

The top management team at James Hardie Building Products Inc. (**JHBP**), the leading U.S. supplier of fiber cement building products, is committed to improving the company's overall environmental performance.

We are committed to reducing harmful emissions and waste by-products from our manufacturing processes to a level below statutory requirements, thus contributing to safeguarding the environment for future generations while improving our own productivity and competitiveness.

JHBP will follow the principles set forth in the international standard ISO 14001 in the development and implementation of the company's environmental management system (**EMS**).

Our commitment to the environment wherever possible is to:

- Use renewable and recyclable resources;
- Conserve water, resources, and energy;
- Minimize waste by recycling process materials wherever possible; and,
- Protect the environment against pollution.

JHBP's environmental objectives specify that the company will strive to:

- Protect the environment, which is critical to the way we operate and do business;
- Continue to seek ways to efficiently use materials and energy and to reduce waste and emissions;
- Comply with regulatory standards concerning the environment;
- Ensure that our operating plants are permitted by Federal and State agencies, such as environmental protection agencies, and comply with their requirements for specific issues such as waste management, air emissions, effluent discharge, and stormwater run-off;
- continuously improve the effective use of natural resources and energy efficiency of our operations by setting objectives, targets, and programs for improvement;
- Regularly update the top management team on the company's environmental performance;
- make all employees aware of the principles contained in this Environmental Policy from induction and throughout their employment with JHBP

While we can directly control our own impact on the environment, we recognize that there are also indirect impacts from our suppliers. Although beyond our direct control, we strive to influence and ensure that our suppliers' environmental impact is minimized when working for JHBP by making them aware of our Environmental Policy and applicable procedures and requirements.

Our Environmental Policy is communicated to staff at all levels in JHBP, its subcontractors, customers, and will be displayed in appropriate locations and supplied to any other person upon request.