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Draka UK Ltd recognises that its operations can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment. We aim to protect the environment through good management and by adopting best practice where possible. Draka UK Ltd will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt environmentally suitable alternatives where possible, throughout our operations.

**Our environmental policy is available for viewing internally and externally upon request and aims to:**

- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations, striving to exceed requirements where practicably possible
- Prevent pollution to land, air and water
- Develop, implement, maintain and improve our policies, procedures and management systems align to our environmental commitment
- Endeavour to reduce energy consumption and depletion of natural resources
- Minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of our operations
- Identify and manage our environmental hazards and risks
- Encourage environmental responsibility throughout our Supply chain
- Raise the environmental awareness of our employees through communication, involvement and training
- Establish targets to measure the continuous improvement of our environmental performance
- Ensure this policy statement is available for viewing publically



## Reduction of Environmental Impact

- Replacement of Cadmium, Lead and other heavy metal containing polymers that are harmful to the environment. This is in line with RoHS and Reach directives
- Water and effluent discharges are monitored to ensure full compliance with local regulations
- Full compliance to oil storage regulations to ensure that environmentally harmful oils and lubricants are fully contained.
- A substance management policy which ensures all contaminated or hazardous waste is removed from site by approved contractors in a timely manner, to ensure that hazard is kept to a minimum.
- An R and D programme to ensure that new cable designs and materials have the minimum possible environmental impact, and follow the most energy efficient manufacturing possible.

## Energy Reduction Programme

- Membership of NISP, to encourage synergies in with traditionally separate industries. These include sharing of logistics etc
- Significant investments have been made in fleet vehicles, with Euro 5 engines now standard. Allied to this routing software has been employed to calculate the most fuel efficient delivery patterns.
- Full programmes to look for opportunities to replace non-efficient systems by investment in alternative processes. Compressed air systems have undergone this process, with the installation of more energy efficient compressors.
- Implementation of stringent energy reduction measures in line with the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) programme and also the climate change levy.
- New materials technologies are employed to minimise energy usage, with the development of ambi-cure technologies to reduce the necessity for energy depleting steam cure cycles.

## Waste Reduction programme

- Draka globally have a materials utilisation programme to reduce material over usage which Draka UK play an active part in. This goes to deliver optimum performance with minimised resource depletion. This will also lead to reduce cable weight and size, which in turn leads to less energy usage downstream.

- Where possible, set up materials are collected, separated and reprocessed as bedding materials. Investment in cutting edge machinery have allowed these improvements to be made
- On site segregation and control for all material wastes, and off site treatments for off cuts of cable to ensure most effective recycling. This also applies to office waste, which is also separated and segregated to ensure minimal waste goes to landfill.
- Full audits of 3rd party waste services, to ensure duty of care. Audits encompass waste carriers, disposal and treatment services, to ensure that full knowledge of waste is maintained

## Sustainable packaging

- Commitment to source packaging materials from sustainable sources, which deliver less negative environmental impact.
- Commitment to reuse and recycle packaging materials where possible. A drum collection programme is in place, where cable drums are collected from site, refurbished and reused. This also presents benefits to customers, as it reduces impact of waste packaging regulations on them.
- Membership of the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations compliance scheme to ensure that all PRN requirements are documented and compliance is assured. This is annually audited.
- Product is required to be fully protected at all times to minimise risk of damage, however by working closely with suppliers, reductions in packaging waste have been achieved, without compromising product and achieving optimised protection. Additionally, all efforts are made to segregate and recycle packaging waste which is part of our manufacturing process.
- Harmonisation and rationalisation of packaging on site.





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