

Resource Matching Service

Improving productivity through efficient resource management

Decora Blind Systems Ltd

Decora Blind Systems Ltd was established over 35 years ago as a family run business that started selling external awnings to the Northern Irish trade. In 1981 the business invested in its manufacturing capability of internal blinds. Decora has grown exponentially over three decades. With now over 1000 employees, they operate out of premises in Lisburn and Birmingham distributing mainly to UK and Europe.

The Challenge

Decora initially engaged with the Resource Matching Service to review resource streams and obtain advice on where cost savings and environmental improvements could be achieved.

The Solution

From the offset Decora was determined to reduce costs and improve its environmental practices and set about reorganising its business practices by introducing some segregation of wasted resources. Decora trialled this at their Lisburn site and have subsequently rolled it out to all sites. The practitioners at International Synergies provided suitable introductions for a range of resource streams including PVC offcuts/trunking, textiles and redundant equipment.

The Outcome

Through the matches that the Resource Matching Service have facilitated Decora has improved its environmental impact and achieved valuable economic benefits. Segregation improves the value of resources, not necessarily for rebate but for inclusion in reprocessing or repurposing of materials. This mitigates the need for extraction of precious virgin raw materials (e.g. oil for plastic production), diverts resources from landfill and prolongs resource lifespan.

Cumulative Cost savings: £6,392

CO₂ reduction: 932 tonnes

Additional (third party) Sales: £12k

Landfill diversion: 75 tonnes