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INVESTMENT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The earth's environment is under severe stress from uncontrolled human activity, threatening the survival of our society and the performance of Mbhashe Local Municipality's mission.

Mbhashe Local Municipality accepts that it must work to preserve the environmental sustainability of the planet, at all levels of its operations – in its own practice, as a participant in a community of practice, and as a participant in the South African social discourse.

Mbhashe Local Municipality aspires to minimize its impact on our environment and maximize the effective use of resources. We strive to achieve this by increasing communication and awareness of our efforts in accordance with this policy and fostering responsible environmental behavior amongst staff, service providers and users at all levels.

Mbhashe Local Municipality is committed not only to complying with applicable law in all of its operations but to minimize risks and impacts through the development of robust and documented systems to implement, measure, monitor, and disseminate excellent environmental performance both within its operations and to the broader community.

PURPOSE:

This Environmental Sustainability Policy aims to integrate a philosophy of sustainable development into all the organization's activities and to establish and promote sound environmental practice in our operations.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Mbhashe Local Municipality commits itself to minimizing its impact on our environment through:

- Providing a safe and healthful workplace;
 - Promote an environmentally sustainable aware culture, where responsibility is assigned and understood;
 - Being an environmentally responsible neighbour in our community;
 - Conserving natural resources by reusing and recycling;
 - Using, in our own operations, processes that do not adversely affect the environment;
 - Ensuring the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation;
 - Participating in efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding;
 - Taking steps to improve environmental performance continually;
 - Conducting rigorous audits, evaluations, and self-assessments of the implementation of this policy;
 - Working with suppliers who promote sound environmental practices; and
 - Enhancing awareness among our employees, volunteers, and users – educating and motivating them to act in an environmentally responsible manner.
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RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Management to establish and maintain policies and procedures and to bring these procedures into effect.

It shall be the responsibility of the Management to ensure implementation of these policies and procedures.

PROPOSED PROCEDURES:

1. Mbhashe Local Municipality will develop guidelines for staff, volunteers and users to adopt sound environmental work practices, and adequate training will be provided to ensure these practices are carried out.
 2. Mbhashe Local Municipality will act responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment. It will promptly report any such incidents to the relevant authorities, and inform affected parties as appropriate.
 3. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use reasonable endeavours to, reuse and recycle materials, purchase recycled materials, and use recyclable packaging and other materials.
 4. MLM will use all reasonable endeavours in her means to ensure that solid waste is sorted at source i.e. introduction of environmentally friendly dust bins.
 5. MLM will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that conserving of paper is adhered to by encouraging use of technology as an alternative to printing of papers.
 6. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use all reasonable endeavours to conserve energy by improving energy efficiency i.e. use of energy saving bulbs, promoting the use of solar energy and giving preference to renewable over non-renewable energy sources when feasible.
 7. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that its services and products are safe, efficient in their use of energy i.e. ensuring lights are switched off after work, ensuring sustainability.
 8. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use all reasonable endeavours to prevent air, water, and waste pollution by disposing waste safely and responsibly.
 9. Mbhashe Local Municipality will, use reasonable endeavours to, utilize its particular knowledge and experience to contribute to environmentally sustainable techniques, technology, knowledge and methods.
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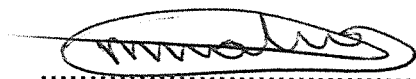


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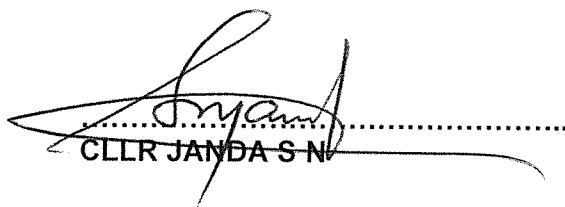
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10. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use all reasonable endeavours to contribute to the maintenance and increase of biodiversity through its management of its landholdings.
11. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use all reasonable endeavours to meet or exceed all applicable government requirements and voluntary requirements generally observed in its field, and will, in addition, adhere to the more stringent requirements of its own environmental policy.
12. In order to continually improve its environmental management system Mbhashe Local Municipality will use reasonable endeavours to conduct audits and self-assessments of its compliance with this policy.
13. Mbhashe Local Municipality will maintain an open and honest dialogue with staff, volunteers, stakeholders, and the public about the environmental, health and safety performance of its operations and services.
14. Mbhashe Local Municipality will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that every employee, volunteer and contractor is informed of and expected to follow this policy and to report any environmental, health, or safety concern to management so that prompt action may be taken.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY:


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MR NAKO M
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

28 JUNE 2018
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