



Consumption Data

As part of our commitment to the environment, we strive to reduce energy used, and the amount of waste material sent to landfill, in line with our Energy and Waste Minimisation policies.

It is our intention to regularly monitor and improve our environmental performance, through objectives and targets, and to publicly report relevant consumption data, as detailed below:

Energy

The company used electricity and gas as the main energy sources in 2014. In 2014, we used 71.54kWh of electricity/£1000 turnover (down 6.04% on 2013) and 45.46 kWh of gas/£1000 turnover, compared to 40.31 kWh/£1000 in 2013, which was due to the move to a larger facility. Overall energy usage in 2014 was 117.00 kWh/£1000, which was a marginal improvement over 117.01 kWh/£1000 in 2013.

Waste

We use recyclable packaging and endeavour to eliminate waste, where possible. Cardboard, paper, pallets, metals and electrical waste are all recycled by the company. General waste is sent for sorting and recycling by a registered waste carrier, with less than 5% going to landfill. In 2014, the company disposed of 4.15 kg/£1000 turnover of general waste, compared to 4.11 kg/£1000 turnover in 2013. We also recycled 17.25 tonnes of cardboard during this period. The increase in waste was due to the removal of building materials from the Old Belfast Road site.

Packaging

MSEL complies with the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland).

The company used 6.52 kg/£1000 turnover of packaging materials in 2014, compared to 6.63 kg/£1000 turnover in 2013. This reduction is due to the increased use of returnable and bulk packaging.

Water

Water consumption is generally low, but we endeavour to reduce usage, and recycle, where possible. Our water usage in 2014 was 0.135 units/£1000, compared to 0.102 units/£1000 in 2013. For 2015 we have increased efforts to re-use water further in our testing procedures, and expect to see an improvement going forwards.

Travel

While we endeavour to use electronic communications, video and conference calls, in line with our Travel Policy, it is not always possible to avoid travel.

Our business travel cost for 2014 was 1.11% of overall turnover, compared to 1.18% in 2013. We have introduced further video conferencing facilities with the aim of reducing this considerably for 2015.

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