



OUR ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE & FAIR TRADE PRACTICES

Harmony with nature:

Our products are manufactured from all natural sources.

We do not use raw materials that endangers the harmony of life on the planet.

We buy our raw materials from well established quarries and mines that invest in reforestation.

Stone manufacturing requires large amounts of water use. Our facilities recycle water for continuous use, and save thousands of gallons of water in the process. This means higher startup costs, that smaller facilities simply cannot afford.

We screen and randomly check all outsourced manufacturing facilities for compliance.

We continuously strive to reduce the interdepartmental paperwork. Since 2005; we have been using all electronic clearance practices that eliminates actual documents being printed and handled and copied many times and couriered all over the world. Our financial reporting is gradually switching over to all electronic reporting, again eliminating huge amounts of paper use.

Fair trade practices:

Our products are created by skilled artisans all over the world.

Even after the advent of heavy machinery; traditional stone work is still very labor intensive and dangerous.

Therefore; we only buy raw materials from, or outsource work to companies with experienced, well paid and equipped workers.

We make sure all manpower is sufficiently insured, and of legal working age.

If a material is sold less than the normal cost of production, we know that either nature, manpower, or both is exploited in the process. For a sustainable future, we do not allow any business partners be involved in exploitative practices to cut costs.

We believe globalization does not have to lead to irresponsible outsourcing that sends all jobs to the parts of the world where external costs to the nature are ignored and past down to the future generations.

As a result A&A supports fair trade practices that value and respect the inherent richness of nature and human labor.