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The Hills Group adopts policy to ensure responsible sourcing

The Hills Group has committed to conducting its business in a transparent and ethical manner with the introduction of a Responsible Purchasing Policy.

Mike Hill, chief executive, said: “We believe that working with suppliers, contractors and business partners who hold the same attitude to business as ourselves enables us to maintain the current high standards we operate to.”

The Responsible Purchasing Policy also provides the framework for Hills to comply with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Details of new policy have been sent to all Hills’ suppliers who are requested in turn to confirm their compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 along with supporting the principles that Hills will apply when appointing contractors and business partners to work with and in selecting suppliers of goods and services.

Mike continues: “This new policy ensures that social, ethical and environmental considerations are incorporated into Hills’ future business decisions. It also commits us to minimising any negative impacts which may arise from our operations, and maximises benefits for the environment and local communities.”

The Responsible Purchasing Policy can be viewed at <http://www.hills-group.co.uk/about-us/policies>

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Notes to editors:

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 is one of the first of its kind in the world and was created to specifically address slavery and trafficking issues of the modern day.

The Act gives greater powers to law enforcement to punish slave-drivers and human traffickers, and also includes a provision to encourage businesses to make sure all their suppliers are slavery-free.

Established in 1900 The Hills Group Limited is a privately owned family company with a broad and successful portfolio of business activities which include recycling and waste management; quarrying of aggregates and production of ready-mixed concrete; and building new homes. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas. The Group has a turnover of £86 million and employs over 400 people at 28 sites.

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aims to ensure the people and organisations we work with share our own high standards of...

