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#### 1. Purpose

This policy outlines the procedures for assessing risks and impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services at Raviraj Foils Ltd. It aims to identify and mitigate potential effects on biodiversity, prioritize ecosystem services, and ensure compliance with relevant environmental and legal standards.

#### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all facilities and operations of Raviraj Foils Ltd., including new projects and existing facilities. It covers the assessment of risks and impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services within the Entity's area of influence.

### 3. Core Principles

Risk Assessment: Evaluate potential risks and impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services from activities within the Entity's area of influence.

Consultation: Engage with affected populations, organizations, and Indigenous Peoples in the assessment process.

Mitigation: Develop and implement controls to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services, addressing any identified risks.

## 4. Risk and Impact Assessment

#### 4.1 Assessment Process

**Risk Assessment:** Raviraj Foils Ltd. will conduct a comprehensive assessment to identify and evaluate potential impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services from land use and activities within its area of influence.

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**Area of Influence:** Includes associated project impacts, associated facilities, and cumulative impacts. Consider the Entity's ability to influence impacts from associated facilities and reasonable boundaries for assessing impacts.

**Evaluation:** Assess potential risks to biodiversity features and ecosystem services, including threatened species, habitats, and ecological processes. Use tools compatible with geographical, biophysical settings, and local legal frameworks.

**For Low Biodiversity Value Areas:** If the area has been heavily modified or disturbed, the assessment will:

Identify the Entity's area of influence.

Identify biodiversity features and priority ecosystem services present or likely to be present.

Review local biodiversity protection laws and consult relevant databases.

Identify potential impacts and assess inherent risk using appropriate risk assessment methodologies.

## 4.2 Systematic Review of Ecosystem Services

Identification of Priority Ecosystem Services: If the Entity impacts ecosystem services, systematically review and identify priority ecosystem services in consultation with affected populations and organizations.

Participation: Where possible, involve affected populations and Indigenous Peoples in the identification and assessment process.

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#### 5. Tools and Resources

### **5.1 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Tools**

Mapping and Databases: Utilize tools such as the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) and databases maintained by IUCN and national institutions to identify key biodiversity areas and legally protected areas.

Guidance: Refer to IUCN's Red List, SANBI, and national biodiversity databanks for additional information and guidance on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

### 5.2 Consultation and Engagement

Indigenous Peoples: Ensure active participation of Indigenous Peoples in the assessment, paying attention to impacts on their livelihoods and traditional knowledge.

Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC): For new projects or major changes with significant impacts, follow FPIC processes as per Criterion 9.4.

#### 6. Documentation and Reporting

#### **6.1 Documentation**

Records: Maintain records of risk assessments, consultations, and impact evaluations. Include information on identified biodiversity features, potential impacts, and mitigation measures.

## 6.2 Reporting

Public Disclosure: Disclose relevant information on biodiversity and ecosystem services impacts and management measures in annual and sustainability reports, and make it available on the company website or upon request.

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# 7. Review and Continuous Improvement

# 7.1 Policy Review

Regular Review: This policy will be reviewed at least every five years or as needed to incorporate changes in regulations or business operations.

# 7.2 Continuous Improvement

Enhancements: Raviraj Foils Ltd. is committed to continuously improving biodiversity and ecosystem services management practices and addressing identified risks and impacts effectively.

# 8. Revision History:

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