

## Taking Action on Climate Change

Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time, affecting global agriculture and society through extreme weather events, water availability and the prevalence of pests and disease and their consequential impacts on livelihoods, infrastructure, social wellbeing and local economies.

As a leading supplier of bananas to multiple retail markets with supply chains extending from the UK to the tropics, we recognise the role our sector has to play in mitigating the impact of our operations and activities.

In our strategic review of risks we highlighted climate change as an area of key focus and in recognising the complexity of the issue we have sought to more clearly define our future goals and actions in this area.

### Commitment to Action

Our commitment in this area is focused on meeting the 2015 Paris Agreement goals of limiting global temperature increases to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels; preferably limiting this to 1.5°C and through supporting the UK's transition towards a net zero and low carbon economy.

### Our Foundation

In 2015 we reviewed the way in which we do business and determined that our Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission footprint for the group totalled 11,759 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. At this time, we operated from our base operations in Luton only.

As an SME subject to the UK Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) we are also required every four years to calculate and report on our group energy consumption. Data is collected annually to help feed into these assessments and our group figures are being calculated as part of the latest 2019 ESOS review.

It is acknowledged that the greatest proportion of our emissions are generated through distribution of our product to retailers using our in-house fleet, followed by electricity usage associated with product refrigeration.

### Our Development

To date, energy efficiency improvements have been a core focus for SH Pratt, with initiatives including:

- Air conditioning systems with 60% greater efficiency over standard DX units;
- Insulated self-contained ripening rooms to effectively control temperature;
- Power invertors fitted to internal door systems to reduce energy demand;
- Building Management System (BMS) for effective building energy management;
- LED lighting installations in operational areas;
- Fleet engine upgrades; and
- BREEAM Excellent and EPC 'A' rated building at Halo.



Our business has successfully grown over the past few years, with the introduction of the modern Kinship logistics fleet and development of our BREEAM Excellent / EPC 'A' rated Halo product handling facility at DP World London Gateway Logistics Park.

These developments challenge us to rethink the way in which we plan and report our future direction and approach to climate change and as part of internal activities in 2020 we are reviewing these options.

### **Our Future Direction**

Work has started within SH Pratt to redefine our approach to climate change. In 2020 we have committed to reviewing our current approach, and to align ourselves with best practice for the sector, in accordance with our wishes to demonstrate strong leadership in this area.

Our approach will focus on our operations, our suppliers and our customers and will incorporate elements of recommendations made by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and where appropriate will consider the use of Science Based Targets (SBTs) to also help inform direction.

SH Pratt will begin with a review of its organisational boundary and redefine its long term targets and KPIs, which will be underpinned by strong governance, strategy and risk management.

This approach will be shared across three core areas:

**Operations:** We will consider our use of natural resources and consumables and set targets for improvements in energy and resource efficiency.

**Suppliers:** We will seek further collaborations, helping to build on climate change programmes already supported by our certified Rainforest Alliance farm partners.

**Customers:** We will continue to work closely with our retail customers to help transition to a low carbon economy, to share best practice and identify opportunities for improvement.

### **Transparency and Reporting**

Communication remains an important factor in how we acknowledge and share our thoughts and action on climate change. To ensure that all of our partners and stakeholders are kept informed of developments in this area, we will commit to the public annual reporting of our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and performance.

### **Further Information**

If you would like to know more about our climate action commitments, please feel free to contact us at [info@shprattgroup.uk](mailto:info@shprattgroup.uk).