# ESG MATTERS DOCUMENT 32

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE POLICY AND FRAMEWORK

THIS ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE POLICY AND FRAMEWORK (this "Policy") is adopted as of January 15, 2024 (the "Effective Date") by NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

WHEREAS, the Company develops and deploys artificial intelligence and machine learning solutions for industrial applications;

WHEREAS, the Company recognizes its responsibility to operate in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner while maintaining robust corporate governance;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined it to be in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders to establish comprehensive environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby adopts this Policy as follows:

## 1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 **Application**. This Policy shall apply to all operations, facilities, employees, contractors, and business activities of the Company, including but not limited to: (a) Development and deployment of the NexusCore<sup>TM</sup> Industrial AI Platform; (b) Operation of data centers and computing infrastructure; (c) Research and development activities; (d) Client implementations and services; (e) Corporate administrative functions; (f) Third-party vendor relationships and supply chain operations; (g) International business activities and cross-border data transfers; and (h) Merger, acquisition, and divestiture activities.
- 1.2 **Regulatory Framework**. The Company shall comply with all applicable environmental, labor, data privacy, and corporate governance laws and regulations, including: (a) SEC disclosure requirements regarding ESG matters; (b) State and federal environmental protection standards; (c) Data privacy and protection regulations; (d) Corporate governance requirements under Delaware law; (e) International environmental standards and protocols; (f) Industry-specific regulatory requirements for AI deployment; (g) Workplace safety and occupational health regulations; and (h) Anti-corruption and ethical business conduct standards.
- 1.3 **AI Integration**. The Company shall integrate ESG considerations into its artificial intelligence and machine learning operations through: (a) Sustainable computing practices; (b)

Ethical AI development protocols; (c) Energy-efficient algorithm design; (d) Responsible data management practices; (e) Regular algorithmic bias assessments; (f) Environmental impact optimization protocols; (g) Social responsibility frameworks for AI deployment; and (h) Transparency in AI decision-making processes.

- 1.4 Environmental Monitoring. The Company shall maintain comprehensive environmental impact monitoring systems for: (a) Energy consumption; (b) Carbon emissions; (c) Electronic waste; (d) Water usage in data center operations; (e) Supply chain environmental impacts; (f) Renewable energy utilization rates; (g) Waste reduction and recycling programs; and (h) Environmental risk assessment protocols.
- 1.5 **Implementation Authority**. The Chief Sustainability Officer, in coordination with the ESG Committee, shall have primary responsibility for: (a) Interpreting and enforcing this Policy; (b) Developing implementation guidelines; (c) Establishing measurement metrics; (d) Conducting periodic reviews; (e) Reporting to stakeholders; (f) Recommending policy updates; (g) Coordinating cross-functional implementation; and (h) Ensuring continuous improvement.
- 1.6 **Scope Limitations**. This Policy does not supersede: (a) Existing contractual obligations; (b) Legal and regulatory requirements; (c) Emergency response protocols; (d) Security-critical operations; (e) Client-specific arrangements; (f) Intellectual property protections; (g) Trade secret safeguards; or (h) Critical infrastructure protocols.
- 1.7 **Review and Updates**. This Policy shall be: (a) Reviewed annually by the ESG Committee; (b) Updated to reflect regulatory changes; (c) Aligned with industry best practices; (d) Validated against performance metrics; (e) Communicated to all stakeholders; (f) Integrated into training programs; (g) Subject to independent audit; and (h) Approved by the Board of Directors.

# 2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AND COMMITMENTS

- 2.1 **Carbon Reduction Targets**. The Company hereby establishes the following emissions reduction targets: (a) 50% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030, measured against a 2022 baseline year; (b) Net zero operations by 2040, including all subsidiary operations and contracted services; (c) Annual progress reporting and third-party verification through an accredited verification body; and (d) Implementation of carbon offset programs as needed, prioritizing verified carbon removal projects.
- 2.1.1 For purposes of measuring and achieving these targets, the Company shall: (a) Establish a comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory system; (b) Implement science-based targets aligned with the Paris Agreement; (c) Conduct annual carbon accounting in accordance with the GHG Protocol; and (d) Maintain detailed documentation of all reduction initiatives and their outcomes.

- 2.2 AI Infrastructure Efficiency. The Company shall implement: (a) Energy-efficient computing architectures, including but not limited to: (i) Advanced processor optimization techniques; (ii) Workload consolidation protocols; (iii) Dynamic voltage and frequency scaling; and (iv) Resource-aware scheduling systems; (b) Green data center design standards incorporating: (i) Modular architecture principles; (ii) Heat recovery systems; (iii) Smart grid integration capabilities; and (iv) Sustainable building materials; (c) Optimization of AI model training processes through: (i) Parameter-efficient fine-tuning; (ii) Model compression techniques; (iii) Distributed training protocols; and (iv) Energy-aware model selection; and (d) Regular efficiency audits and improvements conducted quarterly.
- 2.3 Data Center Sustainability. All Company data centers shall: (a) Utilize renewable energy sources where feasible, including: (i) On-site solar and wind generation; (ii) Power purchase agreements (PPAs) for renewable energy; (iii) Renewable energy certificates (RECs); and (iv) Battery storage systems; (b) Implement advanced cooling technologies, including: (i) Free cooling systems; (ii) Liquid immersion cooling; (iii) Hot/cold aisle containment; and (iv) Dynamic cooling optimization; (c) Maintain Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) below 1.5, with: (i) Monthly PUE monitoring and reporting; (ii) Continuous improvement targets; (iii) Regular infrastructure upgrades; and (iv) Best practice implementation reviews; and (d) Practice responsible electronic waste management through: (i) Certified e-waste recycling partners; (ii) Component reuse programs; (iii) Sustainable procurement policies; and (iv) Lifecycle assessment protocols.
- 2.4 Environmental Monitoring Protocols. The Company shall: (a) Deploy real-time environmental monitoring systems that track: (i) Energy consumption patterns; (ii) Water usage metrics; (iii) Waste generation data; and (iv) Air quality parameters; (b) Conduct quarterly environmental audits examining: (i) Compliance with environmental regulations; (ii) Performance against sustainability targets; (iii) Resource efficiency metrics; and (iv) Environmental management system effectiveness; (c) Maintain ISO 14001 certification through: (i) Regular internal audits; (ii) Staff training programs; (iii) Documentation management; and (iv) Continuous improvement initiatives; and (d) Report findings to the ESG Committee, including: (i) Quarterly performance summaries; (ii) Incident reports and corrective actions; (iii) Progress against established targets; and (iv) Recommendations for system improvements.
- 2.5 **Compliance and Reporting**. The Company shall: (a) Submit annual environmental performance reports to relevant regulatory bodies; (b) Maintain transparent communication with stakeholders regarding environmental initiatives; (c) Participate in industry sustainability benchmarking programs; and (d) Regularly update environmental policies and procedures to reflect best practices and regulatory changes.
- 2.6 Environmental Risk Management. The Company shall: (a) Maintain comprehensive environmental insurance coverage; (b) Conduct regular environmental risk assessments; (c)

Develop and maintain emergency response procedures; and (d) Establish an environmental incident reporting system.

# 3.0 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FRAMEWORK

- 3.1 AI Ethics Guidelines. The Company commits to: (a) Transparent AI development practices, including: (i) Public documentation of AI system architectures; (ii) Regular disclosure of training methodologies; (iii) Publication of model performance metrics; and (iv) Clear communication of AI system limitations; (b) Regular algorithmic bias assessments, comprising: (i) Quarterly testing for demographic biases; (ii) Independent third-party audits; (iii) Remediation plans for identified biases; and (iv) Documentation of mitigation strategies; (c) Human oversight of AI systems, ensuring: (i) Designated oversight committees; (ii) Regular system monitoring protocols; (iii) Emergency shutdown procedures; and (iv) Clear chains of responsibility; and (d) Client education on responsible AI use through: (i) Mandatory training programs; (ii) Updated usage guidelines; (iii) Best practice documentation; and (iv) Regular compliance reviews.
- 3.2 Workforce Diversity. The Company shall: (a) Maintain diverse hiring practices by: (i) Implementing blind resume screening; (ii) Utilizing diverse interview panels; (iii) Establishing partnerships with diversity-focused organizations; and (iv) Setting measurable diversity recruitment targets; (b) Provide equal advancement opportunities through: (i) Structured mentorship programs; (ii) Leadership development initiatives; (iii) Clear promotion criteria; and (iv) Regular pay equity reviews; (c) Conduct regular diversity training, including: (i) Quarterly unconscious bias workshops; (ii) Cultural competency programs; (iii) Inclusive leadership training; and (iv) Anti-discrimination education; and (d) Report diversity metrics annually, covering: (i) Workforce demographic composition; (ii) Promotion rates across groups; (iii) Retention statistics; and (iv) Pay equity analyses.
- 3.3 Community Engagement. The Company shall: (a) Support STEM education initiatives by: (i) Providing educational grants; (ii) Organizing coding workshops; (iii) Sponsoring technology competitions; and (iv) Offering internship programs; (b) Partner with local universities through: (i) Research collaborations; (ii) Guest lecture series; (iii) Curriculum advisory roles; and (iv) Student mentorship programs; (c) Provide technology access programs, including: (i) Equipment donation initiatives; (ii) Digital literacy training; (iii) Internet access support; and (iv) Technical skill development; and (d) Engage in community outreach via: (i) Regular town hall meetings; (ii) Community advisory boards; (iii) Local business partnerships; and (iv) Volunteer programs.
- 3.4 **Data Privacy Standards**. The Company shall: (a) Implement robust data protection measures through: (i) End-to-end encryption protocols; (ii) Multi-factor authentication; (iii) Regular security updates; and (iv) Access control systems; (b) Maintain current security certifications, including: (i) ISO 27001 compliance; (ii) SOC 2 Type II attestation; (iii) GDPR

compliance; and (iv) Industry-specific standards; (c) Conduct regular privacy audits comprising: (i) Quarterly internal assessments; (ii) Annual external audits; (iii) Penetration testing; and (iv) Vulnerability scanning; and (d) Provide transparent data handling policies detailing: (i) Data collection purposes; (ii) Storage duration limits; (iii) Processing procedures; and (iv) Data subject rights.

# 4.0 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 4.1 **ESG Committee**. The Board shall maintain an ESG Committee consisting of: (a) At least one independent director, who shall serve as Committee Chair and possess relevant environmental, social, or governance expertise; (b) The Chief Technology Officer, who shall oversee technical implementation of ESG initiatives; (c) The Chief AI Officer, who shall ensure responsible AI development and deployment; and (d) The VP of Compliance, who shall monitor regulatory adherence and reporting obligations.
- 4.1.1 **Committee Responsibilities**. The ESG Committee shall: (a) Meet at least monthly to review ESG performance and initiatives; (b) Establish and review ESG metrics and targets; (c) Approve material ESG-related investments and expenditures; (d) Oversee stakeholder engagement strategies; (e) Review and approve ESG disclosures; and (f) Maintain minutes of all proceedings and decisions.
- 4.1.2 **Committee Authority**. The ESG Committee shall have: (a) Direct access to management and employees; (b) Authority to engage external consultants; (c) Independent budget allocation for ESG initiatives; (d) Power to establish subcommittees as needed; and (e) Authority to recommend policy changes to the Board.
- 4.2 **Reporting Structure**. ESG oversight shall follow: (a) Monthly reports to ESG Committee, including: (i) Key performance indicators; (ii) Incident reports; (iii) Regulatory updates; and (iv) Implementation progress; (b) Quarterly Board updates, comprising: (i) Executive summaries; (ii) Risk assessments; (iii) Financial implications; and (iv) Strategic recommendations; (c) Annual stakeholder reports, containing: (i) ESG performance metrics; (ii) Progress against targets; (iii) Material developments; and (iv) Forward-looking objectives; and (d) Public ESG disclosures as required by applicable regulations.
- 4.3 **Risk Management**. The Company shall: (a) Maintain an ESG risk register that: (i) Identifies potential risks; (ii) Assesses likelihood and impact; (iii) Tracks mitigation measures; and (iv) Documents responsible parties; (b) Conduct annual risk assessments including: (i) Environmental impact analysis; (ii) Social responsibility evaluation; (iii) Governance effectiveness review; and (iv) Emerging risk identification; (c) Implement mitigation strategies through: (i) Policy development; (ii) Training programs; (iii) Control mechanisms; and (iv) Performance monitoring; and (d) Review insurance coverage for: (i) Environmental liability; (ii) Directors and officers; (iii) Cyber risks; and (iv) Professional liability.

- 4.4 **Compliance Monitoring**. The Company shall: (a) Conduct regular compliance audits: (i) Quarterly internal reviews; (ii) Annual external audits; (iii) Ad hoc assessments; and (iv) Peer benchmarking; (b) Maintain compliance documentation including: (i) Policies and procedures; (ii) Training records; (iii) Audit reports; and (iv) Corrective actions; (c) Update policies as needed through: (i) Regular review cycles; (ii) Regulatory monitoring; (iii) Stakeholder feedback; and (iv) Best practice adoption; and (d) Report violations promptly via: (i) Internal reporting channels; (ii) Regulatory notifications; (iii) Board communications; and (iv) Public disclosures when required.
- 4.5 **Stakeholder Engagement**. The Company shall: (a) Maintain regular communication with: (i) Shareholders; (ii) Employees; (iii) Customers; and (iv) Community representatives; (b) Establish feedback mechanisms including: (i) Annual surveys; (ii) Town hall meetings; (iii) Online platforms; and (iv) Direct engagement channels; (c) Document and address stakeholder concerns through: (i) Formal response procedures; (ii) Action plans; (iii) Progress tracking; and (iv) Follow-up communications.
- 4.6 **Policy Review and Updates**. The Company shall: (a) Review all ESG policies annually; (b) Update procedures based on: (i) Regulatory changes; (ii) Industry developments; (iii) Internal feedback; and (iv) External assessments; (c) Maintain version control of all policies; (d) Communicate updates to relevant stakeholders; and (e) Provide training on material changes.

## 5.0 REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE

- 5.1 Annual ESG Report. The Company shall publish: (a) Environmental performance metrics, including but not limited to: (i) Total energy consumption and renewable energy utilization; (ii) Water usage and conservation initiatives; (iii) Waste management and recycling programs; and (iv) Climate risk assessment and mitigation strategies; (b) Social impact assessments, encompassing: (i) Community engagement programs and outcomes; (ii) Employee health and safety statistics; (iii) Human rights compliance across supply chains; and (iv) Labor practices and working conditions; (c) Governance updates, detailing: (i) Board composition and diversity metrics; (ii) Executive compensation alignment with ESG goals; (iii) Risk management frameworks; and (iv) Ethical business conduct measures; and (d) Progress toward stated goals, including: (i) Quarterly milestone achievements; (ii) Areas requiring improvement; (iii) Updated targets and timelines; and (iv) Strategic adjustments based on performance data.
- 5.2 **Performance Metrics**. The Company shall track: (a) Carbon emissions data, comprising: (i) Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions calculations; (ii) Carbon intensity per revenue unit; (iii) Reduction initiatives and their effectiveness; and (iv) Climate-related financial disclosures; (b) Diversity statistics, including: (i) Workforce demographic composition; (ii) Pay equity analyses; (iii) Promotion and retention rates by demographic; and (iv) Inclusion program

effectiveness; (c) AI ethics compliance, monitoring: (i) Algorithm bias assessments; (ii) Data privacy protection measures; (iii) Ethical AI development protocols; and (iv) Automated decision-making impacts; and (d) Environmental efficiency measures, tracking: (i) Data center energy efficiency; (ii) E-waste management; (iii) Green procurement practices; and (iv) Sustainable technology initiatives.

- 5.3 **Stakeholder Communication**. The Company shall: (a) Maintain transparent reporting through: (i) Quarterly stakeholder updates; (ii) Real-time incident disclosure; (iii) Interactive data dashboards; and (iv) Accessibility accommodations; (b) Engage stakeholders regularly via: (i) Annual stakeholder forums; (ii) Digital feedback platforms; (iii) Expert advisory panels; and (iv) Community consultation sessions; (c) Address concerns promptly by: (i) Establishing response protocols; (ii) Maintaining grievance mechanisms; (iii) Documenting resolution processes; and (iv) Publishing response metrics; and (d) Provide access to ESG data through: (i) Public data repositories; (ii) Machine-readable formats; (iii) Historical performance archives; and (iv) Comparative industry benchmarks.
- 5.4 **Third-Party Verification**. The Company shall: (a) Engage independent auditors who: (i) Meet international certification standards; (ii) Possess relevant industry expertise; (iii) Maintain independence requirements; and (iv) Follow standardized audit protocols; (b) Obtain relevant certifications, including: (i) ISO environmental standards; (ii) Social accountability certifications; (iii) Governance excellence recognition; and (iv) Industry-specific accreditations; (c) Verify performance data through: (i) Statistical validation methods; (ii) Onsite assessments; (iii) Documentation reviews; and (iv) Stakeholder interviews; and (d) Publish verification results with: (i) Detailed methodology descriptions; (ii) Findings and recommendations; (iii) Compliance statements; and (iv) Forward-looking improvement plans.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has adopted this Policy as of the Effective Date.

NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC.

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## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A: Environmental Monitoring Standards Exhibit B: AI Ethics Guidelines Exhibit C: ESG Committee Charter Exhibit D: Reporting Templates

# **APPENDICES**

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