



SUPPLIER COMMITMENTS: GUIDANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

# Natural Materials

**‘As a supplier, you commit to manage the extraction of any natural materials with care and consideration for local communities and the environment.’**

The extraction of natural materials is a temporary land use that can have major environmental and social impacts. Even in the best managed sites, some degree of disturbance is inevitable. However, companies can minimise their social and environmental impacts by operating with care and consideration for local communities and the environment.

- For the purposes of this policy, “natural materials” are defined as any freely-occurring material extracted from the environment, such as sand, aggregates, stone, clay, slate, gypsum etc.
- Examples of best practice in this area include:
  - Avoiding or minimising harm to the environment (air, water, land and communities).
  - Working with local communities and environment agencies.
  - Respecting the human rights and aspirations of affected communities.
  - Providing safe, healthy and respectful workplaces.
  - Complying with host country laws and permits.
  - Once extraction has finished, recycling or reusing the land through restoration to improve the environment and restore biodiversity.
- The Travis Perkins Group take our environmental and ethical responsibilities seriously. Our aim is to make sure the products we supply are traceable back to source and don't damage local communities or natural flora and fauna, both in the UK and across our global supply chain.

- We expect you to support us in this aim and undertake due diligence on your supply chain to make sure any material extraction linked to your products is carried out in line with our requirements and guidance.
- Examples of ways to demonstrate your compliance could include:
  - A documented policy statement published on a publicly-accessible website.
  - A review of water quality records.
  - Environmental impact assessments.
  - Membership of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI).
  - We'll monitor your compliance in this area through our online risk assessment. Where significant risk is identified, you may be required to supply further mitigating evidence.

## → Useful Links

- [The Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance \(IRMA\)](#)
- [Ethical Trading Initiative \(ETI\)](#)