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1. Policy Statement

Having such an influential role in one of the key environmental issues, waste, The McGrath Group believes it is our duty to lead by example and demonstrate environmental best practice as well as sharing our knowledge to encourage our supply chain partners and clients to reduce their impact on the environment. We operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and associated governing bodies.

We operate an Integrated Management System (IMS) which is certificated against International Standard ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 50001:2011. Those standards provide us with a structured, systematic framework to identify and assess both the environmental aspects of our work and ensure our efficient use of energy they develop/implement procedures to increase the sustainability of our processes and reduce the impact we and our clients have on the immediate and wider environment and prevent pollution.

2. Responsibilities

The Board of Directors are ultimately responsible for ensuring this Policy is fully implemented and for providing the resources to ensure our commitments to maintaining and continuously improving our environmental performance.

Our Environmental Management Team are responsible for implementing and maintaining our Environmental Management System (EMS). All company employees and supply chain partners have a responsibility to ensure the EMS' procedures are fully adopted.

The company recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. The aim of this policy is to ensure the company minimises the impact of its activities on the environment by continually improving its environmental performance as part of our business strategy and operating methods.

Overall responsibility for policy implantation and review rests with the Board of Directors. However, all employees are required to adhere to and support the implementation of the policy. We will inform all existing employees about this policy and their role in the implementation of the policy. We will also give all new employees notice of the policy on the induction of the company.

3. In Practice

The principals of our Environmental Policy have been distilled into a set of practical objectives and activities which are monitored and have been integrated into our standard operating procedures.

To address the environmental aspects in routine and ad hoc conditions such as emergencies, these include:

- All emissions to air, water and land
- Waste recycling processes
- Nuisance such as dust, noise and vibration.
- Impacts on the natural environment
- The use of energy and natural resources
- Vehicles and transport.
- Emergency procedures and response

We are committed to delivering the most sustainable methods for managing waste. We follow the approach of the “Hierarchy of Waste” to prioritise how waste materials are managed. We have developed Zero-to-Landfill systems for processing wastes and the company provides industry-leading recycling rates.

The company is certified against the Energy Management Standard ISO 50001:2011 and in 2014 introduced the world’s first waste report which calculates the carbon emissions generated during the waste management process and is fully compatible with Scope-3 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Protocol.

One of those objectives is to manage and reduce our overall carbon footprint. Areas we are assessing include procurement, processing, storage, transportation.

The company has embarked upon a holistic strategy to introduce carbon management into our standard methodology and management processes to help identify areas where environmental performance could be improved. Examples of carbon reduction activities include the use of multi-waste collection vehicles, lower emission vehicles/plant, the introduction of traffic management systems and development of wharf facilities which replace road with water borne transport.

Staff are made aware of their environmental responsibilities during induction training and more role-specific training such as WAMITAB, Recycling Centre Operators Training, Emergency Response Training, Spill Response Training, ADR Class 9, FORS, SAFED, Drivers CPC and FuelChamp Training.

Our Environment Team always consider the wider sustainable aspects of recycling and the positive effects our activities can have on the community. In practice this means factoring-in distance when selecting destinations for wastes and end destinations for their environmental performance.

We implement our environmental policies and procedures through our supply chain partners. Suppliers are required to sign an “Environmental Declaration” to state that they will abide by the company’s Environmental Policy and observe environmental best practice. Preference is given to suppliers and subcontractors that can demonstrate environmental policies/systems.

Zero environmental incidents – The company has in place appropriate and effective environmental management systems that identify and mitigate risk.

- Evaluating the environmental impact of any new procurement decisions

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- Ensuring non-polluting/non-toxic materials and substances and secondary materials are used wherever reasonably practicable.
- Minimising embodied impacts by maximising resource and energy efficiency in the manufacturing and supply process
- Reducing all impacts over time

Our EMS is externally audited by NQA UKAS accredited assessors: Surveillance inspections are carried out on a six-monthly basis and a full re-certification audit is performed every three years. The EMS is also externally audited by the Environmental Agency and other third parties such as Achilles according to client requirements.

Progress against our objectives is monitored through a number of channels including:

- A comprehensive review of the EMS carried out annually and attended by the Board of Directors. Performance of the system is evaluated using internal/external audit and performance data and targets set for the next 12 months
- Regular internal/external audits of all environmental processes
- Monitoring of all environmental objectives and associated KPI's/targets

We continually endeavour to improve our environmental performance and set new targets for ongoing improvements.

The policy aims to:

- Meet to exceed all environmental legislation that relates to the company
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions
- Minimise waste by ensuring operations are as efficient as possible
- Increase employee awareness of environmental factors

The company will:

- Reduce the need to travel where possible
- Seek to reduce the amount of energy it uses
- Evaluate the environmental impact of new products it purchases
- Reduce packaging as much as possible
- Reuse and recycle where possible

Employee responsibilities:

- Use all equipment and control measures in accordance with instruction
- Report any defects or difficulties
- Attend training when required to do so
- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others

This policy should be read in conjunction with our other operating policy documents.

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Our processes and procedures for implementing our business values and our responsibilities are contained in specific, separate and more detailed documents which are implemented via our Integrated Quality, Environmental.

We also operate an integrated management system which is certified against international standards ISO 45001:2018 (Health & Safety Management), ISO 9001:2015 (Quality), ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental) and ISO 50001:2011 (Energy) ensures our products and services are supplied safely, consistently and sustainably.

Internal reviewed assessments of our operations will be performed to determine if this policy or any others including procedures and processes fulfil their objective.

Any amendments or updates to this policy will be communicated accordingly to all relevant bodies.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. McGrath", written over a circular stamp or mark.

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