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SECTION ONE:

Health and Safety Policy Statement

- 1.1 Health and safety, as with all other aspects of Live Borders (the Organisation) undertakings, must be properly managed and cost effective.
- 1.2 It is the policy of Live Borders to comply with both the letter and spirit of the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and all other relevant legislation, and to regard the provisions of this legislation as minimum requirements.
- 1.3 Employees of the Organisation have a right to work in safe and healthy conditions. These conditions will be created and maintained by the preparation of, and adherence to, this health and safety policy. The Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and the company's Leadership Team fully appreciate that responsibility for health and safety is an integral function of management, on a par with responsibilities for all other business operations and we recognise the benefits of a fit and healthy workforce.
- 1.4 Customer safety is also integral to our philosophy.
- 1.5 The Organisation will undertake to provide adequate health and safety training and information to all employees to enable them to improve their knowledge and awareness of health and safety and to discharge their own health and safety responsibilities.
- 1.6 I believe that it is important for all personnel, whatever their position, to accept their personal responsibilities as detailed in this policy and I seek active co-operation between management and employees to promote a safe and healthy environment for ourselves and for those who avail themselves of our services.
- 1.7 Finally, we undertake to review and revise this policy as often as is required by changing legislation. All changes will be brought to the attention of all employees.

Signed: 

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 06/02/2024

- 1.8 This document lays down our aims and objectives in the important area of health and safety. It sets out, in broad terms, how to implement these aims and objectives.
- 1.9 All employees must co-operate in this endeavour.
- 1.10 The policy statement will be issued to all employees. It incorporates our general approach towards compliance with all health and safety legislation (including the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 as amended).

Aims of the Policy

- 1.11
 - 1. To conduct all of our undertakings so as to avoid, or control to an acceptable level, risks to the health and safety of all of our employees, all users of our services, all members of the general public who are exposed to our activities and all other people who work on, or visit, our premises,
 - 2. To create and maintain a positive health and safety culture within all areas of our organisation, so that there is a continuous, cost effective, improvement in our health and safety performance.
- 1.12 These aims will be pursued regardless of whether the particular services which form part of the organisation's undertakings are performed by our employees, or by outside contractors acting for us.
- 1.13 These aims will be borne in mind in all policy and operational decisions made by the organisation, especially in relation to the adequate provision of resources. It is recognised that managers could render themselves liable under criminal health and safety law should they place requirements upon staff that are contrary to this policy.

Objectives of the Policy

- 1.14 The organisation expects, and requires, every one of its departments to work towards achieving the following objectives in the field of health and safety.
 - 1. To comply always with the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 as amended and all other relevant statutory provisions, including health and safety approved codes of practice and guidance and relevant fire safety legislation.
 - 2. To effectively identify all significant hazards arising from our activities, to assess all the resultant risks to the health and safety of our employees, guests/customers and other people and to develop the appropriate preventive and protective measures necessary to control these risks.
 - 3. To effectively plan, organise, implement, control, monitor and review the preventive and protective measures.
 - 4. To establish, and where necessary implement, appropriate emergency procedures to be followed in situations of serious and imminent danger. In this respect to co-operate and co-ordinate with the emergency services.

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5. To provide and maintain suitable and safe vehicles, plant, equipment, and systems of work.
6. To provide employees with adequate health and safety training and supervision, and to take account of employees' capabilities as regards health and safety matters when assigning tasks to them.
7. To provide employees with understandable information on health and safety risks identified by assessments and on the preventive and protective measures necessary to control these risks.
8. To avoid safety, health and fire risks in connection with the use, handling and storage of articles and substances.
9. To provide a safe place of work and a healthy working environment.
10. Where appropriate on health and safety grounds, to ensure that employees are provided with, and use, suitable personal protective clothing or equipment. Also, to make adequate arrangements for the storage and maintenance of such personal protective clothing and equipment.
11. Where beneficial to the prevention of work-related illnesses or ill-health conditions, to provide employees with appropriate health surveillance.

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- 2.1.1 The Board accepts its collective role in providing strong and active health and safety leadership in the organisation.
- 2.1.2 Each member of the Board accepts their individual role in providing health and safety leadership.
- 2.1.3 All Board decisions will reflect our commitment to achieving the objectives set out in this health and safety policy.
- 2.1.4 The Board will seek to engage the active participation of employees in improving health and safety.
- 2.1.5 The Board accept that effective two-way communication is essential including reviewing health and safety performance and achievement of strategic targets.

2.2 The Chief Executive Officer (Tier 1)

- 2.2.1 Is the person responsible for the planning, delivery, monitoring and review of health and safety within the organisation.
- 2.2.2 Will ensure that there is an effective policy for health and safety which is kept up-to-date within the organisation.
- 2.2.3 Will ensure that relevant risks are assessed and will make available sufficient funds to allow for the appropriate control of significant hazards.
- 2.2.4 Must ensure that implementation of the policy and fully support all persons who carry out that policy.
- 2.2.5 Will have the responsibility of discharging the organisation's duty, under Section 2(3) of the Act, of bringing the general statement of health and safety policy and the organisation and arrangements for the carrying out of that policy to the notice of the employees in their departments.
- 2.2.6 Will ensure that the health and safety policy of the organisation is understood at all levels.
- 2.2.7 Will co-operate fully in the training of the health and safety representatives and arrange for consultation on health and safety matters as appropriate.
- 2.2.8 Will include health and safety performance information in the quarterly report to Board.

2.3 The Leadership Team (Tier 2)

- 2.3.1 Will take a lead role in the implementation of the health & safety throughout the organisation.

- 2.3.2 Will provide leadership in Health & Safety to allow the organisation to deal with all relevant matters delegated by the Board pertaining to its focus of business and in doing so furthering the objectives of the company.
- 2.3.3 Will ensure procedures are in place to allow staff throughout the organisation to comply with all relevant legislation pertaining to health and safety.
- 2.3.4 Will implement an internal and external health and safety inspection program to ensure all areas of the organisation are in full compliance of all legislation related to the service function within the organisation.
- 2.3.5 Will investigate serious accidents, dangerous occurrences and similar incidents, in conjunction with the Health and Safety Officer, and prepare reports for submission to the board and the Health and Safety Executive, as necessary, and make recommendations to prevent recurrence.
- 2.3.6 Will advise their staff teams of their responsibilities for health, safety and welfare under any relevant legislation, whilst clearly defining the organisations overall health & safety structure to include ongoing risk management and risk assessments.
- 2.3.7 Shall be responsible in the development of all health & safety templates and frameworks throughout the organisation and will monitor the timescales for completion of these documents.
- 2.3.8 Will recommend appropriate training of employees and assist with its implementation.
- 2.3.9 Will advise on the display of material and publicity regarding health and safety.
- 2.3.10 Will monitor both employees and contractors in compliance with this policy.
- 2.3.11 Will report on and monitor Live Borders Health & Safety KPI's at the Health & Safety Forum
- 2.3.12 Will implement and oversee the staff training matrix to ensure all staff have the training they require.

2.4 Health and Safety Forum (Strategic) (Tier 3)

- 2.4.1 The Health and Safety Forum is a strategic forum comprising the Chief executive Officer, the company's Leadership Team, the Health and Safety Officer and a nominated representative of the board of directors. The forum is supported by QLM Ltd, the company's retained health and safety expert advisors. The forum meets 3 times per year.
- 2.4.2 Will provide leadership in health and safety to allow the organisation to deal with all relevant matters delegated by the Board pertaining to the focus of business and in doing so furthering the objectives of the company.
- 2.4.3 Will review and monitor the organisation's performance in managing all Health and Safety issues.
- 2.4.4 The Board will be represented by a nominated director of the company who acts as a conduit between the health and safety forum and the board of directors.

2.4.5 Its functions are:

- (a) To report on health and safety performance matters which in turn will be relayed to the Board of Directors as required.
- (b) The study of accident and notifiable injury, disease and dangerous occurrence statistics and trends, so that reports can be made to management on unsafe and unhealthy conditions and practices, together with recommendations for corrective action.
- (c) Examination of independent safety audit reports on a similar basis.
- (d) Consideration of reports and factual information provided by Enforcing Authority inspectors.
- (e) Consideration of reports that health and safety representatives may wish to submit.
- (f) To recommend objectives to improve the health and safety performance of the Organisation and to review and monitor achievement of same.
- (g) Assistance in the development of safety rules and safe systems of work.
- (h) To monitor and review the effectiveness of the safety content of employee training.
- (i) To monitor and review the adequacy of safety and health communication and publicity in the workplace.
- (j) The provision of a link with the Enforcement Authority.
- (k) To keep the Organisation informed of relevant changes to legislation.
- (l) To notify staff of changes to arrangements.

2.5 Health and Safety Officer (Tier 3)

- 2.5.1 As the qualified health and safety individual within the organisation they will provide guidance on health and safety legislation including advice on sound health and safety practice and will advise upon the health and safety content of all specifications and contract documents.
- 2.5.2 Will oversee internal health and safety inspections and compliance throughout the organisation and feedback to the Chief Executive Officer and Leadership team.
- 2.5.3 Provides guidance on documentation, systems, PPE requirements and training required.
- 2.5.4 Will schedule health and safety documentation review dates and assist in the development of health and safety objectives.

- 2.5.5 Will investigate serious accidents, dangerous occurrences and similar incidents and prepare reports for submission to the Board and the Health & Safety Executive, as necessary, and make recommendations to prevent recurrence.
- 2.5.6 Will support Tier 2 and Tier 4 staff in the investigation of other accidents and similar incidents and make recommendations to prevent recurrence.

2.6 Service Managers (Tier 4) (Staff reporting to Leadership)

- 2.6.1 Will undertake risk assessments and draw up safe systems of work for their areas of responsibility to be approved by their line manager.
- 2.6.2 Will fully familiarise themselves with the safety policy of the organisation and ensure that all people in their charge comply with the safety policy at all times.
- 2.6.3 Will ensure that all accidents are recorded, that they are investigated and accident reports are completed promptly and recorded as per organisation procedures.
- 2.6.4 Will ensure that people in their charge are aware of the procedures to be adopted in the event of fire or other foreseeable emergency.
- 2.6.5 Will ensure that people in their charge know the location of first aid facilities.
- 2.6.6 Will ensure, where reasonably practicable, that adequate supervision is available at all times for employees in their charge.
- 2.6.7 Will devise safe working practices for tasks under their control and will ensure that only safe working practices are used, in order to provide maximum safety for all people in their charge.
- 2.6.8 Will brief employees on health and safety procedures and policies.
- 2.6.9 Will maintain good housekeeping standards in their sections/sites at all times.
- 2.6.10 Will ensure that any health and safety problem, which cannot be resolved by themselves, is raised quickly with the Health and Safety Officer or their Line Manager.
- 2.6.11 Will ensure that all staff complete a comprehensive induction, including health and safety.
- 2.6.12 Will ensure that all staff training records and qualifications are kept up to date and valid.

2.7 All Employees (including volunteers and interns)

- 2.7.1 Will make themselves familiar with the health and safety policy.
- 2.7.2 Will always make full and proper use of the appropriate safe systems of work, safety equipment and protective clothing and make full use of appropriate safety devices.

- 2.7.3 Will report to their line manager any unsafe systems of work which develop contrary to instructions, unsafe working conditions, damage to plant, machinery or equipment and will report accidents immediately.
- 2.7.4 Will take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions and ensure all people in their charge comply with the Health & Safety policy and procedures in place.
- 2.7.5 Will co-operate with the organisation so as to enable it to carry out its own duties and responsibilities.
- 2.7.6 Will not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety or welfare by the organisation.

2.8 New Employees

- 2.8.1 In addition to the provisions of section 2.7 (inclusive) above, new employees shall:
- (a) Be inducted in all relevant health and safety requirements before working unsupervised.
 - (b) Ensure that they have read and fully understand instructions in the event of fire or other serious or imminent danger.
 - (c) Familiarise themselves with the Organisation's accident and near misses reporting procedure.
 - (d) Shall complete and keep their staff training records up to date

2.9 Health & Safety Group (Operational)

- 2.9.1 Health and Safety Group with an operational health and safety focus will meet on a six weekly basis and comprise representatives from Tiers 3 and 4, supported by the Health and Safety Officer and a representative from the Leadership team.
- 2.9.2 This groups will focus on operational health and safety matters, specifically:
- Updating schedules for COSHH, risk assessments, PPE, Manual Handling, DSE assessments etc;
 - Programmes of statutory tests and inspections;
 - Trend analysis for accidents, incidents and other health and safety related issues;
 - Training and competency;
 - Issues for referral to the Health and Safety Forum.

SECTION THREE: HEALTH AND SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 This health and safety policy provides a system of procedures to control the principal hazards within the organisation's operation.

3.2 Procedures are in place to control hazards to customers, staff, contractors and anyone who may be affected by our business.

3.3 Documented procedures are developed where it is agreed the absence of such procedures may affect safety.

3.4 These procedures are contained in health and safety operating procedures specific to each part of the company's operations.

DIAGRAM ONE

LIVE BORDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY ORGANISATIONAL CHART

