



Independent External Verification Statement

Hutton Stone

Stoneyard West Fishwick
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TD15 1XQ

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We are an independent provider of advice and has prepared this External Assurance Statement in accordance with Stone Federation GB Ethical Stone Register explicitly written to the ESR Standard.

Hutton Stone

Hutton Stone is classified as a Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME), as defined in the EU recommendation 2003/361, supplier of high quality natural stone to the trade and general public based in the Scottish Borders. Hutton Stone supplies the finest quality, natural and sustainable Sandstone for construction and refurbishment or refit projects. The company pride itself on being big enough to supply any project whatever its size, whilst being small enough to provide personalized customer service. The company has its own quarries, state of the art sawing and production equipment, a turnover of around £2,000,000 and 35 friendly and highly skilled staff.

Main Services

As well as the services listed below the company offers a solution to most stone related problems or enquiries.

- Banker Masonry
- Carving
- Paving & Flooring
- Restoration & Surface Dressings
- Walling
- Fireplaces
- Professional Delivery
- Design and Advice Service
- Contract Sawing
- Block and Slab Supply

1 Scope

In preparing this statement, Anthesis followed an evidence-based process comprising of the steps below

1. Pre-assessment
2. Site audit
3. Evidence reviews
4. Verification statement

The external, independent verification statement has adhered to the Stone Federation Great Britain Ethical Stone Register. The results are summarised in a tabular form in Summary Verification Table in Appendix A.

Stone Federation Great Britain is the official trade association for the natural stone industry and provides architects, designers, specifiers, clients and the wider construction industry with a comprehensive source point for all thing stone. With over 100 years' experience and a membership made up of both the most well established and widely respected names in the industry, alongside the most innovative and creative of natural stone firms, we are well placed to resource clients. The federation can help from project conception right through to the end and beyond, covering everything from stone selection through to finding a stone professional and from technical advice through to training. Stone_Federation liaises with Government regarding training, health & safety and technical legislation. Federation members have to meet a high standard across a range of criteria in order to be approved for membership.

The Ethical Stone Register is a unique resource created specifically for the natural stone industry, in response to The Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the issues of sourcing materials responsibly. The project will allow Stone Federation members, whatever their size, to offer a responsible and manageable ethical sourcing solution to their clients. There are three tiers of membership of the Register; Declaration, Verification and Accreditation.

This report is for a **Verification** level. At this tier, the claims made by a company at the Declaration level are externally verified. The initial verification will be for the company rather than each material they supply, however, they may choose to have some or all of their stones included at Verification level. This would involve an independent auditor assessing the journey of the material and ensuring that the responsible and ethical sourcing criteria are met the whole way along the supply chain. Only verified stones will appear on the Register itself.

Timeline

The project has reviewed data for 2016-2017 and the site visit was conducted in February 2017. This project was undertaken as the first pilot case study for Ethical Stone Register. Annual verifications 1 and 2 are due in November 2018 and 2019.

2 Results

Pre-assessment evidence submission identified significant gaps in terms of quality management system principles. This is particularly with regard to formalisation of processes, structure procedures, responsibility and regular reviews. During the pilot case study, Hutton Stone continuously strived to improve efficiencies in procurement, validate social impacts and address environmental impact in a compressive manner. This allowed for comparison, benchmarking and continuous improvement.

Hutton stone's strategy is to continue to invest in the data gathering and management tools to ensure that data sets and information is reliable. Action plans for the requirements on the Ethical Stone Register were prepared and will be reviewed in a year time. There were no Major or Minor Corrective Actions Requests raised but a set of recommendations were provided in terms of the design of management system processes, monitoring, and communication to stakeholders and suppliers.

Appendix A: Summary Verification Table

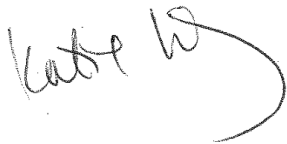
Ethical Stone Register Verified Level - Summary Verification Table

Scope: Company and all products

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Criteria	Details	Results
Sustainability and responsible sourcing commitment	Including formalisation and practical implementation	✓
Health and Safety performance commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Legal requirements applicable to activities commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation and continuous monitoring	✓
Responsible procurement commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Supply chain review commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, evidence dataset, monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Greenhouse Gas emissions commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Energy use commitment	Including formalised, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Transport impacts commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Waste impact commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Natural resources use impacts commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Water use impacts commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, continuous monitoring and benchmarking	✓
Commitment to staff training, diversity and inclusion	Including formalisation, practical implementation, assessment and continuous monitoring	✓
Anticorruption and antibribery commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, assessment and continuous monitoring	✓
Local community engagement commitment	Including formalisation, practical implementation, assessment and continuous monitoring	✓

