

Getting Greener at Bill Chippington Haulage Ltd

Improving Environmental Friendly Policy

1. Introduction

The BCH Board has been developing an environmental policy over the last few months. Following the 13 March Board Meeting, the following draft policy is to be discussed and agreed by the April Management Team. Consultation with staff will take place at departmental and driver meetings during the spring of 2007

2. Commitment

BCH Ltd recognises that the Logistics industry has a key role in supporting the retail economy of many nations whilst having an impact on the global environment: the company recognises that its own operations have an effect, particularly on local and regional environments. The Board attaches maximum importance to matters concerning the environment and to the continual improvement of its operations

The Board is committed to meeting all regulatory requirements and, where possible, exceeding them, and, to minimising any harmful environmental effects as a result of our day-to-day operations

3. Improvement

As part of our drive for improved Quality Management Services, the company has developed a policy statement which will enable BCH Ltd to set actions and targets by which environmental policy can be improved and monitored on a regular basis,

4. Implementation and Reviewing Performance

This policy contains activity which is capable of being measured or being implemented through its coordinated Board and Management systems. At each annual review by the management team, environmental policies will be assessed and measured, alongside an evaluation of compliance with relevant laws and regulations. Performance will be tracked through quarterly reports to Board and Management meetings

5. Energy Use

The company will use environmentally safe energy sources to meet its needs and will invest in energy efficient products

Action: a programme of introducing energy saving light bulbs is to be introduced, whilst the central heating system currently on a time system will be examined for greater efficiencies. Staff will be asked to introduce office based energy saving equipment, including switching off electrical appliances when not in use

6. Recycling and Waste Disposal

The Company believes that a key part of its environmental strategy is to recycle materials with a sustainable waste management policy: this includes minimizing waste, recycling materials, and, disposing of all waste through safe and responsible means

Action: used vehicle batteries will be collected by a licensed contractor which has been approved for battery disposal in an environmentally acceptable way. Used tyres and scraps will be collected by a manufacturer for remixing. Waste paper is deposited at the local recycling plant but the preference is to substantially reduce the overall use of paper throughout the company.

7. Vehicles and Emissions

The company is highly skilled in planning route delivery schedules in order to realize the benefits of reduced fuel consumption and lower exhaust emissions.

Action: In advance of the 2009 deadline, BCH is purchasing Euro 5 level vehicles in order to reduce emissions and ignoring Euro 4 level. Drivers will also undertake Safed training to improve driving skills which reduce fuel consumption.

8. Training

Through guidelines and training, all employees will be encouraged to assist the company meet its environmental objectives.

Action: Support will be given to staff through appraisal meetings, training sessions, management mentoring, reassessment of working and driving methods, and through company-wide communications.

9. Suppliers and Customers

We will work with suppliers and our customers to reduce the environmental impact of products and transport services.

10. Communication

The environmental policy will be communicated to staff through: departmental meetings: driver meetings: newsletters: posters: internal mail: training sessions

11. Targets and Goals

The BCH targets and goals to improve environmental performance during 2007 are:

- (i) a green fleet review to reduce environmental impact and running costs: this will help assess the BCH carbon footprint and give measures against which to assess fuel economies
- (ii) a 10 percent reduction in energy costs over 2006 charges
- (iii) a 25% reduction in the use of paper compared with 2006
- (iv) 20% of drivers to have undertaken a course in safe and efficient driving, such as with SAFED or NVQ level 2.

12. Summary

At BCH Ltd we are aware that it is vital that we have a responsibility for implementing environmental friendly policies and promoting social responsibilities, in discussion with our employees. By taking action, company wide, we can encourage suppliers, partners and haulage business associates to do the same so that we leave a healthier environment for future generations.

Signed
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