**Purpose**

This document outlines the methodology used by the A1 Group to establish the Environmental impacts of the Company activities in order to assess them accordingly and control them.

Where necessary we have identified the specific environmental areas of the Company that require procedures or written statements and these have been created.

**Initial Review**

We have established the Company’s current environmental position by the completion of an informal initial review, with regards to the environment by reviewing all activities undertaken by the Company.

We have identified our Company aspects and have, using the scoring system below, determined those which we fell are significant to the Company and that could be improved.

An assessment of all impacts associated with the Company has then been completed and we have used this assessment as a basis for establishing this Management System.

In the completion of our aspect assessment, we have considered the following;

* Legislative and regulatory requirements that are applicable to the Company
* An examination of all our existing environmental management practices and procedures
* An evaluation of feedback from the investigation of previous
* Any reported incidents (If any)
* Abnormal aspects or those operations completed by the Company that are not expected, such as Substance spillages.
* Normal aspects or those operations completed by the, such Company that are expected, such as the use of Substances
* Views of any interested parties
* Any planned or new developments, such as new or modified Company activities or new services.

**Aspect assessments**

An aspect assessment has been completed that covers all relevant areas and processes of the company as deemed necessary.

**Scoring system**

The impacts of our activities shall be calculated by the following equation;

Impact = Frequency of Occurrence x Quantities used x Severity

Scores will then be allocated using the following scale of scores;

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| ***Frequency of Occurrence*** | | ***Quantities Used*** | | ***Severity*** | |
| *Description* | *Factor* | *Description* | *Factor* | *Description* | *Factor* |
| Minimal Use | 1 | Minimal amounts | 1 | Minimal impact | 1 |
| Unlikely to be used e.g.  less than once/twice a year | 2 | Low Amounts | 2 | Minor Impact | 2 |
| Moderately used e.g. monthly | 3 | Moderate amounts | 3 | Moderate/ Probable Impact | 3 |
| Used most of the time e.g. weekly, several times a year | 4 | High Amounts | 4 | High Impact | 4 |
| Frequently used e.g. daily | 5 | Very High amounts | 5 | Major/ Severe Impact | 5 |

The impacts identified will then be classified with the following titles as required and these used to help establish our risk scores;

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| * Emissions to air * Releases to Land * Use of Energy * Waste and by-products | * Releases to Water * Use of Natural Resources * Energy emitted (vibration, heat, radiation) * Physical attributes |

**Continual Improvement**

Priorities are then set for on-going objectives and targets in accordance with the justification and in line with our Company environmental policy and senior management.

Objectives and targets are set and established at all levels of the Company; these are recorded and ascertained in a programme to ensure time frames are set.

**Aspect Review**

The environmental aspects will be re-assessed on an annual basis and if there have been any reductions or increases then these shall be recorded and our Company objectives may be subject to a review. Note; If required, we will also initiate the aspect assessment process to ensure environmental management for any new developments and projects, new or modified activities, products or services.