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### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. This Cold Weather Path Planning Protocol ("Protocol") establishes

2. This Protocol applies to all BlueCore(TM)-enabled AMRs and associated equipment.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

1. "BlueCore(TM) Navigation System" means the Company's proprietary navigation system.
2. "Critical Temperature Threshold" means -30 C (-22 F), below which the system is not to be used.
3. "Dynamic Path Adjustment" means real-time modification of AMR navigation paths based on current conditions.
4. "Thermal Compensation Algorithm" means the proprietary software used to adjust system performance based on temperature.

## **3. NAVIGATION PARAMETERS**

1. Temperature-Based Speed Modulation
  - a) Standard operating speeds shall be automatically reduced by 15% when the temperature is below the Critical Temperature Threshold.

temperature falls below -5 C

- b) Additional 10% speed reduction for every 5 C decrease below -15 C
- c) Maximum speed shall not exceed 1.2 meters per second below Critical Temperature Threshold

## 2. Sensor Calibration Requirements

- a) Thermal Compensation Algorithm must be active at all times
- b) LiDAR sensor heating elements shall maintain minimum operating temperature of -40 C
- c) Ultrasonic sensor pulse timing shall be adjusted according to air density calculations

# 4. PATH PLANNING ALGORITHMS

## 1. Cold Weather Modifications

- a) Minimum turning radius increased by 20% below -10 C
- b) Path overlap tolerance reduced to 150mm in freezer environments
- c) Emergency stop distance extended by 25% on potentially icy surfaces

## 2. Traffic Management

- a) Minimum vehicle separation distance increased by 1.5x in sub-zero environments
- b) Maximum concurrent AMRs in any freezer zone limited to 80% of system capacity
- c) Automated re-routing triggered when temperature gradients exceed thresholds

# 5. SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## 1. Emergency Procedures

- a) Automatic safe-mode activation below Critical Temperature Threshold

- b) Redundant temperature monitoring through distributed sensor network
- c) Fail-safe protocols for sensor malfunction or communication loss

## 2. Human Interface Requirements

- a) Enhanced visual and audible warnings in cold environments
- b) Mandatory 2-meter minimum separation from human workers below
- c) Automatic path clearing when human presence detected in confined

# 6. MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING

## 1. System Verification

- a) Hourly self-diagnostic checks of all temperature-sensitive components
- b) Daily calibration verification of all navigation sensors
- c) Weekly validation of Thermal Compensation Algorithm accuracy

## 2. Performance Logging

- a) Continuous recording of environmental conditions and system response
- b) Automated performance reports generated every 24 hours
- c) Immediate notification of any deviation from specified parameters

## 7. COMPLIANCE AND UPDATES

- 1. This Protocol shall be reviewed and updated annually or upon significant changes in technology or regulations.
- 2. All updates must be approved by the Chief Robotics Officer and validated through testing.
- 3. Compliance with this Protocol is mandatory for all Company AMR operations.

## 8. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

1. This Protocol and all associated algorithms, methods, and procedures
2. No part of this Protocol may be disclosed to third parties without written

## 9. EXECUTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Protocol has been approved and executed by the authorized representatives of Polar Dynamics Robotics, Inc.

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