

 **LRQA**
Business Assurance
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 Review 2010 (the Report) and forming part of the Travis Perkins plc Annual Report and Accounts 2010. The data and information concern 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, Benchmarx and Tile Giant. Travis Perkins plc owns 30% of Toolstation so data is included on this equity share basis in a separate section within the Report for the first time.

The Report excludes data and information associated with one franchise operated Wickes site in Ireland and five Toolstation franchise sites in the Netherlands. Travis Perkins plc acquired The BSS Group plc (BSS) in December, 2010. BSS data and information has not been included in the Report.

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 Report. Our verification only extended to the internal controls associated with the Travis Perkins plc environmental data and information, as presented in the Report.

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

LRQA 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 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 reasonable, 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 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 2010 Guidelines to Defra/DECC's GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting (Version 1.2.1, 06/10/2010).
- 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.
- The waste chart within the Travis Perkins plc 2009 Environmental Report incorrectly depicted the normalised waste recycled during 2009 due to a printer error. This has been corrected within the 2010 Report.
- The 2005 base year annual carbon dioxide emissions data is an estimate based upon financial information and not direct consumption data, unlike succeeding years.

Recommendations. 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.
3. Develop, establish and maintain a more comprehensive environmental reporting procedure.

For and on behalf of Lloyd's Register



Paul Jackson
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