

# Sustainable Horizons:

## Integral Cradles Roadmap to Net Zero

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# 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.

*Kevin Walton*

Managing Director, Integral Cradles



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# 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.



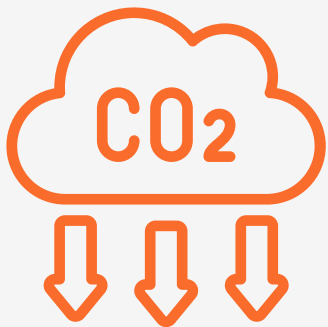
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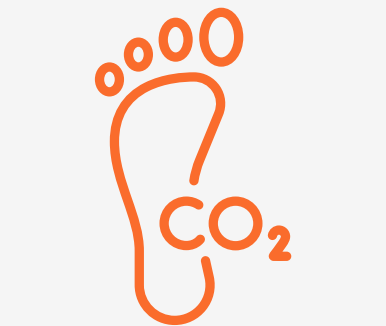
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SUPPORTING OUR  
CLIENTS AND SUPPLIERS  
WITH THEIR CARBON  
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PARTNERING WITH CARBON  
FOOTPRINT LTD TO SUPPORT  
X3 GLOBAL REFORESTATION  
PROGRAMMES





# Environmental, Social and Governance Measurements

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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

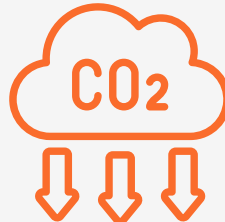



This describes the processes of our decision-making, reporting, and the logistics of running a business and how these impact our emissions. It also includes ethical behaviour and transparency with our stakeholders about our activities.





# Reduction in Absolute Carbon Emissions

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

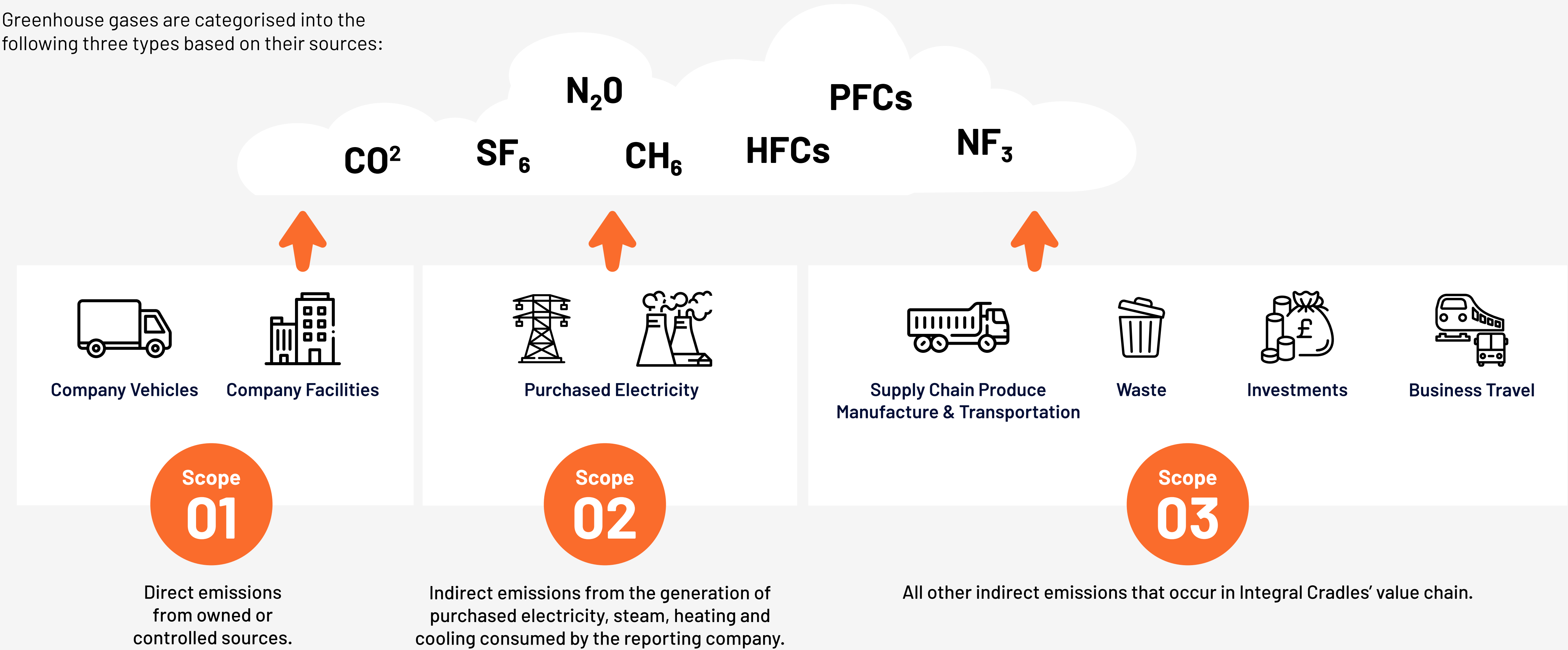
	Our Energy Use	Embodied Carbon	Business Travel	Waste & Water
<b>Reduce:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement energy efficiency solutions in our workplaces</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consistently adopt lean construction techniques and pre-fabrication</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Make more low carbon travel choices available</li><li>Incentivise low carbon travel choices</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Optimise materials and reduce waste through smart design</li><li>Water used in installations/ commissioning</li></ul>
<b>Transform:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aim to procure 100% renewable electricity</li><li>Specify usage of hybrid and electric plant and equipment</li><li>Promote the adoption of modern methods of construction (using BIM and other technologies)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use galvanised steel (where applicable) on installation projects</li><li>Diesel-free installations</li><li>Source and sustainable plant and equipment where available</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement electric vehicles/fleet</li><li>Invest in new teleconferencing facilities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adopt circular economy model</li><li>Update waste management processes</li></ul>
<b>Investigate:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AI and IOT platforms</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zero carbon travel providers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New commissioning processes</li><li>Design for disassembly</li></ul>
<b>Influence:</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clients to adopt low carbon strategies</li><li>Suppliers to provide low carbon solutions</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Share benefits/case studies of flexible working</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designer partners, suppliers, logistics partners</li></ul>





# What are Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions?

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



# Future Targets

Key Priorities for next 12 months:



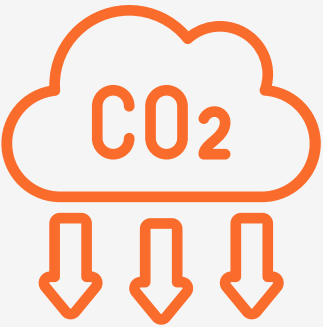
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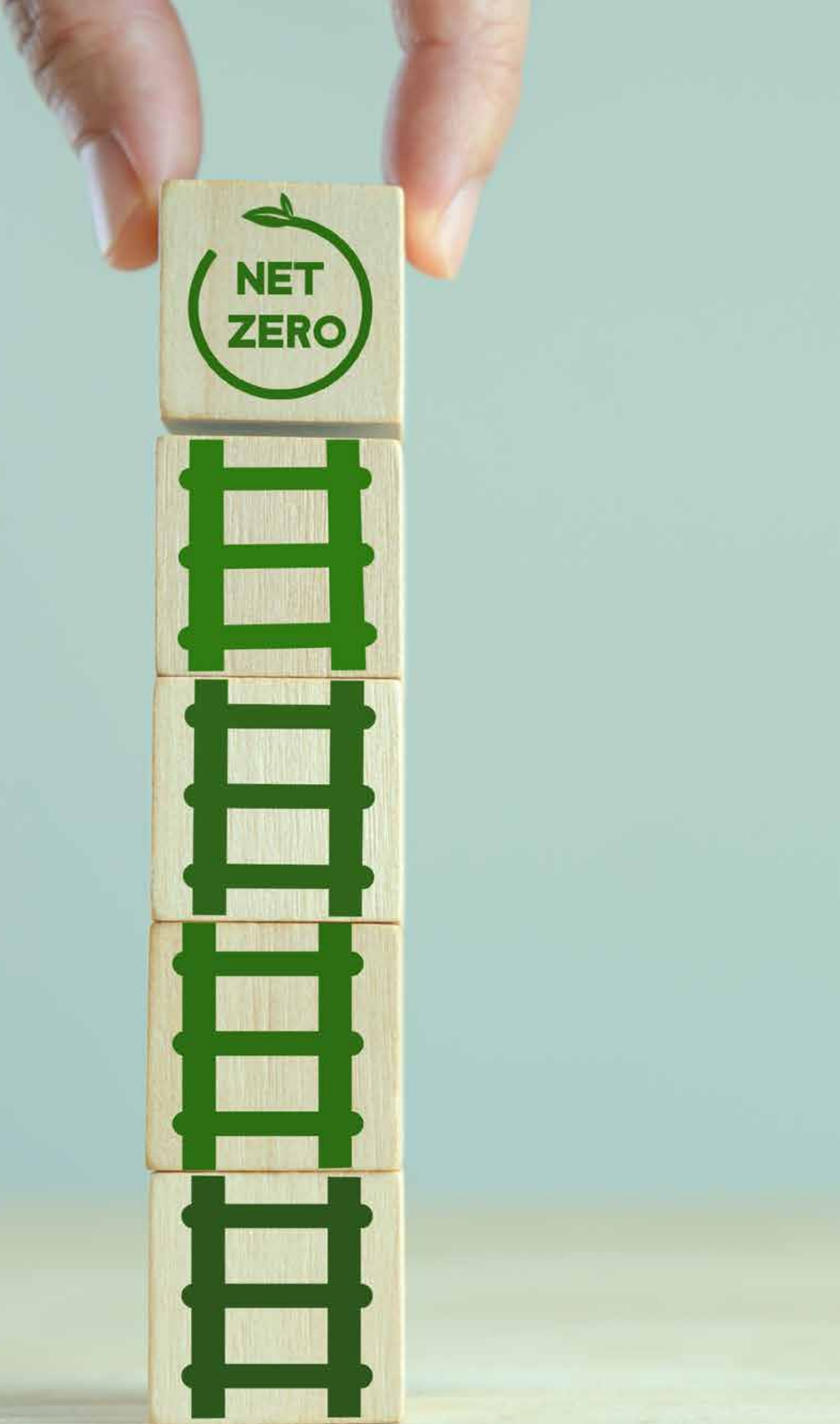
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REDUCING OUR BUSINESS  
TRAVEL WHERE POSSIBLE  
USING VIRTUAL MEETINGS  
AND REMOTE WORKING



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# Our 2030 Net Zero Ambition

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

**Net  
Zero**  
**by 2030** including supply  
chain emissions

Our targets culminate in **five goals** for our European operations:

## Goal 1:

Zero onsite emissions by 2025

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## Goal 2:

50% reduction in embodied carbon intensity by 2030

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## Goal 3:

Net zero carbon building operations by 2030

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## Goal 4:

Zero transport emissions by 2030

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## 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**



**Support the preservation of local communities and cultures**



**Work with local teams with the indigenous co-operative**  
**Mushuk Runa Ltda**



**Provide assistance in monitoring the progress of the planted forests**

**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

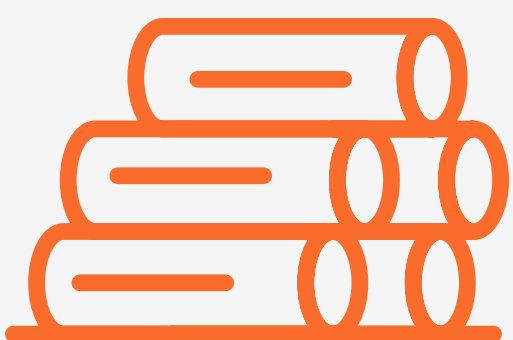
The main objectives of the project are wood production, land restoration and carbon reduction through afforestation. Creating new forests in areas where there were no trees before.

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.



## Goals of the initiative

Afforestation of  
**33,225**  
hectares of forest



**Wood**  
Production

Generating income and  
job opportunities for  
local communities



**Land**  
Restoration

Enhancing  
biodiversity  
conservation





# 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



Increased carbon  
**reduction**



Rest grazing of  
**107,448.54 ha**  
of degraded grassland

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

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



**Alleviation**  
of soil desertification





# NZC Certificate



## CARBON NEUTRALITY CERTIFICATE

Awarded to  
**Integral Cradles Limited**

Date: 3 February 2025



Carbon  
Neutral  
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### Carbon Footprint Assessment

**Scope:** Company

**Methodology:** DEFRA Guidelines

**Included in the assessment:** Scope 1, 2, and the following GHG Scope 3 categories: 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 (partially), 3.5 (partially), 3.6

**12-Month Assessment Period Ending:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Emissions Total:** 11.99 tCO<sub>2</sub>e market-based , 12.90 tCO<sub>2</sub>e location-based

**Assessment undertaken/assured by:** Carbon Footprint Ltd

### Carbon Offsetting

**Emissions Offset:** 12 tonnes

**Project(s):** Grassland Management and Forest Plantations

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# Our Net Zero 2030 Journey Has Begun

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

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