

Environmental policy statement

Visser & Smit Bouw's aim is to keep its impact on the environment to a minimum, and to improve its performance in this regard. That is why we inform our staff, subcontractors, suppliers and clients about our environmental policy and communicate our wishes and requirements.

We clearly identify the impact that our operations, products and services have on our environment. We record this in QHSE (quality, health, safety and the environment) project plans. This gives us a written record that sets out what our environmental policy entails.

Visser & Smit Bouw's environmental policy focuses on enshrining 'environmentally oriented thinking and working' throughout our organisation. Improvements are implemented on an ongoing basis so that we can comply with legislation while meeting the requirements of our clients, our staff members and society as a whole.

The individuals assigned the various tasks, responsibilities and authorities for implementing our environmental policy are clearly designated within the organisation and for each project. We provide the resources necessary for meeting our wishes and requirements.

All our staff are aware of the importance of caring for the environment. Everyone knows what his/her role in this is and they all share their thoughts on how we can prevent incidents. Our management and QHSE division regularly evaluate our environmental policy and assess it internally. The purpose of these evaluations is to identify anomalies, to put forward improvements and then take the necessary corrective and preventive measures.

CO₂ performance ladder

We have been monitoring our energy consumption since 2009, and we have been working with clients and suppliers to reduce carbon emission throughout the chain. We do this by making smart choices when it comes to materials, structures, installations and construction methods. Together with VolkerWessels' building and property development sector, we use the CO₂ performance ladder as a tool to help our company reduce carbon emissions.

Considerate Builders

Visser & Smit Bouw is mindful of those in the surrounding area. Good communications and having a pleasant relationship with our neighbours and stakeholders are key to every project. Restricting inconvenience: that is our aim. And should anyone be inconvenienced, we will not hesitate to discuss the matter with those directly affected. Project teams register their projects with Considerate Builders, i.e. 'Bewuste Bouwers', showing their willingness to be good neighbours. The Considerate Builders code of conduct is the guiding principle in this. The construction sites who register their projects are committed to the five pillars of this code of conduct: awareness, safety, the environment, orderliness and being community-minded. The principles of the code of conduct focus on day-to-day practices at the construction site.

The Board declares that it is pursuing a transparent environmental policy, that it is committed to pursuing the objectives set out above, to encouraging the organisation to put the Environmental Policy into practice and to improving it whenever possible.

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