Solar Industry - Supply Chain Statement

We, members of the UK solar energy industry, support the development of an industry that promotes the highest possible levels of transparency, including in areas of environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and good governance. This includes action to minimise and reduce the impact of extracting raw materials, to conserve water and to lower carbon emissions across the value chain, and to ensure the industry is free of any human rights abuses, including forced labour, anywhere in the global supply chain.

In 2021, Solar Energy UK members committed to the development of a traceability protocol to increase sustainability across the industry. Since then, Solar Energy UK has taken robust action to drive change. This includes collaborating across the industry, with governments, and with sustainability experts, to develop the Solar Stewardship Initiative, which launched in December 2023.

The Solar Stewardship Initiative is a solar-specific supply chain assurance scheme, and has published a dedicated environmental, social and governance standard. The Solar Stewardship Initiative will drive a more responsible, transparent, and sustainable value chain. To demonstrate our support for the principles set out in the Solar Stewardship Initiative, we will always seek to use PV modules where possible from manufacturers that can demonstrate they are following the SSI Standard in future projects.

This industry-wide action complements the work that Solar Energy UK members have taken to strengthen supply chain standards, and we commit to continuing to use our best endeavours to deliver a sustainable industry.