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Low-carbon secondary aggregates. Sustainably produced. Sustainably delivered.



## **ENVIRCC°** | THE UK'S MOST SUSTAINABLE AGGREGATE

## WHY CHOOSE ENVIROC®

#### 1. Low-carbon Aggregate

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> embodied carbon is up to 47% lower than primary aggregates.

#### **2.** RESPONSIBLY UK SOURCED

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> starts as a by-product of the Cornish china clay industry.

#### **3.** TRANSPORTED SUSTAINABLY

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is imported by sea and rail to keep carbon emissions low.

#### 4. MODERN PROCESSING

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is processed at our ultra-green state-of-the-art Tilbury plant.

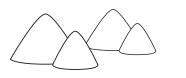
#### **5.** MANUFACTURED TO SPECIFICATION

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> meets BS EN 12620, 13242 & 13383 and SHW 500, 600 & 800.

#### **ENVIROC® - THE PROCESS**

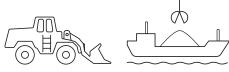


Millions of tonnes of granite arising as by-product of china clay mining in Cornwall.





The stockpiled material is dug and transported to a marine terminal at Fowey by road where it is loaded onto bulk ships.



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### SUSTAINABLY SOURCED, PRODUCED AND DELIVERED | ENVIRCC°

## FOR YOUR NEXT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT?

#### **6.** EFFICIENT DELIVERY TO SITE

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is delivered via our river, rail and road fleet.

#### 7. Consistency At any volume

ENVIROC® has excellent consistency and is available at any volume from large bulk orders to small deliveries in bags.

#### 8. OPTIMISING NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> reduces demand for newlyquarried primary aggregates.

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#### **9.** HIGHLY DURABLE AND RESILIENT

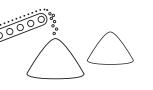
ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is strong, durable, chemically resilient and weather resistant.

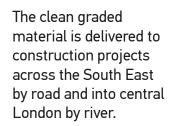
#### **10.** Versatile In Application

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is ideal for multiple uses including unbound aggregates, concrete, screeding, and asphalt.

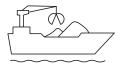
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After being unloaded at Tilbury, East London the material is washed and screened at our state-of-theart processing plant.











### **ENVIRCC°** | RIGHT PRODUCT, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

GRS is the UK's largest independent supplier of construction aggregates. Through our subsidiary businesses in Cornwall and London we are proud to introduce ENVIROC® a low-carbon, high-performance alternative to newly-quarried construction aggregate available across the South East of England.

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is made from granite arising as a by-product of the Cornish china clay industry. It's a material that's already widely regarded as one of the UK's most sustainable aggregates in the main environmental assessment methods for construction.

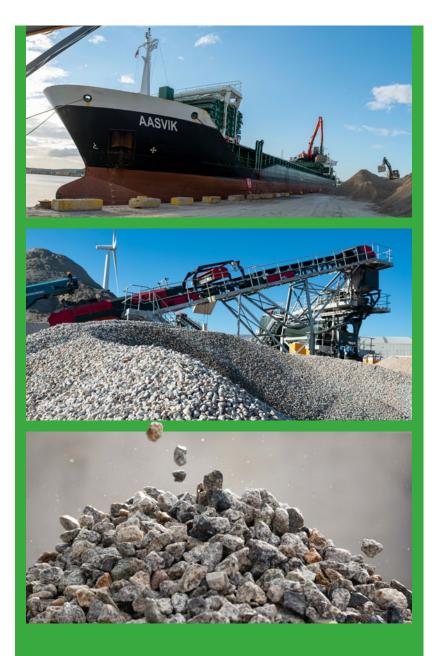
As part of our drive towards sustainable development we have gone beyond by making every aspect of the supply chain – from sourcing and transport to production and delivery – as sustainable as possible.

Using an otherwise waste material, and transporting it efficiently, means that ENVIROC® ranks as one of the lowest carbon products of its kind. An independent study shows that ENVIROC® can have up to 47% lower embodied carbon compared to the equivalent land-sourced primary aggregates.

With investment in a state-of-the-art aggregates processing and washing plant at Tilbury Docks and a 20-year supply agreement in place, we produce and market a range of certified aggregates for onward distribution by road, rail or river. With access to over 1 million tonnes of secondary aggregates a year, no job is too big.

The use of secondary aggregate from the china clay industry is not new, but we are the only team to have invested heavily in the processing facilities and supply chain to ensure the product is available on the open market in the right place, at the right quality and the right volumes to meet demand.

**ENVIROC®** is arguably the UK's most sustainable aggregate.



### SECONDARY AGGREGATES WITH FIRST CLASS CREDENTIALS | ENVIRCC°

Granite is a coarse-grained crystalline igneous rock composed mostly of quartz with feldspar and plagioclase. Formed from magma that has slowly cooled and solidified underground, granite has long been recognised as one of the most durable of building materials.

For centuries, the production of china clay (kaolin) has shaped the Cornish countryside. For every tonne of china clay extracted, around 9 tonnes of granite byproduct is generated. This material is known colloquially as 'stent' and modest amounts have been processed and used in the West Country for construction projects, with relatively low volumes transported elsewhere.

Recognising the growing demand for locally-sourced, sustainable building materials has prompted us to take the opportunity to turn more of this underutilised material into a high-quality construction aggregate.

In addition, by using this material it is also helping to return former industrial areas of Cornwall back to priority heathland habitats for the benefit of local wildlife.



## **ENVIRCC**<sup>°</sup> | MODERN MANUFACTURING FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

To manufacture products in the ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> range we have invested in state-of-theart processing facility at Tilbury Docks, East London, which washes and grades the material to tight quality standards.

Our bespoke plant was designed with sustainable development in mind.

- **Renewable energy** Power for the plant is supported by an on-side wind-turbine.
- **Rainwater harvesting** The washing plant uses rainwater that is filtered and reused time after time.

- Zero waste
  - Silt washed off the stone is collected and can be used in land remediation schemes. In future these 'fines' may be used to make lightweight aggregate.
- **Low-carbon transport** Positioned on Tilbury Docks allows direct loading and unloading of low-carbon waterborne transport and on-site rail loading facilities.



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The inherent characteristics of granite mean that ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> is one of the most versatile and consistent secondary construction aggregates available. We are able to make and supply the vast majority of typical aggregate products including armour stone, type 1 sub-base, 6F5, single sizes, coarse sand, mortar sand, etc.

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> gives you the performance of primary aggregate and is a direct replacement for newly quarried carbon-rich aggregates in virtually all applications?

ENVIROC<sup>®</sup> also complies with the requirements of the following standards:

- BS EN 12620: 2012+A1:2008 for use in concrete in conformity with BS EN 206-1 and concrete used in roads and other pavements and for use in precast concrete products
- BS EN13242: 2002+A1:2007 Aggregates for unbound and hydraulically bound for use in civil engineering works and road construction in combination with the Specification for Highway Works (SHW) for aggregates used in applications
- such as drainage trenches/backfill (SHW Series 500); earthworks and capping (SHW Series 600); sub-base (SHW Series 800); and road pavements (SHW Series 800 and 900)
- **BS EN13043: 2002** Aggregates for bituminous materials and surface treatment for roads, airfields and other trafficked areas
- BS EN 13383-1: 2002 Armourstone



#### ABOUT GRS We go beyond

GRS is the UK's largest independent supplier of construction aggregates - from wholesale landscaping products through to high-volume bulk aggregates for the country's major infrastructure projects.

We specialise in end-to-end transport solutions, sourcing the most suitable products and making optimum use of road, rail and river freight to deliver them as sustainably as possible. As a result GRS handles more than 20 million tonnes of materials each year.

GRS is also a leading provider of waste services, offering complete solutions for recovery, recycling and efficient reuse of construction wastes and industrial by-products. Employing almost 800 people nationwide, the company ranked among the fastest growing British firms in the Sunday Times Top Track 250 four years running.

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Image left: GRS processing plant, Tilbury Docks, London Image above left: Loading our dedicated haulage.



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# The UK's most sustainable aggregate





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