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RISK ASSESSMENT

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SUBJECT: Assignment No. AP2007/654/03 - UNFICYP Risk Assessment

OBJET:

1. I am pleased to present OIOS' risk assessment of UNFICYP which was carried out by the OIOS Resident Audit Office from September to October 2007 for your information. While we do not require a formal response to this report, you are welcome to discuss any of the issues raised further.

- 2. OIOS encourages UNFICYP to use the results of this risk assessment to put in place appropriate risk mitigation measures. OIOS will update the risk assessment periodically, based on subsequent audits or additional information obtained.
- 3. I take this opportunity to thank the management and staff involved in the risk assessment for the assistance and cooperation provided to the project team in connection with this assignment.

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OIOS conducted UNFICYP's risk assessment in 2006. In order to update the Mission's risk profile and to gain a better understanding of existing organizational relationships, risks, controls and process issues, OIOS sent two separate sets of questionnaires to: (a) the UNFICYP senior management; and (b) the heads of substantive and support units. The responses were compiled into an updated risk register. OIOS presented the interim outcome of the risk assessment exercise to the Chief Administrative Officers' (CAO) Conference in Beirut on 18 October 2007 which was attended by the following participants:

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SUMMARY OF RISK RATINGS

The risk assessment identified the following areas as Higher, Moderate and Lower Risk. A summary of the identified risks is shown below. Full details of the identified risks are listed in the Risk Register.

Focus Area	Overall Risk
Strategic management and governance Procurement and contract administration Safety and security	Higher Risk
 i. Financial management ii. Logistics management iii. Information technology management iv. Property and facilities management v. Human resources management vi. Programme and project management 	Moderate Risk
	Lower Risk

RISK REGISTER

-	Focus Area:	Strategic Management and Governance		Possible High	High	Higher Risk
oN O	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	Mandate			Possible	High	Higher Risk
	B(i) The Mission may not be structured to effectively carry out its revised concept of military operations in respect of: (a) the deployment of military patrols or observers to conduct its liaison, observation and mediation functions, as against the deployment of military troops to separate forces; and (b) the use of aerial observation and forces; and (b) the use of aerial observation and surveillance technology. (a) the deployment of military patrols or observers to complexity and level of operational activities and its reviewed and adjusted to reflect the Mission's staffing requirements in view of the reduced military personnel strength. This situation could result in idle resources. (b) The number of civilian personnel may not have been requirements in view of the reduced military personnel strength. This situation could result in idle resources. (c) The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/270, requested UNFICYP's requirements. According to UNFICYP's review despite the Mission's downsizing, the complexity and level of operational activities and complexity and level of operational activities and its reviewed and adjusted to reflect the Mission's staffing was increased from 35 to 69 officers. However, with the net decrease in military personnel, while the UN Police forces was almost no change in the number of civilian personnel, and 153 staff members in the personnel personnel, and 153 staff members in the personnel personnel.	The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/270, requested UNFICYP to thoroughly review its staffing requirements. According to UNFICYP's review, despite the Mission's downsizing, the complexity and level of operational activities and its resource requirements to achieve its mandate have remained the same. The military component was downsized from 1,230 to 860 personnel, while the UN Police force was increased from 35 to 69 officers. However, with the net decrease in military personnel, there was almost no change in the number of civilian personnel, at 154 and 153 staff members in the periods 2004/05 and 2006/07 respectively.	Governance Possible		High de	Higher Risk
	B(iii) The Mission's quarterly performance reports to the Security Council may not have relevant benchmarks with which the Mission's activities should be reported. This situation could result in the Mission not being able to hold key stakeholders in the comprehensive peace process in Cyprus accountable for progress made or lack thereof in relation to their commitments.	UNFICYP has not established benchmarks against which its quarterly performance reports to the Security Council are prepared.				

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-	Focus Area:	Strategic Management and Governance		Possible High	High	Higher Risk
2	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	A(i) The UNFICYP Special Representative of the Secretary-General's executive direction and management functions regarding the coordination of activities with the Office of the Secretary-General's Special Advisor, with UNHQ and with other UN entities in the Middle East region may not be clearly defined. This mission's operations.	There is no mechanism in the office of the Special Strategy Representative of the Secretary-General to coordinate its activities with the Office of the Secretary-General's Special Advisor for Cyprus, with UNHQ and with other UN entities in the Mission area and in the Middle East region.	Strategy	Possible	High	Higher Risk
=	Strategic planning and monitoring			Possible	High	Higher Risk
	A(ii) The opposing forces in the country could restrict personnel movements. This situation could hamper the Mission's operations. A(ii) The possible closure of established crossing points between the southern and northern parts of the country may hinder the Mission from carrying out its operations effectively. A(iii) The lack of willingness on the part of the Turkish-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots to negotiate may cause delays in the comprehensive peace process.	UNFICYP intends to conduct constant patrolling in Strategy controversial/sensitive areas to promptly identify and plan for a potential movement restriction. UNFICYP intends to elevate any potential closing of crossing points to the appropriate government offices if negotiations facilitated by the Military Liaison Officer prove unsuccessful. UNFICYP intends to continue facilitating negotiations between the Turkish-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots.	Strategy	Possible	High	Higher Risk

-	Focus Area: St	Strategic Management and Governance		Possible	High	Possible High Higher Risk
No	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
≡	Control environment			Possible High		Higher Risk
	B(i) The lack of a proper control environment in the Mission could result in weak governance, lack of accountability and weak ethical environment.	The UN code of conduct and the UN Charter require UN staff to commit themselves to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. The SG has issued several bulletins and administrative instructions regarding accountability and ethics, but a comprehensive enterprise risk management framework that includes governance and accountability mechanism has yet to be put in place in the Secretariat.	Governance Possible High	Possible	High	Higher Risk

2	Focus Area:	Financial Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
No	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	Financial management			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	B(i) Cost centres may not understand that the results-based budgeting (RBB) framework is part of the overall accountability mechanism and therefore not use it as such. This situation could lessen the effectiveness of the RBB process.	The UNFICYP Budget and Finance Unit is considering conducting an RBB training for self-accounting and substantive unit chiefs.	Governance Likely		Medium	Medium Higher Risk
	G(i) The lack of interface between the accounting, procurement and accounts payable information systems a could result in inaccurate and inefficient financial reporting. G(ii) There may be a lack of a systematic mechanism to monitor the accuracy and completeness of budget information exchanged between the Mission, Department of Field Support (DFS) and Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (OPPBA). This situation could result in inefficiencies and inaccuracies in the procuracies in the proparation of budget.	The accounting, procurement and accounts payable information systems are not integrated, requiring additional time to manually reconcile common transactions and identify and correct posting errors. There are no established procedures to track information exchanged between United Nations Headquarters and the Mission.	Resources	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	lated obligations may be carried dget period without a valid ulting in the unnecessary blocking	There were instances of unliquidated obligations being carried over to the next budget period without proper validation by certifying officers.	Financial	Possible	Low	Lower Risk

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3	Focus Area:	Human Resource Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
9	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	Personnel activates			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	A(i) The succession planning and vacancy management processes may not be adequate/effective, resulting in the inability of the Mission to recruit and deploy staff in a timely manner.	Following an OIOS audit, it is expected that the human resources action plan for UNFICYP will be implemented by July 2008.	Strategy	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	F(i) Inadequate staff resources may result in the unsatisfactory performance of some functions.	In 2005/06, UNFICYP had a vacancy rate of about Human 20 per cent. In 2007, UNFICYP was able to Resour significantly reduce the vacancy rate.	Human Resources	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	F(ii) Staff performance may not be linked to the respective organizational unit work plans. This situation could result in Mission staff not working toward achieving a common Mission goal/objective.	First reporting officers are required to ensure that staff members' individual goals are linked to the goals stated in the respective sections' work plans.				
	F(iii) Staff performance may not be evaluated, resulting in the Mission not being able to take appropriate action with regard to unsatisfactory performance. A 2007 OIOS audit noted that performance that performance action with appraisal completion rate at UNFICYP was 68 percent for unsatisfactory performance. 2006/07.	A 2007 OIOS audit noted that performance appraisal completion rate at UNFICYP was 68 per cent for the performance reporting period 2006/07.				
	F(iv) There may be delays in the recruitment of Mission staff because of the time United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) takes to recruit staff and other UNHQ priorities. This situation could negatively affect the Mission's operations.	UNFICYP continuously follows up with UNHQ regarding staff selection and recruitment matters.				

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	Focus Area:	Focus Area: Human Resource Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
Š	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	B(i) The failure to identify and provide the appropriate levels of delegation of authority to international and local personnel may lead to bottlenecks and inefficiencies in the performance of critical human resource functions.	There was no evidence of review of the level of delegation of authority granted to UNFICYP with respect to the administration of Mission personnel. There were delays in receiving approvals from UNHQ on administrative personnel action.	Governance	Possible	Medium	Governance Possible Medium Moderate Risk
=	Conduct and discipline	The second of the second of the second		Possible High	High	Higher Risk
	B(i) Conduct and discipline issues, particularly sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), may not be given adequate extablished conduct and discipline teams at attention by the Mission management, resulting in serious headquarters and in peacekeeping missions to reputation risk to the Organization. There is an SEA policy in place, DPKO/DFS has exploited and discipline teams at attention by the Mission management, resulting in serious headquarters and in peacekeeping missions to monitor and report on misconduct issues, particularly SEA cases.	S	Governance Possible High	Possible	High	Higher Risk

4	Focus Area:	Procurement and Contract Administration		Possible High	High	Higher Risk
No ON	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
_	Procurement activities			Possible	High	Higher Risk
	E(i) The Mission may not have a procurement plan and may not comply with the provisions of the Procurement Manual when purchasing goods and services. This situation could compromise the integrity and transparency of the procurement process.	A 2006 OIOS audit of procurement activities in UNFICYP showed internal control weaknesses, such as inadequate competition and noncompliance with the delegation of authority to procure core requirements.	Operational	Possible	High	Higher Risk
	C(i) The delegation of authority to the Mission to procure core requirements may be abused, leading to irregularities or unauthorized purchases.	A 2006 OIOS audit of procurement activities in UNFICYP showed internal control weaknesses, such as inadequate competition and non-compliance with the delegation of authority to procure core requirements.	Compliance	Possible	High	Higher Risk
	G(i) The vendor database may not be complete, resulting in the omission of qualified vendors from the solicitation process. G(ii) The vendor database may be outdated, which poses the risk that the Mission may continue to enter into procurement contracts with vendors who may have been already blacklisted by the United Nations.		Information Resources	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk

	Focus Area:	Logistics Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
Interv	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Overall Risk
Fravel	Travel and transportation			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
C(i) Tr may n streng compli vehicle use of	C(i) The Mission's travel and transportation resources may not be aligned with the reduced military troop strength. Also, the distribution of vehicles may not be in compliance with the established guidelines on the ratio to vehicle. These situations could result in the sub-optimal use of Mission resources.	UNFICYP operates a fleet of 345 vehicles (79 UN-compliance owned; 39 contingent-owned; 227 rented). UNFICYP's post incumbency for the period July 2006 to June 2007 consisted of 34 international staff, 103 national staff, 67 United Nations Police officers and 853 military personnel. It appears that UNFICYP is not compliant with DPKO's standard operating procedures for transport operations on the size and mix of vehicles/vehicle types of the Mission's fleet.		Likely	High	Higher Risk
C(ii) The the the table the table the table the table the table table the table tabl	C(ii) The use of Mission vehicles for personal purposes (the liberty mileage system) may be abused. This could cause losses to the Organization.	Controls over the use of liberty mileage appear to be weak.				
E(i) Fu	E(i) Fuel resources may not be adequately monitored, resulting in losses to the Organization.	Although a 2006 OIOS audit of fuel management in UNFICYP showed that controls are generally adequate, certain weaknesses were identified and recommendations were made to better control fuel resources.	Operational	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
E(ii) U	E(ii) UNFICYP may not get the most favourable prices on its travel arrangements due to the lack of a comprehensive travel agreement.	The current arrangement whereby air tickets are purchased through a competitive bidding process is, in UNFICYP's opinion, more practical and yields the lowest prices. However, the limited number of travel agents responding to the Mission's requests for bids is an indication of low/ineffective competition.				

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2	Focus Area:	Logistics Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
Š	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
	A(i) The absence of a contingency plan to address unforeseen travel requirements (such as the evacuation of UNIFIL staff to Cyprus in 2006) and the lack of cooperation with other Middle East missions may adversely affect the Mission's ability to process emergency travel.	UNFICYP does not have enough resources to handle emergency travel and provide assistance to other United Nations missions in the region.	Strategy	Possible	High	Higher Risk
=	Logistics support services			Likely	High	Higher Risk
	A(i) Missions in the Middle East have identified Cyprus as their safe haven during emergencies/contingencies their safe haven during emergencies/contingencies requiring evacuation. UNFICYP's resources may not be adequate to provide logistical support to the Middle East in case of an emergency. An emergency evacuation is probable in light of the renewed conflict in the Middle East.	δ ⁰	Strategy	Likely	High	Higher Risk
	F(i) The Mission may not be able to plan and agree with troop contributing countries on the rotation of military logistics staff officers, negatively affecting the delivery of logistics services to the Mission.	UNFICYP intends to closely monitor the replacement, rotation and repatriation of staff officers in order to meet the Mission's operational requirements.	Human Resources	Possible	High	Higher Risk

	Focus Area:	Information Technology Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
Inter	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
IT infra	IT infrastructure			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
G(i) Ti technot aligne ICT re	G(i) The Mission's information and communication technology (ICT) systems and infrastructure may not be aligned with the reduced military strength, resulting in idle ICT resources.	UNFICYP continues to maintain an ICT network consisting of 3 satellite Earth station, 9 private automatic branch exchanges (PABX) telephone systems, 26 microwave links over 600 two-way radios, as well as 7 wide area networks connecting 400 desktop and laptop computers and 200 printers. These resources have not been reviewed and adjusted to align with the reduced military strength.	Information Resources	Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
IT security	urity			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
G(i) Lack of could lead to unauthorized manipulated	G(i) Lack of access controls to applications and data could lead to sensitive information being accessed by unauthorized persons or information being corrupted or manipulated	 General IT controls are in place. Limited use of encryption functions. 	Information Resources	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
Busin	Business continuity/disaster recover	TORK THE STREET STREET, STREET		Remote	High	Moderate Risk
G(i) T disast nform nform	G(i) The Mission may not have an adequate and detailed disaster recovery plan regarding its communication and information technology services, resulting in loss of vital information.	UNFICYP is developing and testing its disaster recovery plan, as part of the information strategy paper.	Information Resources	Remote	High	Moderate Risk

	Focus Area: Pr	Programme and Project Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
°N N	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
_	Operational activities			Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
	Nations Police, which could negatively affect their operations. B(i) Messages disseminated to the public may not be	maintain continued dialogue between the UNFICYP Police and the Police Division at Headquarters.	Operation	Possible	Medium	nformation Possible Medium Moderate Risk
	coherent and consistent in the absence of a public information strategy/policy, negatively affecting the Mission's credibility.	information strategy/policy.	Resources			

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	Focus Area:	Property and Facilities Management		Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
Property management	STATE AND TO			Possible	Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
E(i) The non-alignment of property and facilities to reflect recent changes in staffing resources may result in idle resources. E(ii) The host government may not honour its obligation	reflect idle gation	There was no noted decrease in the Mission's properties, in relation to the reduced military troop strength. UNFICYP intends to maintain close liaison and	Operational		Medium	Possible Medium Moderate Risk
regarding the Mission's use of the Ledra Palace Hotel This could negatively affect the provision of accommodation to Mission personnel.		cooperation with host government authorities to ensure the completion of long-standing projects and activities, including the maintenance of the Ledra Palace Hotel.				
C(i) The Mission's properties may not be adequately		_	_	Possible	Medium	Compliance Possible Medium Moderate Risk
controlled and recorded, resulting in losses to the Organization.		weaknesses in regularly updating non-expendable asset records.				

10		Focus Area: Safety and Security		Possible High	High	Higher Risk
N _o	Interview/Review Summary (Description of risk)	OIOS Assessment	Risk Category	Likeli- hood	Impact	Impact Overall Risk
_	Security			Possible	High	Higher Risk
	A(i) Inadequate planning for changes in the security situation in the Mission area may adversely affect UNFICYP's operations.	OIOS' security audit showed that UNFICYP did not maintain an updated security plan for Cyprus and keep itself abreast of the security situation in the Middle East.	Strategy	Possible	High	Higher Risk
	E(i) The zone warden system for emergency/security situation could put at situations may not be effective. This situation could put at staff's security. Indertake Mission-wide security assessment, including residential security surveys.	yluy _	Operational	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
=	Safety			Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk
	E(i) The Mission may not give adequate attention/priority to occupational safety and health issues, increasing staff safety risks.	No controls observed.	Operational	Possible	Medium	Medium Moderate Risk

Focus Areas

These are categories established by the risk assessment framework to facilitate understanding and Focus areas are the key standard processes that are typically found in United Nations operations. They are based on a categorization of objectives, using a hierarchy that begins with high-level or business processes. The IAD risk assessment framework has identified eleven focus areas communicating common processes or functions within the Organization (common language) objectives and then cascades down to objectives relevant to organizational units, functions, as follows:

- Strategic Management and Governance
- Financial Management
- Human Resources Management
- Procurement and Contract Administration
- Logistics Management
- Information Technology Management
- Programme and Project Management
- Conference and Documents Management
- Property and Facilities Management
- Safety and Security
- 11 Other areas (for areas not included in 1 to 10)

Each focus area may be broken down into sub-focus areas. Examples of sub-focus areas are listed below.

No.	Focus Areas	Examples of Sub Focus areas relating to principal focus
-	Strategic Management and Governance	Strategic planning and monitoring, Mandate and mission, Organizational structure and functions, Start up planning, Liquidation planning, Risk management, Policies and procedures, Governing/Legislative bodies, High level committees, Top level offices.
7	Financial Management	Accounting and financial reporting, Results-based Budgeting, Cash management, Treasury, Contributions, Fund raising, Payroll
ო	Human Resources Management	Recruitment, Training, Conduct and discipline, Entitlements and allowances, Performance appraisal system and Medical Services, Use of short term staff (consultants, gratis personnel etc
4	Procurement and Contract Administration	Procurement planning, Procurement process, Local contracts committee, Administration of major contracts such as for fuel, rations, airfield services, medical supplies etc.
2	Logistics Management	Travel services, Transport operations, Air operations, Movement control, Fleet Management and Maintenance
ဖ	Information Technology Management	Management of ICT infrastructure, software development, Communications services, ICT operations, Business continuity and disaster recovery, IT Security
7	ind Project	Management of programmes such as Rule of Law, Human Rights, Child Protection, Public Information, Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration, Mine action, Protection of Civilians, Military and Civilian Police operations, and Logistics; Management of projects such as technical cooperation and quick impact projects
∞	Conference and Documents Management	Records management, Publications, Editorial services, Conference management, Translation and interpretation services, Web sites
თ	Property and Facilities Management	Management of office premises and facilities, Contingent-owned equipment, Expendable and non-expendable property, Building Services, Inventory management, Local Property Service Board
10	Safety and Security	Security of UN staff and installations, Contingency planning, Evacuation procedures and drills, Occupational safety
1	Other areas	This is for illustration purposes only and is not a comprehensive audit and is included for any other focus areas not specified in 1-10. This may include general office administration, executive offices and common services etc.

Risk Categories

Risk categories are common concerns or events, grouped together by the type of risk that will result. The seven (7) risks used in OIOS Risk Assessment methodology is as follows:

- A. Strategy
- B. Governance
- Compliance
- D. Financial
- E. Operational
- Human Resources
- G. Information Resources

No.	No. Risk Category	Description
< <	Strategy	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation arising from inadequate strategic planning, adverse business decisions, improper implementation of decisions, a lack of responsiveness to changes to the external environment, or exposure to economic or other considerations that affect the Organization's madates and objectives.
ω	Governance	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation as a result of failure to establish appropriate processes and structures to inform, direct, manage and monitor the activities of the Organization toward the achievement of its objectives. Includes attributes such as leadership, tone at the top, and promotion of an ethical culture in the Organization.
ပ	Compliance	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation from violations or non-conformance with, or inability to comply with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, policies and procedures, or ethical standards.
۵	D Financial	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation resulting from: failure to obtain sufficient funding, funds being inappropriately used, financial performance being not managed according to expectations, or financial results being inappropriately reported or disclosed.
ш	Operational	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation resulting from inadequate, inefficient or failed internal processes that do not allow operations to be carried out economically, efficiently or effectively.
щ	Human Resources	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation resulting from a failure to develop and implement appropriate human resources policies, procedures and practices to meet the Organization's needs.
9	Information Resources	Impact on mandate, operations or reputation resulting from failure to establish appropriate information and communication systems and infrastructure so as to efficiently and effectively.

Risk Assessment Ratings

The OIOS Risk Assessment Framework evaluates the likelihood of the risk occurring and the impact it will have if it occurs.

Based on the assessment of the two factors an overall risk rating is derived indicating whether the risk of a focus area is High, Moderate or Low. The ratings used is show below:

	Risk Likelihood
Likely	Conditions within our environment indicate that an event is expected to occur in most circumstances
Possible	Conditions within our enviroment indicate that an event will probably occur in many circumstances
Remote	Conditions within our environment indicate that an event may occur at some time

	Risk Impact
High	Serious impact on operation, reputation, or funding status
Medium	Significant impact on operations, reputation, or funding status
Low	Less significant impact on operations, reputation, or funding status

Marine Street	Overall Risk Combinations Impact and Liklihood
	The identified issue represents the following likelihood and impact combinations:
Higher Risk	Likely and high
	Likely and medium
	Possible and high
	The identified issue represents the following likelihood and impact combinations
Moderate Risk	Likely and low
	Possible and medium
	Remote and high
	The identified issue represents the following likelihood and impact combinations
Lower Risk	Possible and low
	Remote and low
	Remote and medium



