

Environmental Policy

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1.0 Statement of Policy and Authority

1.1 Company Profile

Concept is a site investigation contractor providing site investigations, consultancy and survey services for the construction and related industries. Concept operates a Quality Management System (ISO9001:2008) that has been approved by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance (LRQA). Concept is also a member of the Association of Consultancy and Engineering (ACE), the British Drilling Association (BDA), Association of Geotechnical Specialist (AGS) and ConstructionLine. Concept also carry out geotechnical laboratory testing, and aim to achieve UKAS (ISO:17025) accreditation by August 2010.

1.2 Policy aims

Concept aims to operate in the most cost effective and competitive way and acknowledges the influence that their daily working routine and activities have on the environment. Concept recognises that the adoption of environmentally preferable business practices by setting *realistic* environmental targets and objectives is an essential component for ensuring sustainable business growth. Concept is committed to the continual improvement of the way their business impacts on the environment and by implementing this policy and actions and ensuring compliance with legislation and good practice guidelines, aims to inspire confidence to their clients, employees, suppliers and subcontractors. Concept has implemented an environmental management system (EMS) that is complaint with ISO14001 and suited to the scale and significance of their operations and aims to gain accreditation by April 2010.

1.3 Statement of Authority & Responsibility

The company is fully committed to the principles of environmental management and recognises the necessity for the involvement of all employees to achieve this. The Directors maintain overall authority and approval of the procedures and policies in this manual The Environmental Manager is responsible for managing the EMS, and ensuring that environmental targets and objectives are met. Amendments to the EMS may only be made with the approval of the Environmental Manager.

2.0 The Environmental Management System

2.1 Objectives of the Environmental Management System;

The Primary Objectives of the Environmental Management System are to:

- Define the **key** environmental aspects and impacts that are relevant to all the companies activities, products and services and provide a framework of environmental targets and objectives;
- Ensure and encourage commitment to continual improvement and **prevention of pollution/minimisation** of waste through the flow and feedback from internal audits, monitoring of day-to-day activities and environmental targets/objectives into quarterly management review;
- Comply with all legal requirements and best practice guidelines, which are related to our key environmental impacts;

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- Ensure that the appropriate resources and training are available to support, develop and maintain an environmental consciousness amongst management and staff employed by the company.
- Ensure that all documents (internal and external) related to the Environmental Management System are properly controlled, maintained, and updated;
- Provide a system of communication to ensure that our environmental policy and updates are made available both internally and externally;

It is our intention to be open and communicate with all interested parties on environmental issues and to demonstrate our commitment to environmental sustainability, prevention of pollution and minimisation of waste. This policy will be reviewed annually and revised accordingly as part of our culture of continuous improvement.

3.0 Organisation and Arrangements

The implementation of this environmental policy exceeds the basic requirements associated with a "green" image. The benefits include the ability to increase market share, reduce costs and attract new customers.

Concept's environmental policy demonstrates commitment to the principles detailed in the ISO14001 Standard. Both management and employees are committed to improve environmental performance

Approved by:


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Director


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Environmental Manager


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