

## **ISG Limited**

(and subsidiary companies as detailed below)

# Carbon Reduction Plan 2022









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# Climate Change and Carbon Policy

In 2021 we published our net gain strategy and series of policy statements that describe ISG's stance on sustainability, the environment, procurement and the use of materials, products, and components / systems. Specifically, in regard to carbon, we published our Climate Change and Carbon Policy that outlines our commitment towards a net zero carbon built environment, specifically aiming to:

- Take a whole-life view of carbon in the projects we deliver.
- Deliver fossil fuel free construction operations, while optimising energy use on sites.
- Support our clients to operate net zero carbon buildings.
- Take a holistic view of sustainability through our delivery, balancing the drive to a low-carbon economy with that of both circular principles and delivering real social value.

#### We are committed to:

- Targeting net zero carbon in our operations by 2030.
- Developing and introducing an internal carbon fund to be paid into by ISG's business units and implemented from 2024 onwards.
- Utilising money raised through our internal tax fund to invest in the research and development (R&D)
  of low-carbon technologies and methods of construction.
- Collaborating with our supply chain and innovative organisations to support the uptake of new low-carbon technologies in the construction industry.
- Developing a strategy to measure and reduce embodied carbon through the projects we deliver.
- Creating an aftercare service and app to support our clients in operating their assets in line with the original design intent.
- Developing and delivering carbon literacy training to all ISG employees, thereby working to integrate carbon reduction into the decision-making processes of our workforce.
- Utilising our experience to influence and support our clients in delivering a net zero carbon built environment, striving for earlier engagement to maximise the opportunities to reduce embodied, construction and operational carbon.
- Identifying and ensuring compliance with relevant low-carbon planning requirements at national, regional and city level, and influencing industry best practice to ensure we are continually showing leadership and therefore driving revolutionary change.

This plan covers our carbon reduction strategy across 4 key service areas at ISG and the associated legal entities they trade through, being:

- ISG Fit Out Limited
- ISG Construction Limited

- ISG Engineering Services Limited
- ISG Retail Limited

## **Baseline Emissions - 2019**

ISG takes the financial control approach to the consolidation of its organisational boundary. ISG leases (operating leases) all its offices and equipment except for a small number of owned cars. According to the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard on the categorisation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with leased assets, emissions from leased assets which have operating leases, not finance/capital leases, should be categorised as scope 3 under the financial control approach. As such the only scope 1 emissions in the ISG footprint are emissions from a small number of owned cars and under this approach ISG does not have any scope 2 emissions.

This approach has been influenced by our formation initially as a fit out contractor, where electricity supplies on site are provided by our clients, but we recognise the need to capture a greater sphere of influence in terms of our carbon footprint. Initial plans were set out to capture our emissions in line with an operational control approach using 2020 as our new baseline. Unfortunately, with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, this exercise has been put on hold until we transition to our 'new' normal way of operating and plan to re-baseline our carbon footprint across a broader set of scopes in 2022.

However, for information and in line with the 2022 baselining exercise set out above, we have split out the equity share of our emissions during the base year and in our current reporting year in line with an operational control approach. The table on the next page sets out where ISG currently are in terms of reporting against the minimum emission scopes set out in PPN 06/21 and our plans to integrate further datasets across 2022/23.

Scope	PPN 06/21	Current Reporting Status	Year for inclusion
Scope 1	<b>✓</b>	Included within current report	Included
Scope 2	<b>√</b>	Included within current report	Included
Scope 3 – Upstream transportation and distribution	<b>*</b>	Emissions from the transportation and distribution of products purchased by ISG between its Tier 1 suppliers and its own operations (in vehicles and facilities not owned or controlled by ISG) are relevant because they contribute significantly to our total anticipated scope 3 emissions. In the past we calculated these emissions using data for six key BREEAM projects and then extrapolating this based on revenue.  However, during recent annual GHG calculations we excluded this given the extrapolation exercise was causing large fluctuations of scope 3 emissions; However, due to the relevance of this measure, we are committed to implement procedures to monitor these emissions in our 2023 reporting year.	2023
Scope 3 – Waste generated in operations	<b>~</b>	Included within current report	Included
Scope 3 - Business travel	<b>*</b>	Historically we have collected and reported emissions associated with business travel undertaken via car. After a move to a new travel booking service in 2021, we are reporting carbon emissions associated with car, trains, flights and ferries for business as of 2021.	Included
Scope 3 – Employee commuting	<b>~</b>	We have established a new reporting procedure in line with GHG Protocol Corporate Standard to capture employee commuting emissions in 2021.	Included
Scope 3 – Downstream transportation and distribution	<b>~</b>	n/a – not applicable to our operations as we do not transport and distribute any products from our services.	
Scope 3 - Water		We capture volumes of water used across our projects in most cases, but not all. As part of our new Environmental Management Policy, we are recording water use across our operations more consistently from 2022 onwards and will capture emissions associated in future revisions of this plan.	2022/23
Scope 3 – Supply Chain fuel use		This is a source of emissions that we capture across many of our projects, but not consistently across all of them. We have put new reporting procedures in place this year and will capture a full year's data to support our new 2023 baseline.	2023

The table below set out the baseline emissions split across our business units, from an operational control approach, in tonnes CO2e.

#### **Operational Control Approach**

Scope	Construction	Fit Out	Retail	Engineering	Total
Scope 1	1,938	837	1,872	3,194	7,841
Scope 2 (Market Based)	270	936	389	120	1,714
Scope 3 – Upstream transportation and distribution	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Waste generated in operations	275	75	16	78	443
Scope 3 - Business travel	1,298	98	662	343	2,401
Scope 3 – Employee commuting	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Downstream transportation and distribution	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 - Water	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Supply Chain fuel use	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Fuel- and energy-related activities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	3,780	1,947	2,939	3,734	12,401

## **Current Years Emissions - 2022**

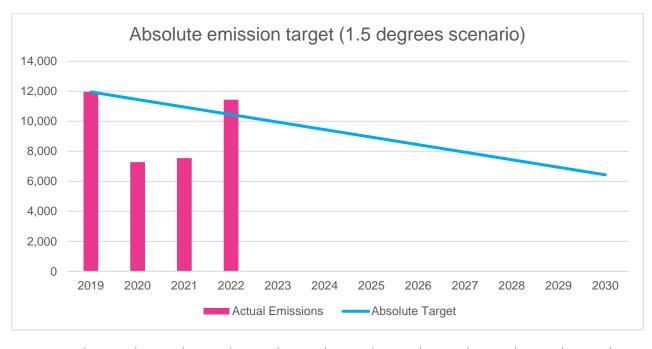
#### **Operational Control Approach**

Scope	Construction	Fit Out	Retail	Engineering	Total
Scope 1	1,145	214	5,214	6	6,580
Scope 2 (Market Based)	486	197	92	1,659	2,433
Scope 3 – Upstream transportation and distribution	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Waste generated in operations	495	92	129	135	851
Scope 3 - Business travel	1,823	257	1,171	611	3,862
Scope 3 – Employee commuting	1,167	1,004	983	583	3,737
Scope 3 – Downstream transportation and distribution	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 - Water	53	9	53	4	119
Scope 3 – Supply Chain fuel use	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scope 3 – Fuel- and energy-related activities	65	8	14	39	127
Total	5,234	1,781	7,656	3,037	17,709

For calculating the carbon emissions reported, we used the internationally recognised Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard from the World Resources Institute and World Business Council for Sustainable Development, known as the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard. Our figures have undergone independent third-party verification (limited assurance).

# **Carbon Reduction Targets**

As noted in the baseline emissions section of this plan, we have taken the data collected under a financial control approach and aligned it with our plans to move to an operational control approach, targeting reductions based upon a 2022 baseline. Given the timeframes involved for this new baseline, we have used our 2019 baseline to set targets for 2022 operations and have realigned the scopes as if they were reported under an operational control approach. In doing this, it allows us to model a reduction trajectory and set targets in line with science-based methodologies. The graph and tables below set out year on year targets for our emission in line with this approach.



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Absolute Target	11,957	11,455	10,953	10,450	9,948	9,446	8,944	8,442	7,939	7,437	6,935	6,433
% Reduction	0%	-4%	-8%	-13%	-17%	-21%	-25%	-29%	-34%	-38%	-42%	-46%
Actual Emissions	11,957	7,281	7,548	11,436								
Actual Reduction	0%	-39%	-37%	-4%								

Progress against our carbon reduction targets stalled in 2022, resulting in reduction against baseline but missing our target. In 2022, measures to help us reduce emissions across our projects included:

- Our hybrid working policy, which has led to lower energy consumption at offices and sites.
- An increased proportion of larger, higher-value, longer-duration projects has

- resulted in:
  - Faster connection to grid energy and reduced reliance on diesel-powered site generators / plant.
  - More delivery staff dedicated to single sites rather than travelling to multiple projects.
- Increased use of hybrid / electric plant and machinery on sites.
- Incorporating renewable technologies for temporary power on project sites.
- Increased use of fuels from renewable feedstocks such as hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO).
- Continued procurement of renewable grid energy.

Despite this, we ended the year with increased carbon emissions in comparison to 2021. This increase can be attributed to two key factors:

- An increased workload across our logistics and distribution business. A greater proportion of largescale projects in more rural locations has provided challenges in terms of grid connections and the use of Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGO) backed renewable tariffs through the construction phase. These large-scale projects have therefore had a greater reliance on generators and liquid fuel to power operations, which ultimately has increased our scope 1 footprint.
- 2. A large-scale warehouse and factory project in Europe. As the project entered its commissioning phase in 2022, the energy required to commission a building of this type resulted in an increase to our scope 2 footprint. This was augmented by site location environmental factors and ensuring welfare standards relating to heating were met for a large workforce during construction.

In both cases, the changing nature of our portfolio in comparison to that of our 2019 footprint has resulted in more power-hungry projects in more-challenging locations.

Regarding scope 3 emissions reduction targets, we will be setting targets against a wider boundary once our new 2023 baseline has been recorded. For transparency the scopes below have been covered within our current targets:

Electricity – Directly purchased by ISG	Scope 2
Gaseous fuels - Directly purchased by ISG	Scope 1
Liquid fuel - Directly purchased by ISG	Scope 1
Business Travel - Mileage ISG Owned	Scope 1
Business Travel - Mileage ISG Leased	Scope 1
Business Travel - Mileage Employee-vehicles	Scope 3
F-Gas	Scope 1

### **Carbon Reduction Initiatives**

#### **Carbon Reduction Activities**

- 100% REGO backed electricity supplies to site and offices where ISG are procuring
- Energy efficient site accommodation
- LED temporary lighting used across construction sites
- Further use of electric plant on sites
- Expansion of our use of HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) fuel across construction projects as a transition fuel on route to all electric construction delivery
- Use of solar pods and batteries for site temporary power needs
- Embedding circular economy principles in our delivery, in turn reducing waste created across our projects

#### **Certification and process improvement**

- Planet Mark certification and assessment continues on an annual basis
- Independent verification of our emission annually by Achilles
- Voluntary submission to CDP on an annual basis, also completing supply chain modules for clients
- Sponsor and participate in the UK Green Building Council (UKGBC) Advancing Net Zero Programme
- Ongoing participation on the London Business Climate Leaders Forum
- Greater focus given to sustainability within supply chain forums
- Recruitment of a supply chain sustainability manager to embed sustainability requirements across our supply chain and foster greater collaboration on carbon reduction activities in supply chain delivery
- Carbon literacy training for all parts of the business to be developed and rolled out in 2023/24
- Expanding sub-metering strategies across projects, to capture more granular data and target reduction initiatives at high usage activities





We are Planet Mark certified for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running and have obtained CDP score of B through our voluntary submission again in 2022

# Sign Off

This carbon reduction plan has been reviewed by the company board of Directors. Their approval has been given to it being published on the ISG website.

For and on behalf of ISG Limited

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COO 18 July 2023

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