



## ETHICAL POLICY

### Purpose

- 1.1 H. McGovern & Sons Plant Hire (“the Company”) is committed to the practice of responsible corporate behaviour.
- 1.2 Through its business practices the Company seeks to protect and promote the human rights and basic freedoms of all its employees and agents.
- 1.3 Further the Company is committed to protecting the rights of all of those whose work contributes to the success of the Company, including those employees and agents of suppliers to the Company.
- 1.4 This policy is non-exhaustive, and all aspects of the Company’s business should be considered in the spirit of this policy.

### 2. Human Rights

- 2.1 The Company is vehemently opposed to the use of slavery in all forms; cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments; and any attempt to control or reduce freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- 2.2 The Company will ensure that all of its employees, agents and contractors are entitled to their human rights as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and The Human Rights Act 1998 (Amendment) Order 2005.
- 2.3 The Company will not enter into any business arrangement with any person, company or organisation which fails to uphold the human rights of its workers or who breach the human rights of those affected by the organisation’s activities.

### 3. Workers’ Rights

- 3.1 The Company is committed to complying with all relevant employment legislation and regulations. The Company regards such regulations and legislation as the minimum rather than the recommended standard.
- 3.2 No worker should be discriminated against on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, gender reassignment, marital status or pregnancy. All workers should be treated equally. Workers with the same experience and qualifications should receive equal pay for equal work.
- 3.3 No worker should be prevented from joining or forming a staff association or trade union, nor should any worker suffer any detriment as a result of joining, or failing to join, any such organisation.



3.4 Workers should be aware of the terms and conditions of their employment or engagement from the outset. In particular workers must be made aware of the wage that they receive, when and how it is to be paid, the hours that they must work and any legal limit which exists for their protection and any overtime provisions. Workers should also be allowed such annual leave, sick leave, maternity / paternity leave and such other leave as is granted by legislation as a minimum.

3.5 The Company does not accept any corporal punishment, harassment in any form, or bullying in any form.

#### **4. Environmental Issues**

4.1 The Company is committed to keeping the environmental impact of its activities to a minimum and has established an Environmental Policy in order help achieve this aim.

4.2 As an absolute minimum, the Company will ensure that it meets all applicable environmental legislation applicable for its undertakings.

#### **5. Conflicts of Interest**

5.1 The Company holds as fundamental to its success the trust and confidence of those with whom it deals, including clients, suppliers and employees. Conflicts of interest potentially undermine the relationship of the Company with its partners.

5.2 In order to help preserve and strengthen these relationships the Company has developed an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, which provide rules and guidelines concerning the conduct of its officers and employees aimed at minimising the possibility of conflicts of interest and at avoiding risks associated with bribery and corruption.

5.3 All officers, employees and representatives of the Company are expected to act honestly and within the law.

#### **6. Information and Confidentiality**

6.1 Information received by employees, contractors or agents of the Company will not be used for any personal gain, nor will it be used for any purpose beyond that for which it was given.

6.2 The Company will at all times ensure that it complies with all applicable requirements of data protection legislation (including, but not limited to, the Data Protection Act 1998) in force from time to time.

#### **7. Shareholders and Investors**

7.1 The Company, its officers, employees and representatives are committed to ensuring that no act or omission which is within their power and which would have the effect of deliberately, negligently or recklessly misleading the shareholders, creditors or other investors in the Company occurs.



## 8. Suppliers and Partners

- 8.1 The Company expects all suppliers and partners to work towards and uphold similar ethical and moral standards.
- 8.2 The Company will investigate the ethical record of potential new suppliers before entering into any agreement. Further, the Company reserves the right to request information from suppliers regarding the production and sources of goods supplied.
- 8.3 The Company reserves the right to withdraw from any agreement or other arrangement with any supplier or partner who is found to have acted in contravention of the spirit or principles of this Ethical Policy.

This policy is available to all interested parties upon request.

Signed..........

**Mr John McGovern**  
**H. McGovern & Son Plant Hire Limited**

Dated: August 2014

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or:  
If there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid; or  
If there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates.