

## Sustainable Purchasing Policy Vale Mill (Rochdale) Ltd.



Vale Mill (Rochdale) Ltd. T/A Minky has been trading for over 75 years. Vale Mill (Rochdale) Ltd are manufacturers and distributors of a wide variety of household products, including Ironing boards, Textile cleaning cloths, sponges, scourers, Garden Furniture and Garden Cushions .

**Our Environmental and Sustainability Policy sets out our commitment to the principles of Sustainability in our supply chain. As part of this commitment, we aim to manage our purchasing activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. To achieve this, we will:**

- 1. Make procurement decisions based on a balance between economic, environmental, social and ethical factors.**
- 2. Comply with all relevant procurement and environmental legislation.**
- 3. Investigate our areas of environmental impact on a continuous basis in order to identify and where possible reduce these impacts.**
- 4. Encourage and persuade suppliers to operate better production processes, supply more environmentally friendly products and help spread improvements throughout the supply chain.**
- 5. Encourage Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and local suppliers to bid for appropriate work.**
- 6. Provide guidance and training to encourage purchasing staff to review the consumption of goods and materials and adopt best practice (Reduce, Re-use & Recycle) in their buying decisions to help minimize environmental impacts.**
- 7. Ensure sourcing specification documents include questions about suppliers' environmental performance and develop corresponding assessment criteria, including whole life costing, to evaluate suppliers offers.**
- 8. Select wherever possible and reasonably practicable, the use of environmentally friendly materials and products.**
- 9. Ensure that sourcing specifications include a facility for suppliers to submit environmentally friendly alternatives to the specified goods.**
- 10. Develop assessment tools to set and measure sustainable purchasing targets.**
- 11. Introduce post-purchase audit of suppliers to assess environmental and ethical credentials.**
- 12. Work with other bodies to share experiences and adopt best practice.**
- 13. Communicate this Policy to our employees and stakeholders and beyond so they become aware of the impact they have on the environment and help them to minimise this impact.**

**We will regularly review this Policy and ensure corrective and preventative actions have been taken to ensure continual improvement.**