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## CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

## Scope and Applicability

The Policy (Corporate Environmental Policy) is applicable to all units of Shree Cement as well as entities on whom Shree Cement Limited (SCL) exercises direct operational, and financial control. The applicability of this policy is also extended to SCL's value chain, distribution, suppliers, vendors, and logistics partners. While these partners are expected to conform with the commitments mentioned in this policy, they are expected to have a similar Policy of their own.

Shree Cement Limited is committed to ensure Clean, Green, Healthy and Sustainable Environment through the following:

- Compliance with all the applicable environmental laws, regulations and legislations.
- Implementation of Environmental Management System across the organization.
- Efficient use of natural resources, energy, water, plant and equipment.
- Reduction in stack emissions, noise, waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Limiting the dependence on coal-based power by increasing share of renewable energy in total power consumption.
- Promoting circular economy through reuse and recycling of waste, use of alternate fuel and alternate raw materials.
- Carry out an environmental due diligence of our potential business mergers and acquisitions.
- Assess the risk posed by water scarcity or lack thereof, before commencing operations on a particular site.
- Regularly track the water consumption across operations and reduce stress on water resources through implementation of water saving initiatives as well as water recharge initiatives (such as rainwater harvesting).
- Review and ensure continual improvement in environmental performance with implementation of proper systems
- To minimize environmental risks and impacts due to operations, across the value chain and in local community.
- Developing and enhancing green cover and conservation of biodiversity with an aim of achieving Net Positive Impact on biodiversity.
- Aim to achieve no net deforestation as part of our operation.
- Avoid operations near environmentally sensitive regions and protected areas which hold high biodiversity value. In situations, where we have no alternative but to operate close to an ecologically or biodiversity sensitive area, implement mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, restore, and offset).
- Engagement with Stakeholders including employees, customers, vendors, peers etc. on environmental issues and enhancing awareness.

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- Encourage value chain partners to have effective environmental policy, comply with applicable environment related laws and undertake environment protection initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility and improve their environmental performances.
- Reporting of environmental performance and non-compliances (if any) as and when occurs to the management.
- Communication and awareness sessions for internal and external stakeholders, including employees, on environmental policy and environmental impacts.

## **Roles & Responsibilities**

We have established and implemented EMS at all our locations within the organizational boundaries. Respective unit heads are responsible for implementation of policy at unit level, in consultation with corporate environment team. The head of corporate environment team oversees effectiveness of initiatives implemented across operations. Briefing on environmental matters is communicated to the management and Board of Directors as per requirement.

Any non-compliance with reference to implementation of the policy can be reported through grievance mechanism defined in Stakeholder Engagement Policy of SCL.

## Approval

This policy was approved by the Board of Directors of Shree Cement Limited at its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and supersedes all prior communications in this matter.

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