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Sustainable Timber Policy

Miller Homes recognises that extracting timber can have significant negative impacts on society and the environment. We are committed to minimising these impacts by working with our supply chain to source timber from both legal and sustainable sources.

We deliver this commitment by:

- Purchasing timber products only from suppliers who either a) have direct chain of custody certification by the FSC or PEFC or b) source all their timber products from suppliers who have chain of custody certification by the FSC or PEFC. Chain of custody certification by the FSC or PEFC provides independent assurance that timber can be traced back to a responsibly managed forest source.
- Implementing clearly defined, and legislatively compliant procedures that ensure we conduct the appropriate due diligence to minimise the risk of placing illegal products on the market. We document and store the associated evidence for a minimum of 5 years.
- Conducting internal audits to validate our procedures and using external chain of custody databases to verify our suppliers ' certification is valid.
- Setting objectives and targets to measure and improve our approach, and publicly reporting on these.
- Working with our supply chain to encourage and promote the use of sustainable timber sourcing and chain of custody certification.
- Keeping informed of best practice processes and changes in legislation.
- Clearly defining roles and responsibilities relating to this policy, and equipping the relevant individuals with the knowledge and skills needed for its full implementation. Accountability for the delivery of this policy rests with the Sustainability Steering Group, headed by the Procurement and Sustainability Director. Implementation of the associated procedures is the responsibility of the Commodity Managers.
- Reviewing and where necessary, revising, this policy annually.

This policy applies to all the construction related timber products that we purchase.

Chris Endsor
Chief Executive
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