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**1.1 APPLICATION**

This Safety Statement has been developed to assist ABC Company comply with relevant H&S standards and to ensure that clients and employees are fully aware of ABC Company's commitment to high standards in H&S.

**1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE SAFETY STATEMENT**

To provide a reference for the policies and procedures used in house. It is also used to assess and audit the levels of health and safety being achieved.

To provide evidence that the policies and procedures to ensure health and safety objectives are met and have been thought out and documented in order to help those who must execute them.

To provide a control document to record the pertinent changes to the Company Safety Statement, which become necessary due to the changing business environment.

To help identify training requirements that needs to be fulfilled in order to generate suitably qualified personnel to carry out the policies and procedures contained within the document.

To provide assurance that compliance with legal requirements for health and safety are being met or exceeded.

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## 1.2 COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

The general Statement on this page sets out the Safety Policy of ABC Company.

It is this Company's intention that its work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions of the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations, the Construction Regulations and any other applicable regulations from those implemented in 2007. All reasonable practicable measures will be taken to minimise risk to employees or others who may be affected by company activities.

Manager 2 has appointed Manager 1 as having responsibility for managing Health, Safety & Welfare. Reference should be made to Manager 1, in the event of any difficulty arising in the implementation of this policy. Manager 2 will have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the provisions of this Safety Statement are implemented.

The Success of the policy will depend on the co-operation of all employees. It is therefore important that you acquaint yourself with all areas of the Safety Statement. You should ensure that you understand your role and the overall arrangements for Health & Safety within the Company and within your individual area. You should also be aware that you have an obligation to take care of your own safety and that of others that might be affected by your actions.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager 2

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 1.3 Policy Statement:

ABC Company is committed to, protecting the Safety, Health and Welfare of all employees at work, avoiding product loss, preventing property damage and ensuring its processes will not damage the environment. All reasonable and practicable steps to protect members of the public who may be affected either directly or indirectly by its activities will be followed.

All reasonable and practicable steps shall be taken through occupational risk assessment to ensure that workplace conditions, practices and procedures are safe and in compliance with relevant safety, health and welfare legislation.

All employees shall be adequately trained, supervised and equipped to carry out their duties and responsibilities in a safe manner, with all operating procedures clearly outlined. All employees will have access to the company's safety statement and should ensure that they are familiar with its content.

Where necessary employees shall be provided with suitable protective clothing, equipment and training where hazards cannot be eliminated using all reasonable practicable steps.

Accidents/incidents reported shall be investigated by ABC Company to determine the corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence.

This statement shall be revised as often as is necessitated by changes in legislation or the addition of new processes and equipment and all resources shall be provided to ensure its full implementation.

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## 2.2 Manager 2

- ❑ Manager 2 will be responsible for implementation of the procedures within the Safety Statement.
- ❑ He bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively.
- ❑ He is also responsible for ensuring that staff reporting to him are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.
- ❑ Supervise the Company Health and Safety programme.
- ❑ Review all safety rules bi-annually and, when necessary, recommend suitable changes.
- ❑ Investigate all major accidents and damage to Company property and recommend action.
- ❑ Ensure that accident records are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that records of hazards/near miss reports are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that the systems for ensuring that fire precautions are adequate.
- ❑ The Health, Safety, and Welfare of all employees are not compromised when all other performance standards are set.
- ❑ That adequate funding is reserved to meet regulatory needs of safety and health.
- ❑ That management will lead by example in adhering to stated policies to achieve the Company's aim to reduce accidents and health exposures.

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## 2.6 SUB CONTRACTORS

The following responsibilities are allocated to contractors to whom ABC Company assigns work:

- All contractors must submit their Safety Policies and Insurances to ABC Company for approval prior to being awarded any sub-contract work.
- All Contractors will be expected to adhere to the highest standards of safety and ensure that their vehicles are DOE certified as necessary.
- All contractors will be expected to comply with the ABC Company Policy for Health, Safety and Welfare and must ensure that their own Company's policy is made available to the ABC Company whilst work on our behalf.
- All ancillary equipment on sub-contractor vehicles such as Tail Lifts, Moffit Mounties, Cranes, etc. must be properly certified and in good working order.
- Any injury sustained by a Sub-Contractor's employee or any RTA that a sub-contractor's employee is involved in, must be reported immediately to management at ABC Company.
- Sub-Contractors must comply with any safety instructions given by ABC Company management.
- All employees of the Sub-Contractor who will be engaged in driving must adhere to the correct usage of Tachographs as necessary.
- All employees of the Sub-Contractor must hold the relevant qualifications such as ADR, CPC, etc.
- ABC Company must see originals of all Driving Licences for any employee of a Sub-Contractor before driving on behalf of ABC company. ABC Company will retain copies of these licences.
- ABC Company reserve the right to have any employee of a Sub-Contractor assessed as a driver and to refuse work for that sub-contractor if the driver is not satisfactory.

### **3.12 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY STATEMENT**

ABC Company recognises that alcohol, drugs, or other substance abuse by individuals can have an adverse effect on their ability to perform work and consequently put themselves, the Company and others at significant risk.

All Employees, Contractors, Sub - Contractors and Visitors must be able to perform their duties whilst on company business, or when they are in Company premises/ work areas in such a manner that will not affect their safety or the safety of others by acts or omissions.

If the Company has reasonable grounds to suspect that an Employee or Contractor or Sub Contractor is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (illegal or misused legal substances), disciplinary action will be taken which may lead to dismissal of the individual concerned.

The possession, distribution or sale of drugs or any associated materials whilst you are on company property, company owned vehicles or other off site locations, will lead to disciplinary action being taken.

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### 3.13 Bullying at Work Policy

ABC Company recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer to provide a safe and healthy working environment for employees. As part of the policy of maintaining good employer practice, ABC Company wishes to clearly state that bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

Bullying at work is defined as: 'Persistent criticism and personal abuse, both in public and in private which humiliates and demeans the individual, gradually eroding their sense of self. Bullying can be best described as repeated inappropriate behaviour, whether verbal, physical, or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment, which could reasonably be regarded as undermining the individual's right to dignity at work. An isolated incident of the behaviour described in this definition may be an affront to dignity at work, but as a once off incident is not considered to be bullying.

ABC Company will strive to ensure that all employees are free to perform, their work in an environment, which is free from threat, harassment and intimidation. All complaints of objectionable or offensive behaviour should be made to ABC Company or the Safety Representative.

Manager 2 gives the undertaking that he will investigate all complaints sensitively and will resolve locally, if possible, the source and cause of the bullying behaviour. If the circumstances warrant it, the Company will not be deterred in invoking the formal disciplinary / grievance procedures.

All employees are invited to strive in ensuring that our working environment remains a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

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## 4.5 MANUAL HANDLING

### HAZARDS

- Incorrect method of lifting
- Attempting to lift something which is too heavy
- Lifting sharp/awkward shapes

The main injuries associated with manual handling and lifting are:

- Back strain, slipped disc.
- Hernias.
- Lacerations, crushing of hands or fingers.
- R.S.I.
- Bruised or broken toes or feet.
- Various sprains, strains, etc.

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

### CONTROL MEASURES

Loads which must be manually handled shall be assessed on the basis of their risk to health and safety and due caution exercised where there is a risk of back injury etc. The method of handling shall take account of the size, weight, shape, condition and position of the load to be handled.

Where possible measures shall be taken to reduce the amount of manual handling to a minimum and mechanical handling devices supplied and used in so far as is reasonably practicable.

All appropriate staff shall be trained in safe manual handling techniques.

Where loads have to be manually handled, safe access shall be assured.

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## 4.8 OFFICES

### HAZARDS

- While office work may not be considered as a high-risk activity unsafe work systems and layout may result in injury or illness.

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

### CONTROL MEASURES

- Adequate office space is allocated for the working personnel.
- All furniture, fittings and equipment shall be arranged so that staff can move about without collision with sharp corners of desks etc.
- Only one drawer of a filing cabinet shall be opened at any one time. All drawers should be closed after use.
- Sufficient lighting and ventilation shall be provided.
- Electric or telephone cables shall not trail unprotected across the floor. Cable covers shall be supplied and used.
- Chairs desks or drawer should never be used to access higher areas. Step ladders shall be used.
- All items stored above head level shall be stored properly to prevent falling.
- The mains power supply shall be disconnected before attempting to move electrical equipment.
- All damaged floor covering, furniture equipment or machinery shall be reported, replaced, or repaired.
- Before using chemicals (e.g. photocopier toners) read the instructions on the container and avoid contact with skin or clothing.
- Floor areas shall be kept clear of materials and litter.

**Dangerous waste e.g. broken glass, shall be carefully disposed of**

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### 4.13 Company Vehicles – General Points

#### Hazards

- Personal Injury from inadequate maintenance / Checks on Company Vehicles
- Damage to property from inadequate maintenance / Checks on vehicles
- Road Traffic Accidents

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

#### RISK ASSESSMENT:

|            |          |            |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

#### Tachographs and Working time

It is expected that every driver will adhere totally to the legislation relating to Tachograph procedures. The company shall maintain a full record of Tachographs for inspection by any statutory body.

In accordance with working time regulations the company will ensure that all drivers are rostered in such a way as to comply with statutory rest periods.

#### Use of company vehicles

Five main hazards are addressed under the risk assessment: Road Traffic Accident, Refuelling, Wheel Change (Small vehicles), Mobile Phones and Maintenance.

#### HAZARDS

##### 1. Road Traffic Accident – Injury due to collision

**RISK ASSESMENT:** Medium

#### CONTROL MEASURES

Only suitably qualified and insured employees may operate company vehicles.

They must always be driven within the rules of the road and the law.

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#### 4.15 WORKING IN WAREHOUSE/STORES

##### HAZARDS

- Poor housekeeping.
- Spillages/materials on floor.
- Materials falling from racking.
- Bad/dangerous forklift driving.
- Loading/unloading pallets manually.

##### RISK ASSESSMENT:

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

##### CONTROL MEASURES

- Housekeeping cleaning duties must be carried out daily.
- All spillages should be cleaned up immediately.
- Restrict access to authorised personnel only.
- Safety signs are in place re "Caution Beware of Forklift."
- No obstruction to be put in way of exits.
- Only trained drivers to drive forklift.
- Safety boots worn by all staff.
- All shelving and racking shall be kept in good condition.
- Shelving and racking shall not be over loaded.

##### TRAINING

- Forklift driver training.
- Manual Handling.
- Safe working practices in Warehousing Areas.

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## 4.16 HAND PALLET TRUCKS AND MHE

### HAZARDS

- May cause serious accident and injury to other members of staff.
- Reversing against operator.
- Collision with employee.
- Material falling from load.
- Truck/ M.H.E. colliding with objects.
- Standing on pallet forks while in motion.
- Unsafe pallets/badly damaged pallets.
- Poorly maintained pallet truck.
- Wet floors.
- Carrying excessive weight.
- Pallet being dropped on to operator's feet.

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

### CONTROL MEASURES

- Training of operators.
- Only trained personnel can use hand pallet truck/ M.H.E.
- Use of emergency stop button.
- Use horn of pallet truck/ M.H.E.
- No personnel allowed to stand on pallet trucks/ M.H.E
- Use pallet truck/ M.H.E. to lift maximum weight guidelines only.

### TRAINING

- All operators to receive in-house training in use of pallet truck.
- All hazards associated with truck must be clearly identified to operators
- Correct handling procedure to all operators.

### CONTROL DURING USE

- Always travel in reverse except when loading/unloading or when placing a pallet.
- Keep all body parts inside the confines of your M.H.E. when travelling.
- Do not dismount while M.H.E. is still moving.

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## 4.21 COUPLING/UNCOUPLING TRAILERS

### HAZARDS

The main hazards associated with coupling and uncoupling are:

- Unhitching
- Runaways

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

### CONTROL MEASURES (sourced from HSE)

Coupling procedure for standard semi - trailers (where there is room to operate safely between the rear of the tractor cab and the front of the semi trailer)

- Slowly reverse the tractor unit in a straight line towards the front of the trailer.
- Apply the tractor unit parking brake, stop the engine and remove the keys.
- Check the trailer parking brake is applied.
- Make any necessary adjustments to the trailer coupling height and slowly reverse the tractor unit under the trailer until the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel jaws engage.
- Apply the tractor unit parking brake, stop the engine and remove the keys.
- Carry out a visual check that the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel jaws have engaged correctly and fit the security "dog clip" or other safety device.
- Carry out a second test that the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel jaws have engaged by selecting a low forward gear and with the trailer brakes still applied slowly pulling forward.
- Apply the tractor unit parking brake, stop the engine and remove the keys.
- Connect the service airline (yellow) and electrical connections.
- Connect the emergency airline (red) and watch for any unexpected movement. (If the trailer moves, immediately disconnect the emergency airline (red) and check that the trailer parking brake has been applied.
- Wind up the landing legs and secure the handle.
- Fit the number plates and check that the lights work.
- Carry out visual and functional vehicle checks, and release the trailer handbrake before setting off.

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## 4.24 Drivers

### Hazards

Road Traffic Accidents

### Risks Identified

| Likelihood | Severity | Risk Value |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Score =    | Score =  | Result =   |

### Control measures

- Ensure your CPC is current.
- Follow safety instructions.
- Use seat belts at all times.
- Always drive within the speed limit.
- Reduce your speed to take account of weather conditions.
- Do not continue driving if tired. Take regular breaks. Get out of the Coach/Bus and take some fresh air.
- **Do not use stimulants to overcome tiredness.**
- Always comply with local traffic conditions and follow requirements on driving time.
- Adjust your seating position so it is as upright as possible and so that you are using the head restraint. This will help to prevent whiplash in the event of an accident.
- Be familiar with the maintenance procedures for your vehicle and ensure it is kept in good running order. Are windows and mirrors clean? Are tyres, brakes, steering and lights in good condition?
- Do not drive under the effect of alcohol or drugs or if you have taken any medicines that could affect your driving. Follow the safety instructions for medicines and consult your doctor if in doubt.
- Make sure load is evenly distributed and properly secured.
- Ensure load cover is always in place when carrying loose loads such as Sand or Gravel.
- Ensure vision is not obstructed by pendants or stickers etc. on windows.
- Try to avoid parking your vehicle in positions that will obstruct traffic or visibility of other drivers or pedestrians.
- Ensure measures to prevent the vehicle moving are applied.
- Eat regular, healthy meals.

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## 8.2 ABC Company Equality Policy

ABC Company are an equal opportunities Employer & thus, as laid out in this policy, seek to comply with all legal regulations & directives with regard to dealing with individuals or groups in a fair & legal way.

It is the policy of ABC Company to deal (employ, pay, consult, interview, speak to, and write to etc.) with any person/s equally & with dignity Regardless of disposition:

- Gender
- Race
- Colour
- Creed (Religious Persuasion)
- Nationality
- Disability or Physical Impairment
- Financial Status

ABC Company, its Management and Staff must uphold & comply with this policy. Failure to comply with this policy could result in immediate disciplinary action & possible dismissal.

Should any person cause harm, harass, sexually harass or disadvantage any of the above because of their disposition, that person/s will be reported to the Authorities & will be dealt with on a legal basis.

It is the overall policy of this company to practice equality & to be fair to all.