

It is our policy to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of all employees and any other persons who may be directly affected by the activities of the Company. tel-Lingua will, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- 1. Aim to achieve compliance with legal requirements through good occupational health and safety performance.
- 2. Provide adequate resources to implement this policy.
- 3. Establish and maintain a safe and healthy working environment.
- 4. Ensure that significant risks arising from work activities under our control are eliminated or adequately controlled.
- 5. Develop and implement appropriate occupational health and safety procedures, and safe working practices.
- 6. Include the management of health and safety as a specific responsibility of managers at all levels.
- 7. Ensure this policy is understood and implemented throughout the organisation.
- 8. Maintain workplaces under our control in a condition that is safe and without risk to health.
- 9. Regularly review compliance with the policy and the management systems that support it.
- 10. Ensure that employees receive appropriate training, and are competent to carry out their designated responsibilities.

Approved: Andrew Mangold Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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# Responsibilities for health and safety

The following responsibilities have been assigned to competent people to enable us to meet the objectives of our health and safety policy.

#### **Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive has overall responsibility for the formulation and implementation of the company's health and safety policy, and in particular for:

- 1. Ensuring that the necessary arrangements are in place for managing health and safety effectively, and that senior managers are accountable for health and safety.
- 2. Considering health and safety during the planning and implementation of business strategy.
- 3. Ensuring there are sufficient resources for meeting the objectives of the health and safety policy.
- 4. Ensuring arrangements are in place for consultation with employees and that they are involved in decisions relating to health and safety, and that progress in relation to health and safety is communicated to them.
- 5. Including health and safety on the agenda of Board meetings and senior executive meetings.
- 6. Ensuring arrangements are in place to monitor and review health and safety performance across the company, including accidents and incidents; and ensuring that the necessary amendments are made to relevant policies, procedures and processes.
- 7. Reviewing the objectives of the health and safety policy on an annual basis.



## Health & Safety Officer

The Health & Safety Officer is responsible for, in addition to any duties set out in this document or elsewhere, the day to day management of health and safety and ensuring that the objectives of the health and safety policy are implemented, and in particular:

- 1. Ensuring that health and safety is considered prior to the implementation of new processes.
- 2. Ensuring that suitable policies and procedures are provided and implemented to meet the objectives of the health and safety policy.
- 3. Ensuring that there is a training policy in place so that employees are competent for their respective roles and their health and safety responsibilities.
- 4. Ensuring that arrangements are in place for the elimination or control of risks in relation to health and safety.
- 5. Ensuring suitable emergency arrangements are in place in relation to fire, accidents and first aid.
- 6. Ensuring suitable controls are in place for the effective management of contractors.
- 7. Ensure that reports and recommendations provided by enforcement bodies, external consultants and other such bodies are evaluated and actioned without delay.
- 8. Monitoring performance in relation to health and safety and reporting to the Managing Director and the Board of progress against the objectives of the health and safety policy.
- 9. Reviewing accidents and other incidents in relation to health and safety and reporting to the Managing Director and the Board on the outcome of these investigations.
- 10. Informing the Managing Director of any situation which may affect or incur adverse publicity for the Company.



## **Employees**

It is the duty of all employees to take all reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves, and any other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. They must also co-operate with senior managers and other employees in fulfilling our objectives and statutory duties. In particular, they must:

- 1. Comply with the training, information and instruction they have been given.
- 2. Not attempt to carry out hazardous work or use hazardous machinery unless they have been trained and authorised to do so.
- 3. Carry out their work safely and without undue risk to themselves, colleagues and others who may be affected by their actions, and not intentionally interfere, misuse or ignore arrangements, controls and items provided for health and safety purposes.
- 4. Check tools and equipment before using them, and not to use equipment which they know to be faulty.
- 5. Ensure that any damaged equipment is reported immediately to their manager/supervisor and removed from service until it is repaired.
- 6. Not bring any equipment, tools, radios, etc. onto company premises without first obtaining permission from their supervisor/manager.
- 7. Conduct themselves in a responsible manner while on company business, be alert for hazards and refrain from any form of horseplay.
- 8. Comply with the arrangements for emergencies and fire as they have been instructed.
- 9. Use the personal protective equipment, clothing or safeguards provided and ensure that personal protective equipment is stored correctly and kept in good condition.
- 10. Co-operate with management, colleagues, safety representatives and advisors promoting safe working practices.
- 11. Keep their work areas tidy and clear of hazards.
- 12. Report accidents, incidents and hazards they observe to their manager/supervisor.



#### Fire Wardens

Fire Wardens are responsible for, in addition to any duties set out in this document or elsewhere, assisting in meeting the objectives of the health and safety policy, and in particular:

- 1. Being familiar with the emergency procedures.
- 2. Taking appropriate and effective action if a fire occurs.
- 3. Identifying hazards in the workplace and recording and reporting their observations.
- 4. Ensuring that escape routes and doors are kept clear and are available for use.
- 5. Ensuring fire doors are kept closed.
- 6. Checking suitable and sufficient notices are displayed.
- 7. Ensuring appropriate extinguishers are in place and are subject to regular maintenance.
- 8. Ensuring fire alarms and emergency lighting is checked and serviced.

If a fire is discovered, the fire wardens should:

- 1. Ensure that the alarm has been raised.
- 2. Check that manufacturing processes have been made safe.
- 3. Collect roll call registers.
- 4. Evacuate staff from the building or area involved and check that any staff or visitors with disabilities are assisted as planned.
- 5. Ensure the fire service has been called.
- 6. Go to the designated assembly point.
- 7. Conduct a roll call.
- 8. Ensure all persons have been accounted for and remain in the roll call area until instructed otherwise.
- 9. Report to the senior manager to confirm all persons are accounted for and report any persons missing.

FIRE WARDENS MUST NEVER PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK WHILE UNDERTAKING THEIR ROLE



#### First Aiders

First Aiders are responsible for, in addition to any duties set out in this document or elsewhere, assisting in meeting the objectives of the health and safety policy, and in particular:

- 1. Being familiar with the emergency procedures and ensuring suitable and sufficient notices are displayed detailing the procedures.
- 2. Maintaining a valid first aid at work certificate issued by an HSE approved first aid training centre.
- 3. Attending appropriate additional courses to maintain their expertise as required remain up to date on the latest treatments.
- 4. Being aware of the various hazards likely to be the cause of injury and the appropriate first-aid treatment necessary.
- 5. Taking charge when someone is injured or falls ill, and providing treatment or advice within the limits of their training and experience and referring any cases of doubt to a hospital or doctor.
- 6. Checking that appropriate and sufficient first-aid boxes are sited about the premises and they are properly stocked and maintained.
- 7. Checking that appropriate and sufficient eye wash facilities are sited about the premises and maintained.
- 8. Recording details of all accidents and treatments in the appropriate incident log.
- 9. Ensuring the relevant Manager is advised of all accidents and incidents to ensure the appropriate investigations can be completed.

