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# Environmental Policy Statement

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AQA accepts its environmental responsibilities and recognises its obligations to appropriately contribute to the resolution of global and local environmental issues by reducing its impacts on the environment. It is therefore our policy that AQA will:

- comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and best practice provision
- maintain a corporate Environmental Management System, which provides a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets
- continually seek to protect the environment through minimising any adverse impact on it from our operational activity
- implement and maintain environmental risk management procedures which are relevant and proportionate to our risk exposure
- improve energy efficiency and use of resources in order to reduce our carbon emissions where practicable, giving due regard to business need and overall environmental impact
- consider the environmental commitment of our supply chain with particular focus on major suppliers and contractors whose activities are related to significant environmental aspects and impacts
- increase the environmental awareness of all employees, customers, contractors and suppliers, and
- 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 department 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:

Toby Salt  
Chief Executive

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