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# Purchasing Policy

## Responsibility

Vastern Timber Co Ltd recognises a responsibility to the environment, the Company's customers, suppliers and staff.

Vastern Timber endeavours to:

- Base its commercial activities on wood sourced from well managed forests
- Wherever possible source wood from forests accredited under either the FSC or PEFC schemes
- Minimize the effects of transportation through local purchasing
- Support British forestry

## Legality

The Company is committed to identify the source of all wood used and to taking all reasonable measures to ensure that illegally harvested material shall not be purchased by the Company.

## Supplier monitoring

The Company will regularly obtain from suppliers:

- Information relating to their environmental practices
- Clearest practicable information regarding sources of raw material used in the manufacture of the wood products

The information received will form part of purchasing decisions and will be made available on request to interested parties.

## Timber certification

This Company recognises that the independent certification of forests and the process chain is the most useful tool in providing assurances that the timber comes from legal and well managed forests. The Company will only accept or use labels or certificates which include environmental or sustainability claims if these are supported by publicly available standards drawn up in a fully participatory transparent and objective manner and backed by independent inspection.

## Avoid misleading claims

The Company will avoid misleading and unsubstantiated environmental claims in relation to wood product supplies.

## Management structure

The Company has appointed a Director Responsible for the implementation of this policy and will ensure that environmental issues relevant to the policy are discussed regularly at the highest level of management. The Company will ensure that all employees associated with timber purchasing are encouraged to act in accordance with this policy and are given appropriate education and training to do so if required.

## Continuous improvement

The Company will define its own performance in accordance with this policy.

**Thomas Barnes**  
Director Responsible