

1 PART 1 – AN OVERVIEW

1.1 POLICY STATEMENT

Howarth Timber Engineering Ltd specialises in the design and development, manufacture and distribution of engineered timber components to the building and construction industry.

It is Company policy to produce and supply engineered timber components to a uniform and consistent standard within the technical requirements of the relevant parts of BS 5268 and BS EN 14250.

Howarth Timber Engineering Ltd will, wherever practical, source its wood and wood based products from suppliers who have Chain of Custody certification status specifying that timber is legally logged and from sustainable sources. The Company's senior management are committed to implement and maintain a Chain of Custody system that meets the requirements of the PEFC, SFC and Forest Product standards.

The Company have developed and implemented a quality management system (QMS) that meets the requirements of ISO 9001:2000 and as part of the QMS the Company's specific aims are to:

- 1) Consistently meet customer specifications and requirements
- 2) Provide on time deliveries
- 3) Provide accurate product information and technical support
- 4) Comply with all statutory regulations

The Company is committed to the continual improvement of the effectiveness of its quality management system. As part of its commitment to the continual improvement process it has established a framework for setting and reviewing quality objectives.

The Company's senior management are responsible for ensuring that this policy is understood, implemented and maintained at all levels of the organisation and that the personnel operate in accordance with the system and procedures described herein. The policy is reviewed by senior management, as a minimum, at the annual management review meeting.

Signed:



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Managing Director