## **Environmental Policy**



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PG Bison is committed to a long-term sustainable approach to caring for and safeguarding the environment by balancing environmental considerations and social responsibility with our business goals. We are further committed to adopting environmentally responsible practices by –

- Ensuring compliance with relevant legal and other requirements;
- Improving procedures and practices continually to adapt to the dynamic environment in which we operate;
- Preventing pollution as far as practically possible; and
- Fostering environmental sustainability.

We aim to address these commitments by -

- 1. Creating awareness of our environmental values and goals in order to foster environmentally responsible citizens and future leaders;
- 2. Acting in a responsible manner in terms of air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, waste management, water and resource use, and energy efficiency by adopting the principles of 'prevent, minimise or control';
- 3. Adhering to the principle of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" in respect of waste management;
- 4. Monitoring water consumption and effluent-producing activities and adopting practices to conserve and reduce impact on water resources;
- 5. Monitoring energy consumption and adopting practices to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs;
- 6. Implementing environmentally sound practices to operate existing infrastructure in a more sustainable manner, and applying responsible principles in the design of new infrastructure;
- 7. Safeguarding against environmental emergencies and managing any emergencies efficiently and effectively should they occur;
- 8. Protecting and preserving areas of cultural significance, including aesthetic, archaeological, cultural and historical sites;
- 9. Managing biodiversity in natural ecosystems and protecting rare, threatened and endangered species, communities, habitats and ecosystems;
- 10. Ensuring compliance with legal and other requirements and monitoring and reviewing our environmental performance on a regular basis and integrating the results into a programme of continual improvement;
- 11. Supporting environmental research and development initiatives and incorporating the principles of "Green Procurement" where reasonably practicable;



- 12. Managing emerging and current risks in order to minimise potential and actual negative environmental impacts; and
- 13. Encouraging socially responsible behaviour and engaging with stakeholders in environmental projects.

Notwithstanding the above, and specifically in terms of responsible forest management, North East Cape Forests (FSC-C139494) and South Cape Forests (FSC-SGSCH-FM/COC-012032) prescribe to the principles of the Forest Stewardship Council<sup>®</sup> and its related policies and standards. A copy of these policies and standards are available free of charge upon request.

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