BAM raises the bar with new sustainability strategy

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Royal BAM Group has published its new sustainability strategy focusing on six key themes in accordance with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

BAM is one of the largest construction businesses in Europe.

Its UK division employs around 7,000 people across civil engineering, construction, facilities management and associated activities.

John Wilkinson, Chief Operating Officer of BAM's UK and Ireland division, said: "BAM has raised the bar for sustainability in our sector.

"This new strategy not only significantly increases our direct targets – for example on scope three carbon emissions – but it looks holistically at what our sector can do working upstream and downstream with others to provide our clients with options, so that we become instigators of greater sustainability.

"It is not enough to work on your own and focus on your own impact anymore. BAM has recognised that we must export our learning, co-operate with others, learn from them, and collectively enhance measurement and understanding of the whole chain of factors that affect our impact on the planet and people's lives.

"BAM is not going to shy away from its responsibilities. We are committed to reporting these issues transparently. That's the only way we can secure true progress and make a genuine difference."

Among many elements of the strategy, BAM has committed to a target of reducing absolute scope 3 emissions by 50% in 2030 (compared to 2019), accelerating its previous target of a 20%, set four years ago.

BAM's UK & Ireland businesses last year announced an ambitious carbon target to become net zero in its direct operations by 2026.

Mr Wilkinson added: "In the UK, examples of how we can achieve greater sustainability include using low carbon concrete and asphalt, recycled steel and modular solutions. Our partnerships include working with the Department for Education on its low carbon schools programme. Initiatives like these are making a real difference."