Introduction

ASX procures a variety of goods and services from a diverse supplier base and looks to partner with suppliers who not only deliver quality products, superior service and value for money but share our environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards also known as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

When engaging new suppliers, ASX will actively seek and favour suppliers who respect and adopt positive ESG principles.

Managing ‘Responsible’ Procurement

ASX has developed a process for promoting ESG practices in our supply chain. As part of this process, ASX:

• Requires principle suppliers to be compliant with ASX’s Supplier Code of Conduct, and its requirements.
• Evaluates ESG weightings of potential suppliers during the tender process.
• Incorporates ESG contract clauses within our Standard Supplier Agreements.
• Will review supplier practices and documentation necessary to demonstrate conformance with this code.
• Expects suppliers to measure and continually improve their ESG practices.

Principles

ASX has established the following principles for our suppliers.

1. Corporate Governance and Ethical Practices

ASX is committed to conducting business in an open and accountable way.

Suppliers are expected to:

• Comply with all relevant laws and regulations in relation to bribery, corruption and other prohibited practices.
• Be able to provide documentation on social, ethical and environmental practices.
• Act in an ethical, fair and professional manner.
• Not offer ASX representatives gifts or entertainment to be used to gain improper advantage or preferred treatment.
• Declare any conflicts of interest that may impact commercial arrangements between the supplier and ASX.

2. Workplace Health & Safety

ASX is committed to promoting a culture of health and safety awareness and practice that ensures risks in the workplace are identified, assessed and eliminated or controlled. This may include the provision of safe operating procedures, installation and maintenance manuals, registration, licensing or competency requirements and material safety data sheets.

Suppliers are expected to:

• Comply with all health and safety laws and regulations.
• Take proactive measures to prevent workplace risks.
• Provide appropriate training to workers to perform their jobs safely.

3. Community

ASX has been an essential part of the growth of Australian communities since it was formed in 1987 and is proud to contribute to the communities we live and work in. We have
created enduring partnerships with some of the most important social issues including the environment, health, wildlife and the arts.

Suppliers are expected to make positive contribution to local communities.

4. Environmental Management
ASX is proactive in measuring and reducing its environmental footprint, with the aim of procuring products and services that have the least possible negative environmental impact.

Suppliers are expected to:
- Comply with all applicable environmental protection laws and regulations.
- Establish environmental targets and report regularly in the public domain on progress towards these.
- Have an Environmental Management System in place to measure and monitor environmental performance (such as energy usage, water usage, waste and emissions).
- Have suitable sustainable certification related to the primary materials in their product.

5. Employment Practices
ASX is committed to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) in the workplace and promoting a positive work environment which values equal opportunity free of unlawful discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

Suppliers are expected to:
- Comply with all relevant laws and regulations in relation to employment practices.
- Have EEO policy in place which meet or exceed requirements of any relevant laws where the product is made or service delivered.
- Provide an environment where people are treated lawfully without consideration to irrelevant characteristics and are regarded with dignity and respect.
- Promote “zero” tolerance of unlawful discrimination and harassment.
- Provide fair pay and working conditions for employees including adequate rest periods, leave, minimum wage requirements, freedom of association and collective bargaining.
- Make provision for parental and carers leave as required by law.
- Not use forced, bonded or involuntary labour so that, for example, worker are free to leave after their shift ends, or to resign their employment after giving reasonable notice.

6. Diversity
ASX is committed to providing an environment in which employees have equal access to opportunities available at work, are treated with fairness and respect, and are not judged by unlawful or irrelevant reference to their attributes.

Suppliers are expected to:
- Respect the diversity of their employees, clients and others with whom they interact, including respect for differences such as gender, race, colour, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnic origin and religion.
- Demonstrate gender equality (including equal participation of women and men) in their workplace or comply with WGEA reporting requirements as applicable.

7. Risk Management
ASX uses a risk assessment framework to assess financial and operational risk exposure. To assess our procurement risk exposure, we consider a supplier’s location, manufacture process and product life cycle as well as their response to our Sustainability Questionnaire.

Suppliers are expected to:
- Comply with all relevant laws and regulations pertinent to their operations regarding all products and services they provide to ASX.
- Understand regulatory and compliance obligations applicable to the product or service.
- Implement procedures for their employee to comply with applicable privacy laws as well as secure ASX data against unauthorised access or use.
- Actively manage performance and risk and proactively bring anything of concern to ASX’s notice in a timely manner.
- Have a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that is maintained and tested to minimise business impacts in the event of major disruption.

Code Compliance
ASX reserve the right to carry out regular assessments of the practices of our suppliers to ensure alignment with this Code. This may include self-assessment by suppliers, or a request for additional information, or site visits. We also reserve the right to audit the suppliers.

Suppliers are expected to:
- Respond in full and be open and honest in response to any request for information.
- Complete an agreed corrective action plan until a satisfactory level of improvement is reached should any breaches or shortcomings regarding this Code be identified.
We are interested in your feedback on our Supplier Code of Conduct and welcome you to contact us:

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