

## RPC Position Statement: Water

### Background

The agricultural sector is the largest consumer of water, with 70% of global withdrawals for agricultural purposes. Industry is the second largest user of water (22%), although water use levels vary between industries. Water supply and demand is constantly changing, and so is the availability of water in certain areas. In some geographical regions global water withdrawals are predicted to exceed supply by 40% by 2030.

With the global population predicted to reach 9.8 Billion by 2050, and an expected increase in industrialisation and urbanisation, there is a need to conserve and use water efficiently to limit the issues of water scarcity now and in the future.

### RPC's Position

RPC endeavours to use water efficiently and responsibly. The Groups primary use of water is for cooling plastic products during the manufacturing process. Where possible RPC adopts closed loop water systems to reduce water consumption from withdrawals and evaporative losses from the water cooling systems.

The annual Group water consumption per tonne of product produced is reported in the Annual Report and Accounts.

With the largest global water withdrawals for agriculture, RPC inherently helps to combat global water issues through its packaging being designed to limit food waste along the supply chain. RPC will continue to look for innovative new ways to reduce food waste and limit the environmental impacts that arise from it.

