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Environmental & Recycling Policy Statement:

Datashredders Ltd is a private company engaged in activities within the management of waste and recycling sector of the UK economy. For this reason, we acknowledge our obligation and responsibility to protect; conserve and improve the environment in so far as reasonably practicable.

We are committed to the continuous improvement of environmental performance and management and the prevention of pollution from the activities we undertake. We will comply with all applicable legal and other relevant requirements that relate to our environmental aspects, official codes of practice and, as far as practicable, accepted best practice in environmental management.

The Company seeks to minimise its effect on the environment via our recycling initiatives and by adopting environmentally sound policies and practices throughout its operations in so far as resource constraints allow, and by providing information and services to its employees, visitors, contractors, suppliers and customers.

Our corporate ethos stems from two major considerations:

- Producing recycled paper involves between 27 - 69% less energy consumption than new paper and uses less water. Therefore, we confidently assert that every tonne of paper we recycle from our shredding depot - 17 trees are spared, 7,000 gallons of water are saved and 4,200 KWh less electricity is used.
- 275,000 tonnes of plastic are used each year in the UK, which is approximately 15 million bottles per day. Most households throw away about 40kg of plastic per year, which could be recycled. This tonnage could increase exponentially because the use of plastic in Western Europe is growing about 4% each year. Plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose.

It is therefore our belief that these statistics alone prove that recycling waste materials is vital if society are to preserve the Earth's natural resources. In order for us to maintain our Environmental and Recycling commitment, the Company has developed the following interlinked policy positions:

Environmental Policy:

Datashredders will:

- Comply fully with the relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulatory regulations.
- Increase recycling targets by finding innovative ways for the Company, our partners and customers to recycle as many materials as possible, and to actively promote our landfill diversion objectives, which is aimed at minimising waste by-products entering the landfill system.
- Minimise disturbance to the local and global environment and to the quality of life of the local communities.
- Maintain appearances and highest environmental standards within the company premises.
- Take positive steps to conserve scarce and non-renewable resources.
- Improve the environmental efficiency of our transport and travel.
- Geographical planning of collections to reduce vehicle emissions and reduction of road wear.
- Select environmentally advanced vehicles, using factors such as CO2 emission rates and size determination.
- Assess, in advance if possible, environmental effects of any new processes and developments.
- Provide necessary information to enable proper use, storage and disposal of Company products to avoid harm to the environment.
- Set and regularly review environmental objectives.
- Train all employees in the development of this Environmental Policy.

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Recycling Policy:

Datashredders will:

- Cultivate a work ethic which waste minimisation and recycling.
- Promote economy in the use of paper and other consumables.
- Encourage the purchase of recycled materials and those which are suitable for disposal by recycling.
- Favour suppliers with sound environmental principles and positive recycling and waste management practices.
- Train all employees in the development of this Recycling Policy.
- Minimise waste by encouraging the exchange and reuse of equipment and materials.
- Continue to develop and improve the range and scope of recycling schemes we offer.

Edward Lefevre



Managing Director
Datashredders Ltd

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