Procurement and Supply Chain Policy

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Policy

Posturite Ltd aims to act responsibly and professionally in all its commercial activities and in its relationship with its suppliers and customers. At all times we will act with integrity and aim to be fair, honest and open.

Our policy

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As a company we purchase goods and services from a wide variety of suppliers, from larger international organisations to specialist local suppliers, all over the world. This policy sets out certain minimum standards which we require our suppliers to meet, and these are clearly stated.

We recognise that there will be suppliers, in some countries, that will find it harder to meet the exacting standards expected of a larger international corporation. In those cases, we will expect such suppliers to meet the requirements of Posturite vendor audits and to demonstrate continuous improvement.

As a minimum, our procurement activity will comply with the relevant safety standards, codes of practice, company regulations and standards in the countries in which we operate and will reflect our ongoing commitment to sustainable and corporate responsibility.

Posturite buy direct from the manufactures as well as re-sellers, to maintain a robust supply chain, ensuring traceability and due diligence. This policy supports the assessment and evaluation of product, service and vendors against strict criteria including safety, sustainability, value, quality, operational requirements, environmental performance, ethical policy, specification, service level, ability to supply, responsiveness, customer focus and performance.

To ensure this policy is implemented throughout our company this policy is made available to all employees and interested parties.

During the procurement process, Posturite strive to achieve:

Value for money

All sourcing decisions for the company shall demonstrably provide value for money recognising that this does not mean just lowest price but shall take into account costs and benefits that are objectively measurable of the goods, services or works on a lifetime basis, including quality, delivery, maintenance, commercial obligations and risk.

Separation of duties

Procurement has overall responsibility for making sourcing decisions having obtained relevant input from manufacturing, IT, sales and financial teams. In addition, to protect the individual, as well as the Company, there shall be a three-way separation of procurement duties throughout the procurement process. One party shall source, one party action orders, and one party will oversee payment.

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Authority and Change Management

All those involved in the procurement process should be aware of the authority they are permitted to exercise and should not depart from it. The approval of all procurement transactions shall be in accordance with formal levels of delegated authority.

Principles of co-operation with vendors

Posturite aim to work collaboratively with suppliers in pursuit of standards. We welcome, rather than penalise suppliers who strive to identify activities that fall below these standards and work towards achieving improved practise. Focus attention on those parts of the supply chain where the risk of not meeting these standards is highest and where the maximum difference can be made with resources available.

Associated Policies are:

Sustainable Timber Procurement Policy Ethical Anti-bribery and Corruption FSC Policy Modern Day Slavery Conflict Minerals Sustainability Policy

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Issue	Change Detail	Date
1	Initial Issue	April 2016
2	Review	May 2017
3	Ref updates	Dec 2017
4	Compliance changes plus review	May 2018
5	Review	May 2019
6	Review	May 2020
7	Review	May 2021
8	Review	May 2022
9	Change of Leadership & Review	Jan 2023

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