

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE POLICY AND FRAMEWORK

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WHEREAS, Nexus Industrial Intelligence, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), develops and deploys artificial intelligence and machine learning solutions for industrial applications;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") recognizes the importance of establishing comprehensive environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") policies and practices;

WHEREAS, the Company seeks to formalize its commitment to responsible innovation, sustainable operations, and ethical business practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby adopts this Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy and Framework (this "Policy") as follows:

## 1.0 ESG POLICY STATEMENT AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

### 1.1 Mission Statement and Objectives

The Company commits to developing and deploying industrial AI solutions that advance sustainability, promote social responsibility, and uphold the highest standards of corporate governance. Our objectives include:

- (a) Minimizing environmental impact through sustainable technology development, including optimization of energy consumption, reduction of carbon emissions, and implementation of circular economy principles in AI system design;
- (b) Ensuring responsible AI deployment in manufacturing environments, with particular emphasis on algorithmic transparency, fairness, and accountability in automated decision-making processes;
- (c) Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout our operations, encompassing workforce composition, supplier relationships, and community engagement initiatives;
- (d) Maintaining transparent and accountable corporate governance through comprehensive reporting, stakeholder engagement, and ethical business practices.

## **1.2 Board Oversight**

The Board shall maintain ultimate oversight of ESG matters through:

- (a) Quarterly review of ESG performance metrics, including: (i) Environmental impact assessments of AI deployments; (ii) Social responsibility indicators and workforce analytics; (iii) Governance compliance metrics and risk assessments; (iv) Stakeholder feedback and engagement measures;
- (b) Annual approval of ESG strategy and targets, incorporating: (i) Short-term operational objectives; (ii) Medium-term strategic goals; (iii) Long-term sustainability commitments; (iv) Resource allocation requirements;
- (c) Regular assessment of ESG-related risks and opportunities, including: (i) Climate-related risks and adaptation strategies; (ii) Social impact considerations; (iii) Regulatory compliance requirements; (iv) Market positioning and competitive advantages;
- (d) Integration of ESG considerations into strategic planning, encompassing: (i) Product development roadmaps; (ii) Market expansion strategies; (iii) Investment decisions; (iv) Stakeholder engagement initiatives.

## **1.3 ESG Committee**

### **1.3.1 Composition**

The ESG Committee shall consist of: (a) At least one independent director (Chair); (b) Chief Executive Officer; (c) Chief AI Officer; (d) VP of Sustainability; (e) General Counsel; (f) Chief Risk Officer; (g) Head of Human Resources; (h) External ESG advisor (non-voting member).

### **1.3.2 Responsibilities**

- The ESG Committee shall:
- (a) Develop and monitor ESG strategy implementation through: (i) Quarterly performance reviews; (ii) Gap analysis and corrective action planning; (iii) Stakeholder engagement programs; (iv) Impact assessment frameworks;
  - (b) Review ESG performance quarterly, addressing: (i) Environmental metrics and targets; (ii) Social impact indicators; (iii) Governance compliance measures; (iv) Risk management effectiveness;
  - (c) Recommend ESG policies and procedures, including: (i) Environmental management systems; (ii) Social responsibility guidelines; (iii) Governance frameworks; (iv) Reporting protocols;
  - (d) Oversee ESG reporting and disclosures, ensuring: (i) Compliance with regulatory requirements; (ii) Alignment with international standards; (iii) Stakeholder communication effectiveness; (iv) Data accuracy and verification.

## **1.4 Management Accountability**

The Chief Executive Officer shall: (a) Execute approved ESG strategies through: (i) Operational implementation plans; (ii) Resource allocation; (iii) Performance monitoring; (iv) Stakeholder engagement;

(b) Report ESG progress to the Board quarterly, including: (i) Key performance indicators; (ii) Risk assessments; (iii) Strategic initiatives; (iv) Resource utilization;

(c) Ensure adequate resources for ESG initiatives through: (i) Budget allocation; (ii) Staff development; (iii) Technology investment; (iv) External partnerships;

(d) Integrate ESG considerations into business operations by: (i) Embedding sustainability criteria in decision-making; (ii) Promoting cultural alignment; (iii) Establishing accountability mechanisms; (iv) Facilitating cross-functional collaboration.

## **2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS**

### **2.1 Carbon Footprint Reduction**

#### **2.1.1 Targets**

The Company commits to: (a) 50% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030, measured against 2020 baseline figures; (b) Net-zero operations by 2040, including all subsidiary operations and contracted services; (c) 30% reduction in AI computing energy consumption by 2025, relative to current operational levels; (d) Annual progressive reductions of 5% minimum in overall carbon intensity per unit of revenue.

#### **2.1.2 Implementation Measures**

The Company shall: (a) Conduct quarterly carbon audits by certified third-party assessors; (b) Implement energy-efficient AI algorithms with documented power usage effectiveness (PUE); (c) Utilize minimum 80% renewable energy for data centers by 2025; (d) Offset remaining emissions through internationally verified carbon credit programs; (e) Establish a Carbon Reduction Committee reporting directly to the Board of Directors.

#### **2.1.3 Monitoring and Verification**

The Company must: (a) Maintain detailed emissions inventories across all operational facilities; (b) Submit to annual third-party verification of carbon reduction claims; (c) Publish quarterly progress reports on sustainability metrics; (d) Implement continuous monitoring systems for energy consumption.

## **2.2 Energy Efficiency in Computing Operations**

### **2.2.1 Infrastructure Requirements**

All computing infrastructure must: (a) Meet or exceed current ENERGY STAR® certification standards; (b) Implement dynamic power management with automated scaling; (c) Achieve minimum 85% server virtualization across all facilities; (d) Employ efficient cooling systems with Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) below 1.5; (e) Utilize heat recovery systems where technically feasible; (f) Implement smart grid technologies for optimal power distribution.

### **2.2.2 Software Optimization Standards**

The Company shall: (a) Develop and implement energy-aware AI algorithms with documented efficiency metrics; (b) Establish maximum power consumption thresholds for model training; (c) Monitor and optimize computational resource usage through automated systems; (d) Report energy efficiency metrics quarterly to the Board; (e) Maintain an energy efficiency database for all software deployments.

### **2.2.3 Performance Metrics**

Energy efficiency shall be measured through: (a) Performance per watt calculations for all computing operations; (b) Real-time power consumption monitoring; (c) Carbon intensity per computation cycle; (d) Resource utilization efficiency scores.

## **2.3 Sustainable Development Practices**

### **2.3.1 Software Development Standards**

The Company commits to: (a) Implementation of green software development principles across all projects; (b) Optimization of code efficiency to minimize computational requirements; (c) Regular code audits for energy efficiency; (d) Training of development teams in sustainable coding practices.

### **2.3.2 Cloud Computing Requirements**

All cloud computing operations must: (a) Utilize certified green data centers; (b) Implement automated resource scaling; (c) Maintain minimum 75% resource utilization rates; (d) Deploy energy-efficient storage solutions.

### **2.3.3 Procurement Standards**

The Company shall: (a) Source equipment from vendors with verified environmental credentials; (b) Require Environmental Product Declarations for major purchases; (c) Implement life-cycle assessment for all hardware acquisitions; (d) Prioritize vendors with documented sustainability programs.

## **2.4 Compliance and Reporting**

### **2.4.1 Documentation Requirements**

The Company must maintain: (a) Detailed records of all environmental initiatives; (b) Regular sustainability audit reports; (c) Energy consumption logs for all facilities; (d) Carbon offset verification certificates.

### **2.4.2 Reporting Obligations**

The Company shall provide: (a) Monthly environmental performance reports to management; (b) Quarterly sustainability metrics to stakeholders; (c) Annual environmental impact assessments; (d) Public disclosure of carbon reduction progress.

### **2.4.3 Non-Compliance Consequences**

Failure to meet environmental commitments shall result in: (a) Mandatory review of environmental programs; (b) Implementation of corrective action plans; (c) Additional monitoring and reporting requirements; (d) Potential financial penalties as determined by the Board.

## **2.5 Review and Updates**

This Environmental Impact and Sustainability Commitment shall be: (a) Reviewed annually by the Board of Directors; (b) Updated to reflect new environmental standards and technologies; (c) Amended as required to meet evolving regulatory requirements; (d) Subject to stakeholder consultation for major revisions.