

# Environmental Policy Statement

AQA accepts its environmental responsibilities and recognises its obligations to contribute to the resolution of global and local environmental issues by reducing its impacts on the environment and by taking a leading role in promoting environmental best practice.

It is therefore my policy that AQA will:

- comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and best practice provision
- quantify, manage and reduce our environmental impacts
- establish specific objectives for the prevention and minimisation of waste and emissions to all environmental media
- improve energy efficiency and resource usage giving due regard to product quality and overall environmental impact
- consider the environmental commitment of our suppliers and contractors whose activities are related to significant environmental impacts
- establish and maintain an organisation which can actively promote environmental activities
- increase the environmental awareness of all employees, customers, contractors and suppliers
- continually seek to improve our environmental performance

These commitments will be demonstrated through the introduction of suitable policies, practices and programmes. Their effectiveness will be monitored by evaluating our environmental performance and publishing the results. Environmental protection is the responsibility of every AQA employee.

This Policy Statement will be monitored regularly to ensure that the objectives are achieved. It will be reviewed by the Health, Safety and Environment Manager and, if necessary, revised in the light of legislative or organisational changes.

This Policy Statement will be made available to the public through the AQA Website and other means.

Signed by

Andrew Hall  
Chief Executive Officer

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