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MANUFACTURER'S STATEMENT

ON SAFETY AND INCLUSIVE USE

VPI concrete street furniture

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Scope. This statement applies to standard concrete street furniture designed and manufactured by VPI Ltd for its intended use in public outdoor environments. Product-specific technical documentation and approved project-specific modifications take precedence where applicable.

1. Standards and quality management

VPI architectural concrete street furniture is designed and manufactured taking into account the applicable requirements of MSZ EN 13198:2003, Precast concrete products - Street furniture and garden products. VPI Ltd operates a quality management system certified to ISO 9001:2015 (ÉMI-TÜV SÜD; registration no. 24 100 671).

2. Design and manufacturing considerations

The following considerations are addressed in product design and manufacture:

- functional requirements arising from the product's intended use as street furniture;
- stability, durability and user safety;
- smooth, burr-free and suitably eased edges and surfaces within the user's reach;
- the increased mechanical, weather-related and maintenance loads associated with use in public space;
- fundamental principles of ergonomic usability; and
- public-space design considerations that support inclusive and equitable access.

3. Surface and component safety

During manufacture, accessible and touchable edges and surfaces of concrete components are inspected from a user-safety perspective. Sharp edges, burrs, hazardous defects or features that obstruct the product's intended use are not accepted during production quality control.

For products incorporating timber seating surfaces, accessible timber edges are chamfered or rounded, and the timber is finished with a surface treatment suitable for exterior use.

4. Inclusive use and project integration

VPI street furniture is not, in itself, a mobility aid or a specialist accessibility device. The accessibility and inclusive usability of a completed public-space scheme depend not only on product characteristics, but also on appropriate product selection and configuration, installation location, clear width and continuity of pedestrian routes, surface quality and level changes, furniture layout, visual contrast, lighting, and the wider accessibility measures incorporated into the project.

The designer and specifier should assess the needs of the intended users and the applicable project requirements, including the needs of people with reduced mobility and sensory or cognitive impairments. Where project-specific accessibility performance is required, the selected product and its proposed placement should be reviewed as part of the overall public-space design.

5. Installation, inspection and maintenance

Products must be installed in accordance with VPI's product-specific installation instructions and the approved project design. Required anchoring, stability, clearances and pedestrian circulation routes must be maintained. Following installation, the owner or operator is responsible for periodic inspection and appropriate maintenance. Damage, movement, instability, sharp defects or deterioration that could affect safe or inclusive use must be addressed without delay.

Any project-specific modification that may affect dimensions, stability, anchoring, ergonomics or accessibility must be reviewed and approved by VPI before manufacture or installation.

6. Nature and limitations of this statement

This document is a technical and quality-assurance statement issued by the manufacturer. It is not a declaration of conformity for CE marking and does not constitute an accessibility certificate, a project-specific compliance assessment, or an opinion issued by an independent third party, disability advocacy organisation, access consultant or rehabilitation specialist.

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