# Howarth Timber Group Retirement and Death Benefits Plan

# Implementation Statement

#### Introduction

This Implementation Statement covers the period 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2021 and has been prepared by the Trustees of the Howarth Timber Group Retirement and Death Benefits Plan (the "Plan") to set out:

- How the Trustees' policies on stewardship and engagement have been followed.
- The voting behaviour of the Trustees, or that undertaken on their behalf.

#### Statement of Investment Principles ("SIP")

The Trustees' policies on stewardship and engagement are included in the Plan's SIP, which is available on request. The SIP has been reviewed by the Trustees during the period.

#### How voting and engagement policies have been followed

The Plan invests entirely in pooled funds, and as such delegates responsibility for carrying out voting and engagement activities to the Plan's fund managers. The Trustees have taken into consideration the Financial Reporting Council's UK Stewardship Code. However, the Trustees cannot usually directly influence the managers' policies on the exercise of investment rights where the Trustees hold assets in pooled funds. This is due to the nature of these investments. The Trustees receive reporting on the voting and engagement policies of the fund managers and consider these as part of manager appointment and review processes.

The Trustees believe that Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors are financially material – that is, they have the potential to impact the value of the investments from time to time.

The Trustees consider it to be part of their investment managers' roles to assess and monitor how the companies in which they are investing are managing developments in ESG related issues, and in particular climate risk, across the relevant parts of the capital structure for each of the companies in which the managers invest on behalf of the Plan.

The Trustees have received information from the Investment managers on their voting behaviours, stewardship and engagement activities during the period of this Implementation Statement. Information provided can be accessed from the Company's website.

The Trustees were satisfied that the managers' policies were reasonable and no further remedial action was required during the period. Having reviewed the above in accordance with their policies, the Trustees are comfortable the actions of the investment managers are in alignment with the Plan's stewardship policies.

#### **Data limitations**

Where information is not included in this statement, it has been requested but has not been provided in a useable format or at all by the investment manager. The Trustees are in discussion with the managers around how this data will be provided for future statements.

#### Statement of compliance with Regulations

Over the period, the Trustees are pleased to report that they have in their opinion adhered to the policies set out in their SIP and have complied with the Regulations.

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# **Key ESG metrics**

Carbon emissions	Carbon reserves		Green	revenues <sup>iv</sup>		
143	3,97			2.32%	<b>Fund</b> <b>Fund s</b> £4,212.4	ize
Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> per \$1 million revenue <sup>i</sup> Eligibility <sup>iii</sup> : 98.18%	Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> per \$1 r of market cap <sup>ii</sup>	nillion				aunch date mber 2001
Coverage <sup>iii</sup> : 95.79%					Base c	urrency
Voting				solutions where nanagement	Domic	i <b>le</b> Kingdom
5,971	3	1,772	No. of re	esolutions where list management		<b>tory status</b> ked Life ce
How many meetings were you vote at over the year to 30/06/		)		olutions on which yo d you vote against m		16.48%
How many resolutions were yo to vote on over the year to 30/		2		olutions on which yo d you abstain from?	u voted,	0.14%
What % of resolutions did you which you were eligible?	vote on for <b>99.94</b>	%		of meetings, for whic you vote at least once nent?		68.31%
Of the resolutions on which yo what % did you vote with mana		%	did vote, c	f resolutions, on whic lid you vote contrary ndation of your proxy e)	to the	11.25%
Engagement (12 mon	th period) <sup>v</sup>	Numb	per of engag	gements on:		
810	57%		333	247	408	209
Total number of of f engagements	und market cap engaged		ronmental topics	Social topics	Governance topics	Other topics (e.g. financial and

Top five engagement topics:



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227 engagements Remuneration



Transparency

Company Climate Change Disclosure &

85 engagements



85 engagements LGIM ESG Score



strategy)

# Fund trends (%)

	1m	3m	6m	1yr
Carbon emissions	-1.60	-2.49	-1.25	-
Carbon reserves	-0.09	1.79	11.78	-





### Fund breakdown Carbon emissions

## Regions (%)

UK	39.7
Europe ex-UK	23.8
North America	18.3
Emerging markets	7.3
Japan	6.4
Asia Pacific ex-Japan	4.4



#### Sectors (%)

Basic Materials	28.7
Utilities	23.5
Industrial	16.7
Energy	9.6
Consumer, Non-cyclical	7.0
Consumer, Cyclical	6.5
Financial	3.1
Technology	3.0
Communications	1.6
■ Other	0.3

#### **ISIN rank**

Ŷ	ISIN name	% of total emissions
1	RIO TINTO PLC	6.95
2	CRH PLC	5.34
3	ANGLO AMERICAN PLC	3.14
4	BHP GROUP PLC	2.56
5	SSE PLC	2.36
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# Fund breakdown Carbon reserves

# Regions (%)

UK	89.0
Europe ex-UK	3.5
Asia Pacific ex-Japan	3.1
North America	3.0
Japan	0.9
Emerging markets	0.5



## Sectors (%)

Basic Materials	67.6
Energy	31.8
Consumer, Cyclical	0.4
Utilities	0.2
■ Financial	0.1

## **ISIN rank**

₽	ISIN name	% of total reserves
1	GLENCORE PLC	31.00
2	BP PLC	15.91
3	BHP GROUP PLC	14.00
4	EVRAZ PLC	10.06
5	ANGLO AMERICAN PLC	9.08
€	ISIN name	% of total reserves
<b>1</b> 60	ISIN name SSE PLC	
<b>1</b> 60 59		reserves
	SSE PLC	<b>reserves</b> 0.00
59	SSE PLC UNITED ENERGY GROUP LTD	0.00 0.00

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i. Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2 e) is a standard unit to compare the emissions of different greenhouse gases. The choice of this metric follows best practice recommendations from the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures. Data on carbon emissions from a company's operations and purchased energy is used.

ii. The carbon reserves intensity of a company captures the relationship between the carbon reserves the company owns and its market capitalisation. The carbon reserves intensity of the overall fund reflects the relative weights of the different companies in the fund.

iii. Eligibility % represents the % of the securities in the fund which are eligible for reporting (currently cash deposits, derivative and government bonds are ineligible for carbon reporting) and the Coverage % represents the coverage of those assets with carbon scores.

iv. Green revenues % represents the proportion of revenues derived from low-carbon products and services associated with the fund, from the companies in the fund that have disclosed this as a separate data point.

v. Engagement figures do not include data on engagement activities with national or local governments, government related issuers, or similar international bodies with the power to issue debt securities.

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# World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund - ESG Report

# **Key ESG metrics**

Carbon emissions	Carbon reserves	Green revenues <sup>iv</sup>	
			Fund facts
389	12,807	<b>5.77%</b>	<b>Fund size</b> £8,342.1m
Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> per \$1 million revenue <sup>i</sup>	Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> per \$1 million of market cap <sup>ii</sup>		Fund launch date
Eligibility <sup>iii</sup> : 99.49% Coverage <sup>iii</sup> : 97.14%			Base currency GBP
Voting		<ul> <li>No. of resolutions where supported management</li> </ul>	Domicile United Kingdom
5,475	29,380	<ul> <li>No. of resolutions where voted against management (including abstentions)</li> </ul>	<b>Regulatory status</b> Unit-Linked Life Insurance
How many meetings were you vote at over the year to 30/06/		Of the resolutions on which you vote what % did you vote against manage	
How many resolutions were yo to vote on over the year to 30/		Of the resolutions on which you vote what % did you abstain from?	<sup>d,</sup> <b>1.84%</b>
What % of resolutions did you which you were eligible?	vote on for <b>99.79%</b>	In what % of meetings, for which you vote, did you vote at least once again management?	
Of the resolutions on which yo what % did you vote with mana		What % of resolutions, on which you did vote, did you vote contrary to the recommendation of your proxy advis applicable)	er? (if <b>5.72%</b>

# Fund trends (%)

	1m	3m	6m	1yr
Carbon emissions	-0.36	1.29	8.53	-
Carbon reserves	5.17	9.43	18.25	-





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Fund breakdown Carbon emissions

### Countries (%)

۲	India	23.2
\$	Hong Kong	17.5
	Taiwan	13.2
*	China	6.2
6	Brazil	5.8
83838 	Saudi Arabia	5.3
	Russia	4.7
$\triangleright$	South Africa	4.6
	Thailand	4.5
	Other	15.0



## Sectors (%)

Industrial	23.6
Basic Materials	23.1
Utilities	22.9
Energy	14.8
Technology	5.9
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.2
Consumer, Cyclical	2.5
Communications	2.0
Financial	1.1
■ Other	0.9

#### **ISIN rank**

Ŷ		% of total missions
1	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFA	C 4.46
2	NTPC LTD	4.28
3	ULTRATECH CEMENT LTD	3.60
4	TAIWAN CEMENT	2.57
5	GAZPROM PJSC-SPON ADR	2.33
ᠿ		% of total missions
1819	9 SBERBANK PJSC -SPONSORED ADR	0.00
1818	8 CHENG UEI PRECISION INDUSTRY	0.00
181	7 THANACHART CAPITAL-FOREIGN	0.00
1816	6 KASIKORNBANK PCL-NVDR	0.00



# Fund breakdown Carbon reserves

#### Countries (%)

	United States	35.3
	Russia	24.3
	South Africa	9.9
•	India	9.6
6	Brazil	6.6
*	China	5.6
\$	Hong Kong	4.6
$\bigcirc$	Indonesia	2.5
	Thailand	1.5
	Other	0.3



# Sectors (%)

Energy	86.1
Consumer, Cyclical	8.9
Basic Materials	4.8
<ul> <li>Utilities</li> </ul>	0.3

#### **ISIN rank**

₽	ISIN name	% of total reserves
1	GAZPROM PJSC-SPON ADR	34.15
2	GAZPROM PJSC	9.96
3	ADANI ENTERPRISES LTD	8.85
4	EXXARO RESOURCES LTD	8.05
5	ROSNEFT OIL CO PJSC	4.92
ᠿ	ISIN name	% of total reserves
<b>1</b>	ISIN name RELIANCE INDS-SPONS GDR 144A	
<b>1</b> 57 56		reserves
	RELIANCE INDS-SPONS GDR 144A	<b>reserves</b> 0.00
56	RELIANCE INDS-SPONS GDR 144A PTT EXPLOR & PROD PCL-NVDR	0.00 0.00

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