



**cos group**



# *Environmental Statement*

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## **Our Activities**

COS are valued suppliers to our customer base in the following product areas:

- Office Products and Stationery
- Computer Consumables
- Design, Print Management and Print
- IT and Audio-Visual Equipment
- Business Interiors – including fit-out, refurbishment and furniture
- Promotional Products

COS services approximately 1000 accounts each year, primarily in the south Wales area. We conduct between 3500 and 4500 deliveries each month using a fleet of VW panel vans and a Luton truck.

## **Environmental Priorities**

COS's policy is to conduct its business responsibly, with integrity, and with respect, for the interests of all those affected by our operations. We believe that our activities should generate economic benefits; create opportunities for an enhanced quality of life; respect the environment; and positively influence the communities in which we operate.

We aim to:

- Use energy, water and other natural resources efficiently, effectively and with care; minimise waste and recover or recycle it and finally, sustainably dispose of what is left.
- Limit light, noise, air, land and water pollution levels so as not to cause damage to existing natural systems.
- Value, protect and enhance the diversity of nature, local distinctiveness and cultural identity.
- Build long term relationships with our suppliers choosing as business partners those with standards and ethical practices compatible with our own.

Our specific objectives for 2011 are to:

- Improve overall energy efficiency and reduce our electricity usage by 2% through consumption analysis
- Reduce waste sent to landfill
- Green our supply chain
- Reduce our CO2 emissions by 2%
- Enact further pollution prevention measures
- Achieve ISO:14001

## **Environmental Performance**

The company has had no major environmental incidents and there have been no convictions under environmental legislation. In the last year we have:

- Improved recycling rates
- Installed PIR and timed lighting to reduce electricity usage
- Installed an electricity monitor and data logger to reduce consumption
- Limited speeding and idling through use of vehicle tracking
- Improved staff awareness of environmental issues
- Encouraged our clients to purchase green products

## **CO2 Emissions**

In 2010/2011 our CO2 emissions were:

Energy Use: 58,542kg

Transport: 153,303kg