



## Sustainability Statement - 2026

At CCE, we are committed to responsible manufacturing practices that prioritize environmental stewardship, operational efficiency, and workforce well-being. As a U.S.-based textile printer and converter, we recognize our role in supporting more sustainable supply chains for our customers and partners.

### **Environmentally Responsible Printing Processes**

CCE's production is primarily based on rotary screen printing using water-based pigment systems, which represent approximately two-thirds of our output. Pigment printing is inherently more resource-efficient than traditional dyeing methods, as it does not require extensive post-wash processes, thereby reducing water and chemical consumption. Our pigment inks are sourced from established suppliers and are formulated for textile applications with a focus on compliance and performance.

Where reactive dye processes are utilized, we actively manage water and chemical usage to maintain efficiency and consistency. Across all printing operations, we emphasize reuse of rotary screens and process optimization to reduce waste and improve throughput.

### **Water Management and Wastewater Treatment**

Water stewardship is a key focus area for CCE. We actively monitor water usage on a monthly basis, tracking both intake and discharge to identify opportunities for conservation. All process wastewater is treated through our in-house system, including controlled holding and management prior to discharge into the municipal sewer system, in accordance with local requirements.

### **Domestic Supply Chain and Materials Sourcing**

CCE prioritizes domestic sourcing to support transparency, reduce transportation impact, and strengthen U.S. manufacturing. Our primary fabric supplier, Hamrick Mills (South Carolina), provides a consistent, locally sourced textile base that aligns with these objectives.

### **Energy and Operational Efficiency**

We pursue incremental improvements in energy efficiency across our operations. This includes ongoing conversion from fluorescent to LED lighting, as well as optimization of equipment usage. Our facility utilizes a combination of natural gas (for tenter frames and steam generation) and electricity for production processes, with continued evaluation of efficiency opportunities.

### **Workplace Safety and Community Commitment**

CCE employs approximately 85 team members and maintains a structured monthly safety program to promote a safe and healthy working environment. We are committed to responsible employment practices and take pride in contributing to domestic manufacturing jobs in the Carolinas.

### **Packaging and Distribution**

We incorporate recyclable packaging materials where practical and primarily distribute products within the United States, helping to reduce transportation-related impacts.



CCE remains focused on continuous improvement and practical sustainability measures that align with our operational capabilities and customer expectations. We value our partnership with our customers and support shared goals around responsible sourcing, environmental stewardship, and supply chain transparency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Naiden Kremenliev", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

Naiden Kremenliev

Chief Executive Officer