracts to supply and install materials for the water industry and to recycle demolition and waste products to produce secondary materials.

### **PROPERTY DIVISION**

This division owns or leases a number of industrial properties which are let to third parties.

## **DEPLETION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Many of the products supplied by the Company are land or sea-won and the way in which these reserves are worked can have a substantial and long-term environmental impact. The current legislation covering the way in which quarries, sand pits, offshore gravel beds and so on operate is far-reaching and detailed and is monitored very carefully. To obtain planning permission for such an operation requires considerable attention to detail in many areas, with probably the largest area of concern being the environmental impact on the surrounding area both whilst the workings are taking place and during and after restoration. No responsible company can afford to take these expectations lightly.

Day Aggregates obtains supplies from a large number of sources, all of which are monitored for quality of product and method of working. If either of these aspects is considered unsatisfactory the source is informed and if no improvement takes place then supplies are obtained elsewhere. For the majority of applications there is no alternative to natural products. However by careful selection, certain materials that in the past have been tipped in landfill sites at considerable cost, can be recycled to produce secondary aggregates. Day Aggregates has invested heavily in the plant, machinery and expertise necessary to carry out this recycling and is widely acknowledged to be amongst the foremost operators in this field within Europe.

## **TRANSPORT OF THESE RESOURCES TO THE MARKET PLACE**

One only has to visit a large quarry to appreciate the impact that the method of transport used to move materials has on the surrounding area. Often this results in the local road network being put under severe pressure, and this pressure extends to the quarry's markets – with large vehicles often travelling long distances. The south-east is particularly affected in this respect due to the lack of hard rock reserves locally.

Because of this Day Aggregates imports the vast majority of its crushed rock supplies either by sea or rail. The environmental impact of these methods of transport is substantially less than movement by road as well as being more efficient. All the Company's depots are connected by either sea, rail or both, with lorries utilised only to transfer goods to local customers.

All new Company lorries are to the latest 'Euro 3' emissions standard and are fitted with automatic load sheeting systems. Wherever practicable 'return loads' (where the vehicle would otherwise return to a depot empty) are maximised so as to keep vehicle movements to a minimum.

## **PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND HANDLING WITHIN DEPOTS**

Possibly the largest potential impact on the environment is the operation of the roadstone terminals by Day Aggregates. At these locations material is discharged from ships or rail wagons, stockpiled and loaded into trucks to be delivered to local sites. At recycling operations raw materials are stockpiled for subsequent processing into secondary aggregates.

There are two main areas of concern:

### **Noise**

These operations require heavy machinery, and the traditionally long hours worked by the industry means that noise generation has to be controlled where other people are living or working nearby. To this end, wherever practicable plant is enclosed, working hours are limited, machines not in use are switched off and, where appropriate, all engines are silenced to levels below the current requirements of ISO 639. All current CE standards are met as the lowest standards.

### **Dust**

Although not hazardous, the dust potentially generated by the handling of aggregates can be of some nuisance if not controlled. At all sites, Day Aggregates therefore installs thorough dust suppression equipment in the form of physical barriers and water sprays for both stockpiles of materials and internal roads.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

All recycling operations operate 'prescribed processes' within Environmental Authorisations, issued under the EPA 1990, Part 1. These are subject to twice yearly external audits to ensure compliance.

The Company works closely with Local Authorities and residents to both develop close working relationships and reduce any potential impact on the local environment.

## OTHER REGULATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Like any other business, Day Group Ltd is subject to a large number of responsibilities dictated by statute. Primarily concerned with safety, many of these also apply to prevent danger to people, property and the environment.

These regulations apply to the following areas:

- Health and Safety
- Protective Clothing and Equipment
- First Aid Training
- Radiations
- Electricity
- Machinery
- Fire
- Pressure Explosions
- Dangerous Substances
- Waste
- Transport and Handling of Materials
- Maintenance

In all the above areas the Company ensures that the standards required are either met or exceeded.

## **COMPANY POLICY FOR THE FUTURE**

The Company will continue to bring its policies in line with any changes in legislation or accepted standards and where possible will exceed these requirements.

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