Company policy requires that all risks to the environment associated with the global operation of the Company offices and vessels are identified and controls put in place in order to ensure that the adverse effects of all emissions and discharges are minimised.

The Company operates a zero tolerance policy for deliberate discharges in breach of MARPOL. Misuse of the Oily Water Separator (OWS) by any form of tampering and/or the use of by-pass pipes (‘magic pipes’) is strictly forbidden.

All log books, environmental records and working record books must be carefully and accurately maintained and be in agreement where applicable. This includes (but is not limited to) Deck and Engine Room logbooks, oil record books, garbage record books, ballast management records, seal records and sounding books.

Energy conservation is an essential part of environmental protection and all vessels are to be provided with the Company’s Ship’s Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP). It is policy that the requirements of this plan are complied with in order to reduce the damaging emissions from burning of fossil fuels. Pollutants such as the oxides of Carbon, Nitrogen and Sulphur emitted to the atmosphere contribute to the effects of greenhouse gases and acid rain. Records of energy conservation are to be maintained and periodically reviewed.  Any non-conformities relating to energy conservation shall be identified and corrected.

Through commitment to continual improvement in energy performance and development of environmental management skills of its staff, the Company pursues the long term goal of zero spills to the sea and minimal emissions to the environment. The Company recognizes that operational efficiencies make an invaluable contribution to reducing global carbon emissions and is committed to improving the energy efficiency throughout its operation.

**Company policy requires:**

* Compliance with mandatory rules and regulations, taking into account codes, guidelines and standards from maritime organisations;
* Actively promoting environmental and energy awareness through training and education;
* Operation of its offices and ships as efficiently as possible adopting the principles of re-use and recycling;
* Focussing on minimising pollutants at source through effective maintenance and supply of spares;
* Ensuring that residual wastes are disposed of in a safe and responsible manner, paying special attention to hazardous waste generated on board;
* Suppliers and contractors working under its direct control and affiliated companies to apply environmental standards consistent with its own;
* Wherever possible, suppliers provide the most energy efficient product or service in line with V Ships Energy Management Procedures and ISO 50001;
* Benchmarking environmental and energy performance;
* Verification of compliance by undertaking regular inspections and audits and rectifying non-compliance.

**ISO standards ISO14001 – Environmental Management Systems and ISO50001 – Energy Management Systems, where applicable, may be implemented by individual regional offices**

* Environmental or Energy objectives and targets are to be set and processes implemented to achieve them;
* Audits are required to ensure that the policy is complied with and that the environmental / energy management system remains appropriate and is capable of adapting to changing circumstances.

**For Vessels operating to an Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP) the company will ensure that:**

* The additional ECP requirements are understood, fully complied with and adopted on all ECP vessels.
* The policy of continual improvement is applied to the ECP requirements.
* An effective training program is in place for the sea and shore staff involved in operating these vessels.
* Budgets and resources are sufficient to maintain and repair the equipment onboard the vessel effectively in order to minimise production of pollutants at source.
* The client is assisted to the best of the Company’s ability to meet and satisfy the legal requirements imposed on him by the ECP and the US Dept. of Justice.

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**Managing Director/ General Manager Date**

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**The Safety Management System is referred to as the VMS (V.Group Management System) for short**