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Environmental Contingency Plan

1. Purpose

This contingency plan sets out the measures in place to minimise environmental impacts arising from breakdowns, enforced shutdowns, or other abnormal operating conditions, including those caused by extreme weather.

2. Scope

This plan applies to all site operations, plant, equipment and activities that could have an environmental impact, including processing plant, mobile plant, fuel and chemical storage, and waste tipping activities.

3. Breakdown of plant or Equipment

Examples:

Mechanical failure, electrical fault, burst hose, conveyor failure, dust suppression failure.

Actions:

- Stop the affected plant or equipment immediately where safe to do so.
- Isolate the source of the issue to prevent further environmental impact.
- Deploy spill kits or containment measures where required.
- Report the breakdown to the Site Manager and record it on maintenance/ incident logs.
- Do not restart plant until repairs have been completed and controls are confirmed effective.

4. Enforced Shutdowns

Examples:

Power failure, regulatory instruction, safety incident, emergency site closure.

Actions:

- Shut down plant and equipment in a controlled manner to prevent spills, emissions or noise.
- Secure fuel, oils, chemicals and waste storage areas
- Ensure drainage control remain effective
- Restrict access to operational areas where required
- Notify relevant manager and contractors as appropriate

5. Abnormal Operations/ Extreme Weather

Examples:

Heavy rainfall, flooding, high winds, heatwaves, snow or ice.

Actions:

- Review weather forecasts and suspend or modify activities where environmental risk is increased.
- Cease tipping or material handling during conditions likely to cause run off, dust, or instability.



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- Increase dust suppression during dry or windy conditions
- Inspect drainage, bunding, and stockpiles following heavy rainfall
- Secure loose materials and equipment during high winds.

6. Communication and Escalation

- All incidents or abnormal conditions must be reported to the Site Manager
- Significant incidents with potential off-site impact must be escalated to Senior Management
- External regulators will be notified where required in line with permit or legal requirements

7. Recording and Review

- All shutdowns and abnormal events must be recorded on the appropriate incident or maintenance forms.
- Contingency response will be reviewed to identify improvements and prevent recurrence
- This plan will be reviewed periodically as part of the Environmental Management System