

Corporate Social Responsibility Statement



Ventry Construction Limited recognises that responsible, ethical and sustainable corporate performance is essential to the long-term success of our business and desirable to all of our stakeholders. We adhere to the following principles:

Environment and Sustainability

We have developed an environmental management system aligned with ISO 14001 that has been internally audited to ensure compliance with the above standard and in preparation to have the system accredited by a UKAS registered awarding body.

To achieve this we will set, monitor and review our environmental targets and objectives, supported by the provision of effective communication, awareness and information for employees.

We will work together with our clients to assist in developing and implementing best practice in environmental performance in the design, construction and delivery of all of their projects.

Where applicable we will ensure that our sourced materials are purchased from suppliers who support sustainability. For example the use of timber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Health and Safety

We have implemented and will maintain an occupational health and safety management system, which is aligned with ISO 45001 that has been internally audited to ensure compliance with the standard and in preparation to have the system accredited by a UKAS registered awarding body. This is to ensure we can effectively monitor and review our health and safety performance.

We are committed to the continual improvement of our health and safety performance and have developed procedures and safe systems of work to safeguard our employees, visitors, contractors and members of the public.

All employees are encouraged to refuse work if they feel that their health, safety or wellbeing may be compromised in any way. By following our Work Safe policy, no action will be taken against them.

Community

We support the development of local businesses, employ local people and other local resources wherever possible.

We support local communities and groups in which we work through charitable contributions.

We encourage the giving of time and money by our employees and have policies in place to match or support these endeavours.

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Modern Slavery

Ventry Construction Limited recognises that as a commercial organisation it has a moral and social responsibility to take a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery in all forms.

We are committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in all our corporate activities, and to ensuring, as far as we are able, that our supply chains are free from slavery and human trafficking.

We aim to undertake due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers, including:

- Understanding our supply chain so as to identify and assess particular services or geographical risks of modern slavery and human trafficking.
- Evaluating modern slavery and human trafficking risks through the completion of our Subcontractor and Supplier Questionnaires. Terminating our relationship with suppliers that fail to improve their performance in line with an action plan or violate our Company policies or procedures.
- All Labour Suppliers/Contractors are also required to provide a declaration confirming their compliance. This is monitored and any Labour Supplier/Contractor failing to meet compliance will not be utilised.

Ventry Construction Limited takes any breach of this policy extremely seriously. Any breaches, either internally or through our supply chain, can be reported in confidence, if required, to the Managing Director or the SHEQ Manager in their capacity as anti-slavery and human trafficking officers for the company.

This statement is made pursuant of Section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement.

Whistleblowing

The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 protects employees who 'blow the whistle' about wrongdoing from being subjected to a detriment. It makes provision about the kinds of disclosure which may be protected, the circumstances in which such disclosures are protected and the persons who may be protected.

This policy implements those requirements and is intended to encourage employees to make disclosures about wrongdoing to the company, without fear of reprisal, so that problems can be identified and resolved quickly.

This policy has been developed to ensure that Ventry Construction Limited's employees are permitted to speak freely without being subject to disciplinary action or victimisation provided that they:

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- Make the disclosure in good faith.
- Reasonably believe that the information disclosed, and any allegation contained in it, is substantially true.
- Do not act for personal gain.

This policy is intended to protect:

- Employees who raise genuine and legitimate concerns in relation to financial malpractice, miscarriages of justice, dangers to health and safety risks to the environment.
- Other individuals who perform work for the company who raise genuine and legitimate concerns.
- The company and other employees and workers against false, vexatious and malicious accusations.

The process for reporting concerns is to contact the Managing Director directly on 01562 270001.

Bribery and Corruption

Ventry Construction Limited pride ourselves on our outstanding corporate reputation based on strong values of transparency and integrity.

We will not tolerate bribery within our company or within those partner companies with which we do business. We are committed to measures to comply with the Bribery Act 2010 and to ensure we carry out our activities in an honest and ethical manner, and any breaches of this policy or associated laws will be reported to the police.

Adopting principles set out in the government guidance relating to the Act, we have introduced a number of internal policies and procedures to prevent the risk of bribery, corruption, fraud and malpractice both within our organisation and among our clients, partners, suppliers, contractors, sub-contractors and any other third party associated with Ventry Construction Limited.

All instances of the provision of hospitality and gifts both on behalf of Hannafin Contractors Ltd or received by any of our employees shall be reported to senior management. Hospitality and promotional business expenditure, so long as deemed proportionate and reasonable by senior management, will be acceptable.

Anyone within the company found to have given or received gifts outside of this scope may face disciplinary action.

If anyone feels that there is a breach of this policy they can report this in the strictest confidence to Peter Hannafin following the company's whistle blowing policy.

We will ensure that all business is carried out with complete integrity and transparency.

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Equal Opportunities

We are an equal opportunities employer, which means that we are totally committed to the principle of equal recruitment, training, development and treatment of all employees and prospective employees irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marital and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation (protected characteristics).

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that individuals are treated equally and fairly and that decisions on recruitment, selection, training, promotion or career progression are based solely on objective criteria and in accordance with all applicable laws.

It is also our policy to give full and fair consideration to employees and potential employees who are disabled and provide appropriate training and development with promotion prospects at least equivalent to those available to other employees.

Ventry Construction Limited is committed to a policy of diversity and equal opportunity and fully supports the rights of employees to work in an environment which is free of sexual or racial discrimination or of bias related to any disability, accordingly not to treat one group of people less favourably than others because of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marital and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation (protected characteristics). In relation to decisions to recruit, train or promote employees.

Ventry Construction Limited will not tolerate any form of victimisation or harassment of our employees or others associated with the business.

We will take appropriate action including, where necessary, disciplinary action against any member of the Company found to have discriminated against another or victimised or harassed.

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