

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Moelven takes environmental responsibility through sustainable and long term usage of renewable resources. Our aim is continuous environmental improvement in our projects, products and services. We actively seek and pursue possibilities to reduce negative environmental impacts, in a long term perspective.

Moelven shall conduct its business practices in compliance with all relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Moelven shall work towards a sustainable social development, and also strives to secure a continuous improvement and positive impact on all environmental aspects.

Moelven use, to the extent it is possible, only natural raw materials coming from the forest. We assess the environmental impacts on all products going into the building process and other areas of consumption of our products.

Through certified raw material procurement practices, Moelven ensure traceability and compliance with responsible forestry principles.

Moelven takes environmental responsibility for its influence on air, earth and water qualities, and work continuously to protect the environment in general.

Raw Materials and Products

- Moelven will maintain and further develop its systems for certified raw material by maximizing the use of certified logs.
- The use of raw material is minimized by optimizing yields in the production processes, and also through extensive use of all by-products.
- Raw material shall not be sourced from illegal harvesting, not from forests with high conservation values or from harvesting in violence to traditional and civil rights. Further, raw material shall not be sourced from genetically modified forest stands, or from forests being converted to plantations or other non-forest use.
- A careful consideration of environmental aspects will always be done prior to the signing of procurement contracts.

Transportation

- Moelven shall minimize negative effects on our surroundings (noise, dust and emissions) from heavy vehicles transporting to and from our plants, by using environmentally classified vehicles, certified to a minimum of the standard EURO-5, or preferably EURO-6. We shall also strive to use transport companies who comply with these standards.
- We shall minimize the environmental impact from transportation by coordinating and optimizing the transportation to and from our plants.

Energy

- A minimum of 95% of our energy consumption for heating our production plants and drying the timber products to the proper moisture content shall be sourced from our internally produced bio-energy, based on by-products from the timber and wood industries.
- Moelven shall take an active part in the technological and market related development of the bio-energy sector and in addition continuously consider alternative energy sources for the parts of the business that still are dependent on non-renewable energy.

Chemicals, Oils and Glues

- Moelven shall minimize the impact on soil and water by using environmental-friendly products to the highest degree possible.
- Products not meeting these criteria shall be stored separately, and secured in a documented manner to avoid risks of leakage or similar unwanted incidents.

Discharges to Soil and Water

- All water in and out of our plant areas shall be approved by relevant authorities. Waste water from log yards shall be recycled to the extent possible.
- Moelven shall see to it that storage of bark and waste in all forms only shall be allowed in authorized storage facilities, and documentation of compliance shall be available.
- All laws and regulations concerning this field shall be adhered to.
- Our contingency plans shall include instructions to minimize potential negative effects from unexpected and unwanted factory effluents.

Emmissions to Air

- Moelven shall reduce emissions of gas substances such as NO_x, SO_x and CO₂ from our boilers, in line with actual registrations and monitored technical values of these substances.
- CO₂ registered values shall be an integral part of Moelven's Annual Report.
- Dust dispersion throughout our production processes shall be at minimum levels.

Noise

- Maximum noise levels for each plant and each production unit shall be defined, and measures to secure compliance shall be taken.

Waste

- Moelven will, to the extent viable, sort and recycle all waste material deriving from our production, and the level of waste products will be monitored and related to the actual output of final marketable products.
- Moelven will strive to minimize waste volumes to be handled by special depos.

Soil Pollution

- Potentially polluted areas at sites are to be identified, investigated and restored as required in connection with re-use, rebuilding or closing down. All objects classified by the authorities as potentially polluted shall be identified. A plan is to be drafted based on risk classification and existing information, for further investigations and clean-up measures if required. Funds to this end will be earmarked in future budgets.

Employees – Know-How and Communication

- Moelven employees shall be continuously updated on new knowledge, new technical information and new products within the field of potential environmental challenges, responsibilities and also be informed on possible actions to improve practices.
- Moelven shall involve and educate all employees in our environmental engagement, and see to it that Moelven actively shall communicate with authorities and other relevant stakeholders.

Moelven shall actively support external environmental projects, relevant to Moelven as a company, and to society at large.