

A.T. Alarms - Environmental Management System

This is the A.T. Alarms. Environmental Management System. It is a key component of the Companies Environmental Policy. It has been developed in order to identify, prioritise and implement initiatives that will deliver more sustainable ways of conducting the Companies activities.

The Companies has adopted the Environmental Management System and all staff are encouraged to participate in its initiatives to achieve success.



S. Abbott
Director

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Company adopted an Environmental Policy in 28 November 2009. The Policy is summarised by the Directors and to that end:

We will conduct our own activities and operations to reflect best environmental practice, implement an environmental management system to pursue sustainability and continuous improvement and seek innovative ways of meeting environmental objectives.

The Company has, for many years, been aware of the importance of delivering environmental improvements and already has a number of initiatives in place which have reduced the impact within the office and the workforce.

These initiatives have included:

- Reducing carbon emissions
- Segregation and recycling of waste
- Management of vehicles.

The Company now wishes to give greater impetus to its environmental policies, by enhancing its existing and bringing in new policies with a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to their development, and management.

These new policies will include:

- Compliance with new legislation, including the EC Directives. *The energy performance of the building and Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).*
- Purchasing goods and services in a sustainable manner.
- Reducing energy consumption.

This report provides details of the Environmental Management System (EMS) that is required to achieve the objectives of the companies Environmental Policy. The EMS will be the focus of all relevant work activities that have environmental effects; the summary of the companies environmental performance; will begin the programme to monitor targets for environment improvement.

2 Objectives

2.1 Environmental Policy

The objectives of the companies Environmental Policy may be summarised as:

- Reducing or minimising the effects of its operations on the environment; and
- to provide a framework for delivering new environmental opportunities.

These include compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and agreements. Purchase and use of resources and wastes/emissions will be reviewed and programmes developed, prioritised, approved and implemented to support continuous environmental improvement. These initiatives will build on existing good practices and, wherever possible, be in partnership with the companies suppliers and service providers

Furthermore the raising of awareness and integration of environmental management into training programmes will be an important part of creating an environmental culture within the company. Reporting on the companies progress and successes will be carried out internally.

2.2 Benefits

The EMS will set out a framework of initiatives to deliver environmental benefits. These will deliver a combination of financial benefits, improvements in quality of service. So the adoption of the EMS will improve the performance of the company and reduce its environmental impacts.

3 Management and review of activities and operations

A management structure will be established in the company to manage each of the key environmental activities. The Directors will have overall responsibility for environmental monitoring and each activity group will report to the Directors. Groups will be established for; Sustainable Buildings & Utilities, Waste Management & Recycling, Sustainable Purchasing and Transport.

Each group will carry out reviews of the companies activities in order to identify, understand and evaluate all the direct and indirect environmental aspects and effects, develop action plans & priorities and monitor progress. All potential impacts and likelihood of occurrence will be assessed using risk assessment methodologies. As part of the reviews improvements in efficiency and reductions in energy and resource consumption will be identified. These will include but not be limited to energy (electricity, heating and cooling), water, waste management & recycling.

Environmental Policy


A.T. Alarms recognises that its day-to-day operations and products have both a positive and negative impact on the environment. A.T. Alarms is fully committed to minimising the pollution and harmful effects of its actions and products wherever practicable.

A.T. Alarms is demonstrating its corporate commitment through an Environmental Management System and other environmental initiatives.

As a result A.T. Alarms by:

- Reviewing and understanding the environmental impact of our activities;
- Ensuring that we comply with and, where practical, exceed all applicable UK, European and international environmental legislation, and any other environmental requirements to which we subscribe;
- Setting environmental objectives and targets for activities having the most significant impact, which will take account of relevant UK 'Greening Government' targets, and defining means of achieving them which will improve our environmental management and performance;
- Reducing energy and resource consumption by implementing effective and efficient reduction methods consistent with best practice;
- Influencing and managing our suppliers and contractors to ensure that goods procured and services undertaken comply with our environmental policy;
- Where reasonably practicable, avoid the use of toxic and environmentally damaging materials;
- Preventing damage to the countryside resulting from the release of polluting substances;
- Minimising the generation of waste and implementing recycling initiatives;
- Reviewing policies and capital project appraisal processes to allow integration of environmental factors;
- Ensuring that this Policy is understood, implemented and maintained at all levels in the organisation and is supported by suitable education and training;
- Openly communicating our progress in reducing environmental impact to interested internal and external parties and responding appropriately to reasonable requests for information;
- Periodically reviewing this Policy to take account of changes in organisation, legislation, Government targets or other internal and external factors.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure its continuing effectiveness.

Signed: 

Director