



Assurance Statement

Environmental Report 2009
Travis Perkins plc

Scope and criteria of the assurance

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd (LRQA) was commissioned by Travis Perkins plc to independently assure its Environmental Report 2009 (the 2009 Report) and forming part of the Travis Perkins plc Annual Report and Accounts 2009. The data and information relate to environmental issues including, inter alia, stakeholder engagement, continuous improvement, timber trading, carbon management, waste management, packaging and water management, pollution prevention and complaints relating to all Travis Perkins plc businesses and sites. This includes data and information from Travis Perkins, Keyline Builders Merchants, City Plumbing Supplies, CCF (Commercial Ceiling Factors), Wickes, Benchmarks and Tile Giant, but excluding Toolstation and one franchise operated Wickes site in Ireland.

This assurance statement has been prepared for Travis Perkins plc.

Management Responsibility

Travis Perkins plc management is responsible for preparing the environmental data and information and for maintaining effective internal controls, including assuring inputs into the environmental data and information in the 2009 Report. LRQA's verification only extended to the internal controls associated with the Travis Perkins plc environmental data and information, as presented in the 2009 Report.

Ultimately, the 2009 Report has been approved by, and remains the responsibility of Travis Perkins plc.

LRQA's approach

In order to form our conclusions, the assurance was undertaken as a sampling exercise and covered the following activities:

- Interviewing people responsible for the collation of data and information disclosed in the 2009 Report.
- Reviewing the adequacy of the management processes.
- Reviewing the supporting documentation made available at the Travis Perkins plc Northampton office.
- Applying a limited, rather than absolute, level of assurance to our sampling. Therefore the verification undertaken by LRQA did not include verifying the data back to its original sources nor did it assess the accuracy and completeness of the data reported by individual locations.

LRQA's opinion

Based on LRQA's approach nothing has come to our attention that would cause us to believe that the environmental data and information as presented in the 2009 Report is not materially correct, or does not represent a true and fair reflection of the environmental programmes and performance within Travis Perkins plc. It should be noted that:

- Travis Perkins plc has used UK Government emission factors to calculate annual carbon dioxide values, that are published within the 2009 Guidelines to the Defra/DECC's GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting (Version 2, 30/09/2009);
- Travis Perkins plc has used Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) standardised deflation factors;
- Carbon dioxide emissions attributable to Travis Perkins plc business travel have been estimated;
- Travis Perkins plc has presented, within the 2009 Report, recalculated annual carbon dioxide emissions data for 2005 to 2008. This accounts for:
 - Changes in UK Government (DEFRA/DECC) reporting guidelines and emission factors;
 - Corrections arising from improved accuracy;
- The waste chart within the Travis Perkins plc Environmental Report 2008 incorrectly depicted the waste produced during 2005 to 2008 due to a calculation error. This has been corrected within the 2009 Report;
- The estimated packaging waste tonnage of 64,041 reported in the Environmental Report 2008 was adjusted to 63,332 in the 2009 Report, due to improved accuracy;
- The estimated water consumption of 403,779 litres reported in the Environmental Report 2008 was amended to 349,390 litres in the 2009 Report, due to improved accuracy and;
- The 2005 base year annual carbon dioxide emissions data was an estimate based upon financial information and not direct consumption data, unlike succeeding years.

Recommendations

It is LRQA's recommendation that Travis Perkins plc should:

1. Establish internal environmental data quality assurance, control and security processes;
2. Continue the process of implementing stricter controls on the procurement of timber, including enhancements to the chain of custody process; and
3. Develop, establish and maintain a more comprehensive environmental reporting procedure.

For and on behalf of Lloyd's Register

Paul Jackson
12 February 2010

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This document is valid for one year from the date of verification.

This Assurance Statement is only valid when published with the 2009 Report to which it refers.

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited has not been involved in the preparation of any material included in Travis Perkins plc Environmental Review 2009.

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