

# PRIORY CAST PRODUCTS: SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Priory Cast Products recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements, and we are committed to reducing our environmental impact. Our objective is to protect the environment by continually improving our sustainability performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods, incorporating regular review points.

We will consider sustainability issues when undertaking duties, including the procurement of goods and services. In particular, we seek opportunities to improve and promote energy conservation by keeping our processes efficient, advocating recycling and waste minimisation, sourcing locally, reducing pollution and supporting positive initiatives to improve the environment. We will encourage customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

## **Metal and other Consumables**

- 95% of the metal we use is recycled, and of either UK or where necessary Spanish origin.
- All waste and scrap from castings are re-used multiple times and re-purified through our process.
- We source from local suppliers as a first course of action.
- Our casting wax is re-used multiple times.
- We dispose of any workshop waste very carefully and according to regulations, using licensed and appropriate organisations.
- We use non-toxic cleaning pickle.

## **Energy and Water**

- We continually seek to reduce the amount of energy we use, by keeping our equipment and processes running efficiently. By maintaining an efficient furnace, we dramatically reduce the amount of gas we use each casting.
- Lights and electrical equipment are switched off when not in use.
- Heating is adjusted with energy consumption in mind. We dress for the weather; wearing extra clothing rather than relying on space heating alone to keep staff members warm.

- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products are analysed when purchasing, sourcing locally as much as possible.
- When using a kettle at work, we fill it with only the water needed; no more.
- We switch off all lights whenever they are not needed and when we are the last to leave a room, including kitchens and toilets.
- We switch off our computer, monitor and all lights at the end of the day.
- We will keep external doors and windows closed when the heating is on – aside from during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Paper and Office Supplies**

- We minimise the use of paper in the office and seek to buy only recycled and recyclable paper products.
- We minimise printing as much as possible.
- We reduce packaging as much as possible.
- We re-use and recycle all paper and packaging where possible.
- We will evaluate if the need can be met in another way.
- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- We will favour more environmentally-friendly and efficient products wherever possible.

### **Maintenance and Cleaning**

- Cleaning materials used will be as environmentally-friendly as possible. Where we can, we will avoid single-use plastics by using local refill suppliers to provide hand soap, sanitiser and other detergents. Washable cotton cloths will be used in place of disposable plastic fibre ones. Disposable paper products will be recycled.
- Materials used in office refurbishment will be as environmentally-friendly as possible.

### **Monitoring and Improvement**

- We will comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- We will continually improve and monitor environmental performance.

- We will continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- We will incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- We will increase employee awareness.
- We will review this policy and any related business issues.

## Culture

- We will involve staff in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.
- We will update this policy at least once annually in consultation with staff and other stakeholders where necessary.
- We will use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and help the community.