

Carbon Policy

AkzoNobel recognises that climate change is likely to have a fundamental impact on our planet, and that carbon emissions globally need to be radically reduced. Business as usual is no longer an option. Corporately we are committed to 25-30% more efficient resource and energy use across our entire value chain by 2020 (measured by cradle to grave carbon footprint reduction per tonne of product sold, base-lined from 2012)

Here in Decorative Paints UK&I business we reduced our value chain carbon footprint by 25% between 2007 and 2012. We are nevertheless committed to continue to contribute positively to our overall corporate carbon reduction target as well as playing our role in creating a lower carbon economy. The sustainability challenges we are facing, including reducing carbon emissions, can only be solved if we strive for innovation, continuous efficiency gains and engagement with our employees, customers and supply chain.

This carbon policy is central to our vision of inspiring beautiful living spaces with the planet in mind and supporting the transition to a lower carbon built environment.

To do this we are committed to:

Measuring, monitoring and reducing our operational and logistics carbon footprint through:

- Measuring the carbon footprint of AkzoNobel Decorative Paints UK operations and reporting to the Carbon Trust;
- Using SMART technology to monitor and manage energy efficiently in all our operations to minimize usage and emissions;
- Monitoring the energy required per unit of production and setting targets to progressively reduce this where practicable;
- Measuring the carbon impact of business travel and transporting of our products;
- Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and seek opportunities to use renewable energy sources wherever these are technically and financially viable;
- Investing in new energy efficient technology, such as energy efficient lighting;
- Working with our logistics partner to identify and reduce through mitigation strategies the carbon emissions and other environmental impacts of transportation of our products;
- Changing working practices and process design to reduce our energy consumption throughout our operations.

Reducing the carbon footprint of our products and their impact on the built environment through:

- Actively seeking to reduce the carbon footprint of our products across the whole value chain, through innovation and working with our key suppliers on reducing the carbon-intensity of our ingredients, provided this does not impact on product quality;
- Switching our solventbased portfolio to become waterbased, thereby reducing the GHG potential from VOCs;
- Developing innovative products that help make buildings more energy efficient and enable better living.

Communication and advocacy through:

- Inspiring and equipping our employees to make an active contribution to

- our sustainability goals and progress;
- Creating a culture of carbon awareness and reduction across the whole business;
 - Educating and supporting our employees to make green travel choices;
 - Supporting and equipping our customers to reduce their own carbon footprint through making lower carbon choices
 - Integrating low carbon practices into our business processes.

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