# SUSTAINADE HORIZONS: Integral Cradles Roadmap to Net Zero IntegralCradles GIND UK DESIGN • MANUFACTURE • INSTALLATION • MAINTENANCE

#### Introduction

For over 20 years, Integral Cradles has been at the forefront of the building access industry, shaping skylines and building sustainable façade access solutions that help our clients maintain their high-rise properties. We recognise the urgent need to address climate change and reduce our industry's carbon footprint.

It is a shocking statistic that around 40% of man-made global carbon emissions come from construction and operation of buildings. And while efforts are being made to reduce carbon emissions worldwide and the global net zero target of 2050 seems far away, the time for us to change the course of its direction is now.

Steps have already been taken to reduce carbon footprint but what we've achieved isn't enough. We must change the way in which we build, refurbish, operate and dispose of our equipment. As an industry, we need to come together to develop new technologies, share learnings and implement better solutions. Collaboration is needed to make change happen on the scale required for global change.

In recent years we have invested heavily in reducing our impact on the planet and we are committed to doing more. We are now ready to take an ambitious step - to become net zero carbon in 2030.

We're now underway with a robust strategy to achieve this- we've appointed a project partner, Carbon Footprint to help us undertake activities that will offset our emissions and we've outlined a list of actions that will address our Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions in line with our 2030 target.

Climate change is a challenge we all face collectively. To succeed we must see it as an opportunity to collaborate and innovate, developing solutions that will help our planet survive. We urge our clients, partners, and industry peers to join us on this journey towards a more sustainable future. Together, we can make a significant impact and create a better world for generations to come.



Managing Director, Integral Cradles

#### **Executive Summary**

We have pledged to take our place amongst the most ambitious organisations, committing to becoming a Net Zero Carbon business by 2030. This is a key part of our business model and will ensure our ongoing commitment to sustainability and long-term business continuity.



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MILEAGE



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PARTNERING WITH CARBON FOOTPRINT LTD TO SUPPORT X3 GLOBAL REFORESTATION PROGRAMMES



# **Environmental, Social and Governance Measurements**

ESG refers to the three central factors in measuring the sustainability and societal impact of an investment in a company or business. These criteria help us better determine our future financial performance.



#### **Environmental**

This describes how we minimise our impact on the environment to reduce our emissions. This includes any products/services, the supply chain and operations.



#### Societal

This describes our impacts on wider society and workplace culture and how we can reduce our emissions through these. Examples include our employees working conditions, training, health and safety and the work we do to support local communities.



#### Governance

This describes the processes of our decision-making, reporting, and the logistics of running a business and how these impact our emissions. It also includes ethical behaviour and transparency with our stakeholders about our activities.



#### Reduction in Absolute Carbon Emissions

At Integral Cradles, we have taken the following steps to address reducing our Actual Carbon Emissions (ACE):

	Our Energy Use	Embodied Carbon	Business Travel	Waste & Water
Reduce:	Implement energy efficiency solutions in our workplaces	<ul> <li>Consistently adopt lean construction techniques and pre-fabrication</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make more low carbon travel choices available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Optimise materials and reduce waste through smart design</li> </ul>
ΩΩ <sub>Σ</sub>			<ul> <li>Incentivise low carbon travel choices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Water used in installations/ commissioning</li> </ul>
Transform:	Aim to procure 100% renewable	Use galvanised steel (where	Implement electric vehicles/fleet	Adopt circular economy model
	<ul><li>electricity</li><li>Specify usage of hybrid and</li></ul>	applicable) on installation projects	<ul> <li>Invest in new teleconferencing facilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update waste management processes</li> </ul>
	electric plant and equipment	<ul> <li>Diesel-free installations</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Promote the adoption of modern methods of construction (using BIM and other technologies)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Source and sustainable plant and equipment where available</li> </ul>		
Investigate:	<ul> <li>Al and IOT platforms</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Zero carbon travel providers</li> </ul>	New commissioning processes
				Design for disassembly
Influence:	<ul> <li>Clients to adopt low carbon strategies</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Share benefits/case studies of flexible working</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Designer partners, suppliers, logistics partners</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Suppliers to provide low carbon</li> </ul>			



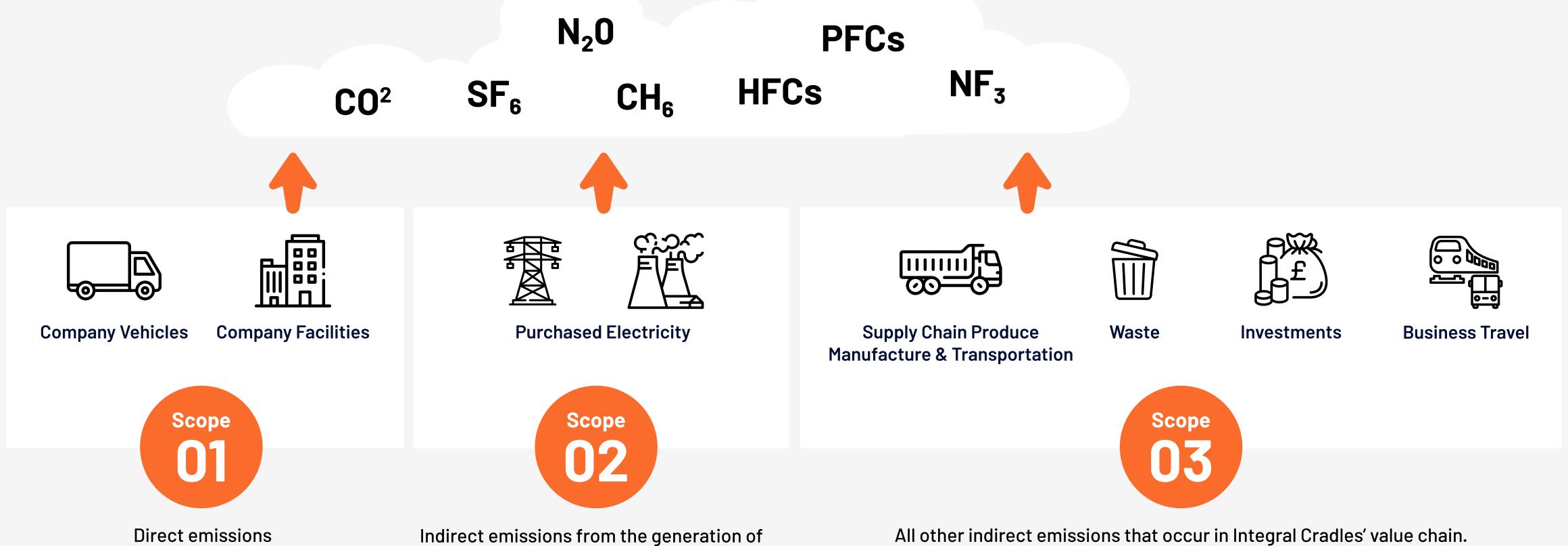
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## What are Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions?

Greenhouse gases are categorised into the following three types based on their sources:

from owned or

controlled sources.



purchased electricity, steam, heating and

cooling consumed by the reporting company.

All other indirect emissions that occur in Integral Cradles' value chain.

## **Future Targets**

#### **Key Priorities for next 12 months:**



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USING VIRTUAL MEETINGS
AND REMOTE WORKING



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#### **Our 2030 Net Zero Ambition**

We aim to become a net zero business by 2030, offsetting all Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions.



Our targets culminate in five goals for our European operations:

## Goal 1:

Zero onsite emissions by 2025

#### Goal 2:

50% reduction in embodied carbon intensity by 2030

## Goal 3:

Net zero carbon building operations by 2030

## Goal 4:

Zero transport emissions by 2030

#### Goal 5:

Zero avoidable waste by 2030

#### **Outstanding Emissions**

#### Partnership with Carbon Footprint

In 2024 we appointed Carbon Footprint Ltd, a carbon emission management company, to help us undertake activities that will offset our emissions. Working on a range of projects internationally, we are supporting reforestation and carbon reduction in local indigenous communities to help us achieve our targets.

#### **Reforestation in Peru Initiative**

Working with our net zero partner Carbon Footprint Ltd, we are supporting local communities in Peru, through its tree planting programme, focusing on the reforestation of the Maya Nut tree.

The Amazon dry forest in the Amazon Basin of the Huallaga River has been an area of intense deforestation, with much of the forest being forested for timber and clearance of land to farm.

The Urku Amazonian Studies Reforestation Project aims to help recover the Amazon dry forest through reforestation in partnership with local indigenous community co-operatives.

#### Goals of the initiative

# Aim to plant 500,000

trees within the next 5 years in degraded areas of the Amazon



Work with local teams with the indigenous co-operative

Mushuk Runa Ltda



Provide assistance in monitoring the progress of the planted forests

Support the preservation of local communities and cultures



Help to establish local business and strengthen local economy

Work to encourage reforestation, conservation and sustainable practices amongst the communities

## **Outstanding Emissions**

#### 'Guanaré' Forest Plantations on Degraded Grasslands Under Extensive Grazing

The main objectives of the project are wood production, land restoration and carbon reduction through afforestation. Creating new forests in areas where there were no trees before.

All practices follow FSC standard for sustainable forest management, while enhancing biodiversity conservation by increasing the connectivity of forests and generating income and job opportunities for local communities/ rural areas of Uruguay.





## **Outstanding Emissions**

# **Zhangye Improved Grassland Management Project**

The project is coordinated by Zhangye Academy of Forestry Sciences, with the aim to restore the local degraded grassland ecosystem by seeding grass and building fence on the degraded grassland, increase carbon reduction and contribute to local development by introducing sustainable grazing and management of grassland.

Before the implementation of the project, the grassland in the region has been facing serious degradation and even desertification due to the impact of climate change and human activities.

This project has achieved the Climate Community and Biodiversity Standard (CCB) and is also one of the only carbon removal projects certified for the CORSIA – Pilot Phase.



#### Goals of the initiative

Rotational grazing of

76,608.83 ha

of degraded grassland





Rest grazing of 107,448.54 ha

of degraded grassland

Reseeding grass was implemented of 77,002.43 ha of seriously degraded grassland



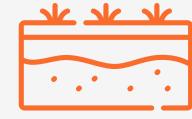
# Increased carbon reduction



Contribution to local development by introducing sustainable grazing and management of grassland

# Alleviation

of soil desertification



## **NZC Certificate**

Our Certificate is available upon request for any of our client partners from **Q4 2024**.



# Our Net Zero 2030 Journey Has Begun

#Follow Integral Cradles on our journey to reaching net zero emissions.

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