

## **Tufton Investment Management Ltd.**

### **Responsible Investment Policy**

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#### **Background**

Tufton Investment Management Ltd. (“Tufton”) emphasises the principles of Responsible Investment (“RI”) in the management of our clients’ assets through awareness and integration of environmental, social and governmental (“ESG”) factors into our investment process in the belief that these factors can have a positive impact on long term financial performance. We believe a greater emphasis on ESG factors serves as a forward-looking risk mitigation tool and can help contribute to our aim of superior, long-term value for our clients. As managers of our clients’ assets, we place emphasis on good stewardship of their investments as part of our commitment to protect and grow their wealth.

#### **Purpose and Scope**

This document sets out our policy on and approach to integrating RI principles and our stewardship responsibilities on behalf of our clients. This policy applies to all our assets under management. We recognise that in working with a diverse range of investors, the level of engagement on ESG issues must be appropriate for the nature of their investment process. Tufton supports the ethos and aims of the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (“UN PRI”) as the most widely recognised global standard in this area and made the conscious decision to become a PRI signatory as of 12 December 2018.

This policy statement is intended to be a live document that will be updated at least annually as our RI processes are developed and implemented. The policy document has been prepared by Kashyap Swamy; reviewed by Paulo Almeida and Andrew Hampson. These individuals shall also be responsible for the integration of ESG factors into our investment management processes.

## **Investing Responsibly**

We will seek to gather and analyse data on the ESG performance of the assets that we seek to invest in. We will ensure that the assets are compliant with the relevant regulations and will endeavour to prioritize investment in assets that display superior results on ESG metrics. We believe additional returns are available to investors who take a long-term view and can identify where the market is overlooking the role played by material ESG issues with a financial bearing on corporate and asset price performance. Systematic mishandling of ESG issues can be an early indicator of wider management or financial problems. By integrating material ESG considerations with a financial bearing into our investment methodology, we seek to identify mispriced assets, continually improve operations, and make better investment decisions to enhance long-term performance.

We will seek to gather and analyse ESG data from the ships that are already owned or controlled by us and integrate ESG considerations into the asset life cycle. Through regular reviews, we will endeavour to identify and improve the performance of our fleet on ESG metrics.

Key areas of focus on ESG implementation shall include:

1. Assessment of the fuel efficiency and environmental impact of potential acquisitions
2. Regular review of our fleet to identify opportunities for improving fuel efficiency and reducing environmental impact across the asset life cycle
3. Responsible vessel recycling
4. Health and safety of the crew on our vessels
5. Enhanced security to lower risk of contraband
6. Compliance with all international sanctions imposed by the US, UK, EU and the UN
7. Promoting acceptance and implementation of ESG principles with our business partners

## **Progress and Reporting**

We recognise that the integration of ESG considerations into investment management and ownership practices is an ongoing process. As a signatory to the UN PRI, Tufton is committed to continually improving our investment decision-making and evolving our management of ESG considerations. We will continually seek to understand and evolve our processes to deliver best practice application and reporting.

## **Long-Term Commitments and Investment Restrictions**

Tufton commits to align its funds to the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement by:

- fully transitioning to zero-carbon energy sources by 2050; and
- investing in zero-carbon capable vessels before 2030

In the medium-term, Tufton aims to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction and participate in the energy transition by:

- investing in energy saving devices;
- deploying digital tools to measure and optimise fuel consumption;
- increasing the use of zero-emission fuels in commercial operation by 2030;  
and
- favoring long-term charters that minimise coal carriage without negative financial impact

As part of its ESG integration strategy, Tufton commits not to do business with:

- a. Companies involved in the manufacture, sale, trade, broking, service or stockpiling of Highly Controversial Weapons banned under International Agreements ratified by the United Kingdom (Cluster Munitions, Anti-Personnel Landmines, Biological and Toxin Weapons, Chemical Weapons and Blinding Laser Weapons), or the manufacture or sale of Bespoke Components of such weapons; or
- b. Companies involved in the manufacture, sale, trade, broking, servicing or stockpiling of nuclear weapons in jurisdictions outside NATO countries and that

are not officially involved in and accredited to the national nuclear weapons programmes of UK, US or France; or

- c. Companies that derive more than 50% of revenues from thermal coal extraction