

Case Study: Bridon works out its exposure to CRC reporting

Determining whether or not your company is within the scope of the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) can be a complex task.

Background

Doncaster-based EEF member, steel wire and rope manufacturer Bridon International, wanted to establish their status with respect to CRC. The company are based across six sites in the UK and are owned by the Melrose group.

“It’s important to know how you stand with the various schemes and where your obligation lies,” said David Lee, Environmental Manager at Bridon.

He asked our climate and environment team to conduct our CRC readiness assessment, a service designed to help members quantify their obligations under the scheme and form the basis for establishing a clear plan of action. A site visit was arranged to the main manufacturing site in Doncaster.

Prior to the visit a detailed agenda was sent through, which listed out the information that would be required on the day. The first step was then to review organisational scope and boundaries including a review of the company legal structure, geographic locations within the UK and landlord/tenant arrangements. This confirmed that Bridon International would form a primary subsidiary under the scheme rules and that the entire Melrose group would fall under the CRC.

Issues

The site had a number of specific complexities, including landlord/tenant arrangements, on-selling of electricity and a Climate Change Agreement covering part of the manufacturing process. From a detailed review of the site’s comprehensive energy monitoring systems, Climate Change Agreement documentation, lease agreements and energy contracts in place for the other sites and full report was prepared.

Benefits:

The report provided confirmation that the company itself would qualify as a primary subsidiary but would be excluded from the need to purchase allowances, based upon the Climate Change Agreement.

More importantly it was confirmed that the CRC would apply to the highest parent organisation and that action was required at group level. Based upon this visit a subsequent workshop has been run for the entire group, representing over 12 companies and 20 locations, to help them develop an appropriate strategy.

Further Information:

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