# **GLID WIND FARMS TOPCO LIMITED**

# Sustainability Policy (Environment, Social and Governance)



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#### 1. Introduction

GLID has always had sustainability at the core of its business and strategy. This continues to be a top priority alongside Health and Safety throughout the entirety of its operations.

### 1.1. Glossary and Definitions

GLID WIND FARMS TOPCO LIMITED
Service Provider Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Ltd

Owners' Representative XceCo Limited

ESG Environmental, Social & Governance

# 2. Policy, organisation, and arrangements

#### 2.1 Sustainability Policy

The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for ESG performance and is committed to the achievement of excellence in all environmental, social and governance areas.

At its core, sustainability is all about not permanently consuming resources from the planet for today, at the expense of those resources' availability for the people of tomorrow.

The following principles will be incorporated into the operational decision-making process of GLID:

- Consider material ESG issues to mitigate potential risks
- Monitor any ESG issues that are considered material to the operations and performance of the Company using specific ESG metrics
- Develop appropriate measurement indicators and other reports to provide oversight of the Company's ESG performance

#### 2.2.1 Environment

GLID will achieve environmental goals through their commitment to: -

- comply with all relevant legislation, regulations and ESG related policies,
- regularly review the environmental impact of its activities, endeavour to reduce its overall
  environmental impact, prevent waste and reduce emissions using best practice techniques,
- drive change towards a Zero Emissions target split into phases whereby GLID achieves Zero GHG emissions specifically for Scope 1 and Scope 2 Market Based emissions by 2025 and Net Zero GHG Emissions for all scopes by 2040; by actively incorporating sustainability within supply chain decisions to limit Scope 3 emissions whilst also expanding our boundaries on Scope 3 inventory recording to realise our full impact on the environment,
- involve relevant stakeholders / personnel in the environmental programme and provide necessary training to enable them to deliver on their responsibilities,
- sustaining a programme of continual improvement in environmental performance incorporating suitable measurement and monitoring mechanisms,

- work with key suppliers to encourage them to develop environmental best practice,
- improve resource efficiency (including use of water, energy, and raw materials),
- prevent and/or limit the discharge of pollutants to water, land, and air,
- reduce and/or limit the withdrawal of water from all sources,
- limit the operational noise and light in and around the site, and
- segregate and recycle waste where possible.

#### 2.2.2 Social

We will achieve a high level of social sustainability through our commitment to: -

- provide safe and healthy working conditions for all, promoting diversity, equality and inclusion and ensuring all personnel and contractors are treated fairly (see Labour Standards Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0010 and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0007) whilst upholding high standards of business integrity in all dealings.
- be honest, clear and transparent in all forms of communication with personnel, counterparties, suppliers, customers, community stakeholders, regulators, lenders and shareholders. We aim to maintain and build on this with personnel in accordance with relevant policies to ensure effective training, development and management.
- actively seek to understand the impact of our decisions on others. For example, seek
  feedback and give a voice to all staff, foster strong communication and consider the impact
  of any operations on local communities, stakeholders and the environment (see Employee
  Engagement Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0011 and Stakeholder Relations Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP0012).
- have a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and commit to acting ethically and with
  integrity in all business dealings and relationships. To implement and enforce effective
  systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in the business
  or supply chains (see Modern Slavery Statement: <a href="GLID">GLID</a> | Harnessing Natural Energy
  (glidwindfarms.com) and Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0001).
- ensure there is transparency in the business and in the approach to tackling modern slavery
  throughout the work at site and all associated supply chains, consistent with disclosure
  obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The same high standards are expected from
  all contractors, suppliers, and other business partners, and it is expected that suppliers will
  hold their suppliers to the same high standards.
- enhance the lives of people living in the local community by encouraging effective and sustainable participation in its own development and by supporting local initiatives in various ways (see Community Development Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0005).

#### 2.2.3 Governance

GLID will achieve a high quality of governance with commitment to: -

- conduct all business in an honest and ethical manner. Any suspected wrongdoing should be reported as soon as possible as per the Whistleblowing Policy (XL-GLID-3-PP-0009).
- take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and are committed to acting
  professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings and relationships while
  implementing and enforcing effective systems to counter bribery and corruption (see AntiBribery and Anti-Corruption Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0001).
- conform, as far as is reasonably practicable, with the latest guidance from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) in the UK to protect data and preserve IT infrastructure (see Cyber Security Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0006). Personal data is handled in accordance with the Data Retention Policy which sets out the minimum standards to be applied when destroying certain information.
- comply with the Money Laundering Regulations and have appropriate systems and controls in place to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing (see Anti-Money Laundering Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0014).
- reduce the sensitivity of the risk to physical assets, increasing its adaptive capacity and
  planning to increase the resilience of the built environment against physical risks, climatedriven or otherwise. Risks are managed via a Risk Register which is reviewed regularly (see
  Physical Risk Policy: XL-GLID-3-PP-0013).

# **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards**

GLID will use the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards for Sustainability reporting purposes. The GRI Standards represent global best practice for reporting publicly on a range of economic, environmental, and social impacts. Sustainability reporting based on the Standards provides information about an organisation's positive or negative contributions to sustainable development.

# **Organisation and Arrangements**

We will endeavour to ensure that sustainability goals are managed via supply chain contracts. The Service Provider and the Owners' Representative shall detail the organisational arrangements for executing this policy within the service provider's business management system.

#### 3. Review

The policy shall be reviewed on a regular basis by the GWFTL board of directors.

#### 4. References

# 4.1. Legislative Requirements and Guidance

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

**Environmental Protection Act 1990** 

Water Resources Act 1991

Clean Air Act 1993

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

Environment Act 1995 - Part V Waste

The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998

Modern Slavery Act 2015

Transparency in Supply Chains Act 2010

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions No 138 (Minimum Age) and No 182

(Worst Forms of Child Labour)

The Children's Rights and Business Principles (UNICEF)

Education Act 1996

Equality Act 2010

Protection from Harassment Act 1997

Social Accountability International SA8000 Standard 2014

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**European Convention Human Rights** 

International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions

Human Rights Act 1998

Data Protection Act 2018

Bribery Act 2010

Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer)

Regulations 2017

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Terrorism Act 2000