

# Environmental Policy Statement

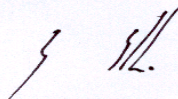
Eurosafesolutions Ltd operate in the height safety business sector therefore:

We are committed to minimising the environmental impact of our activities and aim to achieve continuous improvement in environmental performance by:

- Setting annual environmental objectives and targets, and monitoring performance
- Monitoring and reviewing environmental procedures and auditing compliance to ensure standards are being maintained whilst highlighting potential areas for improvement
- Encouraging sub-contractors, designers and suppliers to adopt environmental policies and management systems that are satisfactory to us
- Reducing the environmental impacts of our sites and their effects on their local communities by adopting reasonable controls for preventing air, ground, water or noise pollution and keeping sites clean and tidy
- Communicating with local communities and others who have an interest in our environmental policies, plans and performance
- Making use of opportunities to minimize waste and to reuse or recycle materials
- Training employees and promoting environmental awareness and commitment
- Keeping abreast of and complying with legislation, regulations and codes of practice on environmental matters relevant to our operations

Each Manager, supervisor and operative is responsible to the Directors for ensuring compliance with this policy and reviewing performance within their operating unit.

Signature:



Designation:

Gavin Ellis  
Managing Director

Date: 26-02-16

## EUROSAFE SOLUTIONS LTD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

### Environmental Controls

#### Purpose:

To manage the environmental aspects and impacts at construction sites and permanent locations. These controls are relevant to both employees and contractors working for Eurosafe Solutions Ltd.

#### 1 Waste

- Management of the generation, storage, handing, treatment and disposal of substances or objects which are intended to be discarded, including solid wastes and (contained) liquid wastes.

##### 1.1 Responsibility

- A competent person shall be appointed at each site/location with responsibility for the storage, transfer and disposal of waste

##### 1.2 Housekeeping

- Construction sites and permanent locations will be kept reasonably clean and tidy.

##### 1.3 Waste Storage

- Suitable dedicated storage facilities shall be provided:
- Waste shall not be kept in a corroded container.
- The container will be secure so as to prevent accidental spillage or leakage,
- Waste shall be kept in such a way as to prevent it falling or being wind blown while it is being transported and shall be protected from scavenging by people and animals.

##### 1.4 Waste Transfer

- Contractors or other transporting our waste will be registered under The Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 (with the exception of charities and waste collection /disposal authorities)
- Waste carrier licenses of contractors will be obtained by Eurosafe Solutions Ltd prior to the removal of waste from the site.
- Where we suspect a contractor or other party taking our waste of not fulfilling their duty of Care e.g. information missing on waste transfer notes, irregular transfer times or we otherwise suspect that the waste is not being taken to the correct site transfer shall be followed.
- Waste transfer notes shall be retained for two years,

- Special waste consignment notes shall be fully completed for all special wastes leaving site,
- Special waste consignment notes shall be retained for three years.
- To record waste carriage and disposal details a register of waste carriers/ contractors and a register of waste disposal sites/ transfer stations may be used.

### 1.5 Waste Recovery/Disposal

- Suitable recovery or disposable arrangements will be made for all wastes.
- Waste shall not be burnt or buried on site.
- Waste disposal sites and transfer stations will be licensed (holders of waste management license or exemption) to receive the quantity and type of our waste.
- Eurosafe Solutions Ltd will obtain waste management licenses and exemption certificates and schedules prior to the removal of waste from site (schedules should detail the waste management license number and the quantity of wastes accepted by the site).

### 1.6 Subcontractors' Waste

- Subcontractors removing waste from site will provide copies of:
- Waste carrier licenses.
- Waste transfer/consignment notes.
- Waste management license/exemptions.
- Safe and efficient removal

## 2 Pollution

The avoidance of water and ground contamination resulting from our activities to discovering already contaminated ground

### 2.1 Water Pollution

#### 2.1.1 Drainage

- Consent shall be obtained or confirmed by fax from the Environment Agency /SEPA for wastewaters intended for discharge into surface water drains, watercourses or other controlled waters.
- Consent shall be obtained or confirmed by fax from the local sewage undertaker for waste waters intended for discharge into foul water drains,
- All discharge consent conditions shall be adhered to,
- Silty water, in the absence of other contaminants may be disposed of by pumping to the foul sewer, a settlement tank or over a grassed area. Avoid ponding when pumped over grassed areas. Silty water contaminated with other pollutants (metals etc.) should be disposed of as directed by the Environment Agency/SEPA.

- Concrete washout will be prevented from entering surface water drains and watercourses. Washout must take place in a designated area away from any drains and watercourses.
- Water from heating systems containing toxic chemical or cleaning inhibitors or cleansers must not enter a watercourse or surface water drain.
- Licensed waste contractors shall be used to remove liquids via tankers from site, refer to 1.4.
- Up to date drainage plans shall be maintained on site.
- Drains and pipework shall be kept clear of litter.
- Where pipelines pass through areas of nature conservation due to their special drainage conditions, techniques will be used to maintain, as far as practicably possible, the existing drainage conditions.

### **2.1.2 Water Abstraction**

- A license shall be obtained from the Environment Agency/SEPA for the abstraction of water from any watercourse or underground water reserve with the exception of abstractions not exceeding 5m<sup>3</sup> and abstractions not exceeding 20m<sup>3</sup> that have the consent of the Environment Agency / SEPA.
- All license conditions shall be adhered to.
- All abstractions will monitor the amount of water abstracted.

### **2.1.3 Material Storage and Re-filling**

- Prevent anything that has the potential to pollute from entering surface water drains, watercourse and other controlled waters.
- Store chemicals and oils of more than 25 litres (and any unavoidable chemical or oil storage near to a watercourse) on an impervious base in bunded areas as far away from watercourses, drains and vehicle movements as possible.
- Place drip trays under static vehicles where possible.
- Regularly maintain and empty drip trays appropriately.
- Ensure site personnel supervise fuel deliveries /re-fuelling of bowsers.
- Check levels in bowsers prior to fuel deliveries to prevent overfilling.
- Visually check the integrity of pipes and hoses prior to use.
- Bowsers and other chemical storage shall be locked overnight/at weekends.
- Tanks and containers shall be labelled with the nature and volume of their contents.
- Locate plant and activates away from drains and watercourses where possible.
- Maintain adequate spill kits on site.
- Train staff in the use of the spill kit and incident response plan.
- Refer to section 5.

### **2.1.4 Surface Water and Other Run-Off**

- Prevent wash waters from entering surface water drains. There are no detergents suitable for discharge to surface water drains.

- Wash and maintain vehicles in a designated controlled area.
- Protect watercourses from silty run-off from disturbed ground and stockpiles.
- Prevent surface water from entering excavations, provide sumps if necessary.

#### **2.1.5 Spillage Response**

- Follow the instructions given in the incident response plan; at all times prevent the spillage spreading.
- Never attempt to wash the spillage into the drainage system.

#### **2.1.6 Working in, over or near Water**

- Obtain prior consent from the Environment Agency/SEPA for works in, over or under a watercourse.
- Maintain, where possible a 10m buffer zone from the edge of watercourses prohibiting storage of materials and movement of plant.
- Do not allow substantial amounts of cut or uprooted vegetation to enter any water

### **2.2 Contaminated Ground**

#### **2.2.1 Previously Identified Contaminated Ground**

- Obtain the risk assessment and other relevant reports and records.
- Prepare and enforce a validated method statement.
- Identify contaminated areas on site plans.
- Identify the contaminated areas on site and prevent access as necessary.
- Do not penetrate the contaminated ground or in any other way spread the contamination.
- Inform staff of the contaminated ground and special provisions e.g. PPE required.
- Do not stockpile contaminated spoil, if unavoidable stockpile contaminated spoil on hard standing and prevent run-off.

#### **2.2.2 Unexpected Contaminated Ground**

- Stop work in the area.
- Identify the contaminated areas on site and prevent access as necessary.
- Report the discovery to the site manager.
- Seek further instruction and expert advice.

### **3 Nuisance**

Management of noise and vibration, dust and airborne emissions, traffic and site access causing nuisance to project neighbours.

### 3.1 Noise and Vibration

- Work to contracted hours unless prior consent is obtained.
- Obtain a (Control of Pollution Act 1974) Section 61 consent (consent specifying what plant and machinery may be used working hours and noise levels) from the local authority where required by the client.
- All arrangements for noise control specified in the consent will be adhered to.
- Plan work to ensure operations emitting excessive noise and vibration remain in normal working hours.
- Arrange delivery times to suit the area being worked in.
- Switch off plant when not in use.
- Position noisy plant away from sensitive receptors e. g. schools.
- Ensure plant conforms to the relevant standard and directives on noise emissions.
- Ensure plant is in good working order and that noise control features are used.
- Do not use jackhammers or peckers in sensitive areas where cutting and lifting may be safely used instead.
- Act courteously to protect neighbours.
- Pre-notify neighbours and other interested parties of any operations emitting excessive noise and vibration. A trained and competent individual shall conduct any noise or vibration monitoring as necessary.
- Monitoring records shall be retained on site.

### 3.2 Dust and Airborne Pollution

- Use dust suppression methods on dusty jobs.
- Make use of enclosed chutes when dropping materials from heights.
- Secure all lightweight materials.
- Use dust suppression methods when using equipment or processes that emit fine particles (cutting, Grinding, mixing concrete etc).
- Waste shall not be disposed of by incineration on site.
- Ensure all dust generating materials transported to and from site are covered.

### 3.3 Traffic Access

- Adhere to planning conditions for traffic management.
- Provide delivery companies with directions to the site.
- Organise deliveries to minimise queuing.
- Designate a queuing area away from sensitive areas.
- Designate haul routes away from sensitive areas.
- Provide adequate signage for site traffic.
- Prevent mud from being deposited on public roads.
- Set and enforce site speed limits.
- Control staff parking to minimise local nuisance.
- Do not allow vehicles to idle on site –particularly delivery vehicles when waiting or queuing.

## 4 Ecology and Heritage

The protection and enhancement of wildlife, habitats, Natural Features and archaeological heritage

### 4.1 Previously identified Protected Species, Habitats, Natural Features and Heritage or Working on or adjacent to a Designated Conservation Site

- Evaluate the presence of wildlife, habitats, natural features and heritage on or near the site prior to construction.
- Obtain prior consent from the appropriate conservation/heritage body or local authority before undertaking work in a designated protected area (e.g. SSSI).
- Obtain prior consent/licences from the appropriate conservation/heritage body before disturbing protected species, habitats, natural features and heritage.
- Adhere to all conditions of consents/licences.
- Identify the affected areas on site and prevent access as necessary.
- Inform staff of the situation.

### 4.2 Unexpected Protected Species, Habitats. Natural Features and Heritage

- Stop work in the affected area.
- Identify the affected areas on site and prevent access as necessary.
- Report the discovery to the Site Manager.
- Seek further instruction and expert advice.
- Inform staff of the situation.

### 4.3 Tree and Hedgerow Protection

- Do not fell or damage trees with tree protection orders or those located in conservation areas without prior consent from the local planning authority.
- Erect temporary fencing around protected trees, at a minimum distance from the trunk equal to the tree canopy or half the height of the tree or in line with requirements of the local planning authority's tree protection plan.
- Do not cut or damage roots within the fenced protection area.
- Do not store any materials, plant or equipment within 5m of the fenced protection area.
- Do not store any oils, fuels or chemicals or conduct concrete washout within 10m of the fenced protection area.
- Do not remove 'important' hedgerows without the permission of the Local Planning Authority.

### 4.4 Wildlife Protection

- Do not disturb protected species on site with out prior consent/licence from the appropriate conservation/heritage body.

#### **4.5 Invasive Species Management**

- Do not plant or encourage the growth of Japanese Knotweed or Giant Hogweed on or off site.
- Identify the affected areas on site and prevent access.
- Report the discovery to the Site Manager.
- Seek further instruction and expert advice.
- Inform staff of the situation.
- Dispose of Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed to a licensed landfill with the appropriate waste transfer documentation.

#### **4.6 Heritage**

- Only archaeologists with the correct license may remove skeletons from site.
- Report any finds of treasure to the coroner for the district with in 14 days.
- Adhere to the protection status of buildings and landforms on or adjacent to site.

## **5 Materials and Plant**

The Management of materials storage and plants to protect the environment.

### **5.1 Material Storage**

- Construction sites and permanent locations will be kept reasonably clean and tidy.
- Designated appropriate areas for materials storage away from vehicle movements, drains and watercourses.
- Ensure storage containers are in a good condition and appropriately labelled.
- Regularly inspect storage areas.
- Ensure measures are in place to prevent vandalism, accidental breakage and exposure.
- Always check the integrity of containers prior to transfer.

### **5.2 Oil and chemical Storage**

- Store oils and chemicals of more than 25litres on an impervious base in a bunded area away from vehicle movements, drains and watercourses.
- Do not let bunded areas remain filled with rainwater or slops.
- Place temporary storage of all oils and chemicals on drip trays.
- Follow COSHH assessment instructions and manufacturer recommendations for chemical and oil storage.
- Store the forklift truck on an impervious or similar type material when unused and overnight to contain oil drips etc.



- Designate a bunded refuelling area on an impervious base away from vehicle movements, drains and watercourses.
- Ensure deliveries are supervised.
- Bowsers and other chemical storage shall be locked overnight /at weekends.

### **5.3 Plant**

- Ensure plant and equipment is in good working order.
- Conduct plant maintenance in a suitable designated area.
- Regularly inspect plant and equipment including pipe work.
- Place drip trays under static plant where possible.
- Ensure suppliers of new tyres take back old ones.
- Dispose of used oils appropriately.

## **6 Utilities and Energy**

- Switch off electrical equipment when not required for immediate use.
- Switch off lighting when not required.
- Shut down compressed air systems when not in use.
- Ensure boilers and generators are in good working order.
- Reduce/turn off heating in unoccupied areas.
- Permanent locations shall regularly monitor oil, gas and electricity consumption.