

## Challenges:

**Measuring Carbon Footprint:** Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd is in the process of updating and aligning its current work practices with both ISO 9001:2015 Quality and ISO 14001:2015 Environmental standards. To aid this process, and utilizing the knowledge and experience gained over the past 20 years, the company is working with various heads of departments to draft their involvement in an auditable process.

Carbon Footprint Neutrality follows from this process. With previously collated data on Scopes 1, 2, and 3, Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd is well-positioned to achieve this goal soon with the aid of the Supply Chain Sustainability School. Scope 3 is achieved by collating all company mileage, travel, and expenses for all operatives, including any aviation travel, buses, trains, etc.

### Objectives already incorporated since September 2023 include:

**Offices:** Energy usage is managed through signage, toolbox talks (TBTs), and measured units. LED lighting has been installed, along with smart motion sensors to turn off lighting if not triggered over a fixed period.

**Sites:** Audits for both Quality and Health & Safety (H&S) are conducted on iPads with direct links to the company server for content and photographs.

**Vehicles:** A fleet of hybrid Toyota cars has been procured to improve fuel consumption and reduce environmental impact. Each vehicle driver completes an assessment of their driving capabilities and must comply with H&S, medical, and environmental requirements.

**Procurement:** In alignment with Kier site needs and sustainable impact, the buying team purchases materials, plant, machinery, and even subcontract labour locally where possible to reduce the carbon footprint.

**Sub-Contracting:** Labour is vetted through a subcontract agreement for all aspects of H&S, quality, qualifications, accident/incident history, locality, and insurance needs before offering a contract.

**Waste Management:** Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd only uses reputable, certified waste carriers that offer the correct level of compliance for its needs and legality. These carriers are vetted regularly to ensure they meet the company's due diligence requirements.

This process is supported by historical knowledge, practical application, and refresher training, which are all accessible through the School.

## Fact box



### Company

Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd

### No of employees

27

### HQ

Mandale Park, Durham

### Website

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### Services

Industrial Roof, Sheetting & Cladding, and Hot Melt Works

### About

Certa Roofing and Cladding Limited are a primary sub-contractor with a turnover of £20-25 million specialising in the design, supply and installation of roofing, cladding, rainscreens and architectural features.

We are accredited with ConstructionLine (Gold), Achilles, Chas, Considerate Constructors Scheme, NFRC are Safe Contractor Approved and carry £10million professional indemnity cover.

## Impact:

The Supply Chain Sustainability School has proven to be an invaluable resource for both refreshing and improving knowledge of sustainability, as well as providing guidance on where Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd needs to be and how to achieve it.

Some key areas that have been particularly helpful include:

**Sustainability Webinars:** Hosted by the school, these webinars cover topics such as responsible resourcing and Building Information Modelling (BIM).

**Modern Slavery, Equality & Diversity, Sustainability, Equal Opportunity & Occupational Health:** The school's resources on these topics have been instrumental in enhancing Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd's understanding and practices.

**Social Value:** The knowledge gained from the school's resources on the importance of social value has helped Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd recognize the extent of its contributions, from charitable events to sponsoring local youth sports teams, among other activities.

## Value gained:

**Networking Opportunities:** Membership in the Supply Chain Sustainability School has provided Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd with access to various webinars and training sessions. This has allowed the company to meet other members and enhance its standards through the knowledge gained from industry best practices.

**Competitiveness:** Participation in the Supply Chain Sustainability School has improved the company's competitiveness. Clients view Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd favourably, recognizing its dedication to enhancing business operations in areas that are increasingly important in a changing climate.

**Competencies:** As a member of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd has accessed a range of training courses and webinars. These educational resources have been utilized to upskill the company's compliance team, contributing to their Continuing Professional Development (CPD) portfolio for IOSH, IIRSM, IEMA, and other relevant certifications. The acquired knowledge is being incorporated into daily business operations through department heads, fostering a growth outlook for the future.

## Future proofing:

Although currently in the early stages, Certa Roofing & Cladding Ltd aims to achieve ISO 9001:2015 Quality and ISO 14001:2015 Environmental certifications by the end of 2024 to ensure future compliance. As previously mentioned, this will pave the way for more robust management systems in the fields of sustainability and carbon neutrality. Certa believes that ongoing collaboration with the Supply Chain Sustainability School will be instrumental in achieving this goal. The company's aim is to partner with the Supply Chain Sustainability School and, in turn, promote this partnership within its own supply chain.