

The Industrial Minerals Association Sustainable Development Charter



Industrial minerals play a vital and valuable part in human well-being, providing products that meet the needs of society today. To ensure that society's requirements can also be met in the future there must be access to and production of these essential minerals within a predictable, legal, competitive and land-use policy framework.

IMA's members recognise sustainable development as a vital objective for society and readily acknowledge their role in its achievement.

In striving to fulfil this mission and to take our industry forward in a sustainable way, we, as members of IMA-Europe, have agreed to work actively towards continuous improvement in economic, environmental and social performance. We will achieve this progressively by:

1. Integrating sustainable development considerations within member companies' decision-making processes.
2. Implementing ethical business practices and sound systems of governance.
3. Facilitating and encouraging responsible product and process design, use, re-use, recycling and disposal of our products.
4. Supporting the development and implementation of sound, scientifically based approaches to land use planning and conservation of biodiversity.
5. Seeking continual improvement in our health and safety and environmental performance.
6. Providing regular monitoring reports that verify progress on environmental, social, health and safety objectives including the Sustainable Development indicators contained in the EC voluntary scheme for our industry.
7. Working with our stakeholders including customers, suppliers, contractors, unions, NGOs and governments, towards achieving a balance of interests.
8. Contributing to the social, economic and institutional development of the communities in which member companies operate.