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2. Purpose

RigMaster will actively apply the concepts of sustainability and environmental awareness of the local and global environment. This policy defines the environmental obligations of RigMaster and considers how implementation of the policy should occur. The environmental policy is consistent with the RigMaster's Strategic Plan. RigMaster Commitment to this environmental policy will be met by demonstrating leadership in applying environmentally responsible practices for the purposes of sustainability.

3. Organisational Scope

This is a RigMaster-wide policy, applying to all executive members, managers, fully time and part time employee, coop students and contractors of RigMaster.

4. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:

Environment: Ecosystems and their constituent parts, including;

(a) People and communities; and

(b) All natural and physical resources; and

(c) Amenity values; and

(d) The social, economic, aesthetic, and cultural conditions which affect or are affected by the matters stated in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this definition
Sustainability: Sustainability integrates the concern for social, economic and environmental issues, and involves thinking broadly about objectives, considering long-term as well as short-term effects, assessing indirect as well as direct effects, and taking extra care when changes brought about by development might be irreversible.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

The environmental policy has been produced as part of the growing awareness of human effects on the biosphere. Early international responses came from the United Nation's ('Our Common Future' and 'Agenda 21' programmes). RigMaster also recognises the need to address the wider environmental issues facing society as well as that its diverse academic and operational activities can have impacts on the environment.

4.1 Overarching Principles/Values

RigMaster recognises its responsibilities to manage the nature and scale of environmental impacts of its activities, products, or services. These responsibilities are recognised in the following principles:



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(a) A commitment to the principles and implementation of sustainability, including environmental protection.

(b) A commitment to implementing sustainable and environmentally sound business practices to manage and reduce the RigMaster's environmental footprint.

(c) A commitment to take account of intergenerational impacts as part of the RigMaster's decision-making processes.

(d) A commitment to organisational and personal ownership of this environmental policy.

(e) A commitment to raising environmental awareness and engagement and providing community leadership

(f) A commitment to support the research and teaching of environmental sustainability.

4.2 Objectives

4.2.1 Environmental Management

This environmental policy promotes a clean, safe and healthy environment for members of the RigMaster and wider community. The RigMaster is committed to exceeding minimum environmental standards where practicable and within the organisation's financial constraints.

The commitment to environmental responsibility involves concerns for both natural and developed environments, and for the effective and economically and environmentally efficient use of resources.

4.2.2 The Natural Environment

RigMaster will:

(a) Aim to exceed environmental standards set by local, provincial, and federal governments. including any relevant legislation or regulation and any other requirements to which the RigMaster subscribes.

(b) Actively seek to enhance the biodiversity of natural areas and investigate opportunities to introduce more natural areas into the built environment.

(c) Manage RigMaster's natural and physical resources in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

4.2.3 The Developed Environment

The RigMaster will:

(a) Promote and support the use of environmentally responsible transportation modes such as public transport, fuel efficient vehicles, cycling, or walking.



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(B) Commit to reducing idling and fuel consumption on its vehicle fleet where cost effective.

4.2.4 Use and Re-use of Natural Resources

The RigMaster will:

- (a) Actively manage the use of energy and utilities (e.g. gas, electricity, water) in order to achieve a reduced level of user demand and more efficient usage of available resources.
- (b) Reduce waste by avoidance, recycling, reduction and re-use or efficiently using finite resources where alternatives are not available.
- (c) Commit to the procurement and use of sustainable and environmentally friendly resources within RigMaster financial constraints and where opportunities are available.
- (d) Commit to applying ecologically sustainable design principles and requirements to all new construction and refurbishment projects, within RigMaster financial constraints and where opportunities are available.
- (e) Manage the disposal of consumable resources with environmental sensitivity.

4.2.5 Environmental Emergency Response

- (a) RigMaster's emergency response planning will address pollution response.
- (b) The emergency response shall consider the environmental effects of proposed responses and minimise those effects, provided that such minimisation does not compromise the effectiveness of the response.

4.2.6 Community Leadership

RigMaster will demonstrate and encourage leadership in the promotion of environmental awareness and best practice in the wider community by:

- (a) Developing partnerships for environmental sustainability within the wider community, including partnerships to raise awareness of climate change issues.
- (b) Promoting the RigMaster as an environmentally responsible organisation.
- (c) Communicating and consulting as appropriate with the wider community on environmental issues.

4.2.7 Social and Cultural

RigMaster will recognise that social and cultural values and rights are essential to achieving a sustainable future by:

- (a) Considering the different social and ethnic perspectives on environment and sustainability.
- (b) Acknowledging the interdependence of the RigMaster's physical and cultural environment.



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4.3 Implementation and Review

RigMaster has set up an Environmental Committee, with membership drawn from representatives of each department. The Committee will act as the champions of this policy and review the RigMaster's actions against the policy objectives by:

- (a) Monitoring consistency between this environmental policy and existing policies and frameworks, reporting to RigMaster's executives.
- (b) Conducting annual reporting to measure the RigMaster's environmental footprint and performance.
- (c) Developing and submitting annual environmental action plans to president; including defined goals, action points and timelines to facilitate the effective application of this policy and improvement of the RigMaster's environmental footprint and performance over time.
- (d) Reviewing and recommending priorities for the implementation of environmental initiatives within an annual budget allocation.