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Astral Pipes Ltd. has always been committed to living harmoniously with nature and recognizes the importance of biodiversity, including flora and fauna, for the overall health of ecosystems. In acknowledgment of biodiversity's vital role, Astral Pipes Ltd., in line with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) of 2008, has resolved to establish this Biodiversity Policy.

Scope and Applicability:

This Policy applies to all operations of Astral Limited, including Astral-Pipes, the Adhesive business, manufacturing locations, the corporate office, the supply chain, third-party vendors, stakeholders, and partners.

Astral is committed to:

- Maintaining adherence to laws and regulations related to biodiversity.
- Ensuring compliance with environmental, forest, wildlife, coastal zone, and green cover regulations during the planning and execution of our projects.
- Avoiding operations in critical and ecologically sensitive areas.
- Developing a Biodiversity Management Plan with precise targets and an action plan to promote the conservation of species, habitats, and ecosystems where we operate.
- Minimizing operations in biodiversity hotspots, ecologically sensitive zones, IUCN Category I-IV protected areas, and areas near world heritage sites.
- Committing to No Net Loss and initiating the restoration of degraded habitats and enhancement of biodiversity in areas affected by human interventions, whether near or distant from our establishments.
- Conducting studies on biological diversity for all existing and upcoming projects to assess biodiversity richness at our Units.

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- Setting measurable and ambitious goals beyond compliance, routinely monitoring and reporting performance in biodiversity conservation, and communicating progress to senior management.
- Raising awareness among local communities, employees, and associates throughout the supply chain about biodiversity, offering project-specific and national-level training in collaboration with experts.
- Collaborating with local communities, organizations, regulatory agencies, and nationally/internationally renowned research institutes specializing in biodiversity.
- Ending all deforestation in our supply chains and operations to ensure that natural forests are not cleared or converted for our products or activities. We are also dedicated to sustainability and reforestation efforts, committing to tree planting and forest restoration in areas near our sites.
- Setting targets, monitoring progress, and reporting on our commitments to no-deforestation and reforestation efforts to build trust and demonstrate accountability.

The Board of Directors and Executive Management endorse and oversee the progress of commitments to no-deforestation and biodiversity in the company's supply chains and operations.

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Managing Director

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