



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

QSD is committed to managing health, safety and environmental (HS&E) matters as an integral part of our business. In particular, it is our policy to assure the HS&E integrity of our processes and facilities at all times and at all places. We will do so by adhering to the following principles:

Compliance

We will comply with applicable laws and regulations and will implement programs and procedures to assure compliance. Compliance with HS&E standards will be a key ingredient in the training, performance reviews, and incentives of all employees and contractors.

Risk Reduction, Prevention, and Resource Management.

We will seek opportunities, beyond compliance requirements, for reducing risk to human health and the environment and we will establish and meet our own HS&E quality standards where appropriate. We will employ management systems and procedures specifically designed to prevent activities and/or conditions that pose a threat to human health, safety, or the environment. We will look for ways to minimise risk and protect our employees and the communities in which we operate by employing clean technology, including safe technologies and operating procedures, as well as being prepared for emergencies. We will strive to minimize releases to the air, land, or water through use of cleaner technologies and the safer use of chemicals. We will minimize the amount and toxicity of waste generated and will ensure the safe treatment and disposal of waste. We will manage scarce resources, such as water, energy, land, and forests in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Communication

We will communicate our commitment to HS&E quality to our employees, vendors, and customers. We will solicit their input in meeting our HS&E goals and in turn will offer assistance to meet their goals.

Continuous Improvement

We will measure our progress as best we can. We will review our progress at least on an annual basis. We will continuously seek opportunities to improve our adherence to these principles.

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Policy Date: 2008 – Policy Review Date: 2013

Note: All QSD Policies and Plans are ongoing and may be reviewed at any time during this period.