

## **GUANGDONG INVESTMENT LIMITED**

### **BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION POLICY**

Sustainable development of water resources is inextricably linked with the well-being of our eco-system. As a company with over five decades of experience in the operation of untreated water projects, Guangdong Investment Limited (hereinafter referred to as “GDI”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) has been aware of the importance of ecological protection and biodiversity to the sustainable development of water resources and corporate activities. Therefore, we endeavour to use various means to maintain the ecological balance and biodiversity of the water sources.

We are committed to the followings:

- delegate responsibilities of biodiversity management to the management level, and clearly identify the scope and requirements of such management practices in our operations;
- respect the environment and promote the alignment of biodiversity with our sustainable development objectives;
- conduct environmental impact assessment of newly built sites for all projects before commencement and publicly disclose the assessment results;
- include biodiversity protection into the construction, operation and other stages of the relevant projects of each business segment of our business, and avoid operating in areas with high biodiversity value;
- adhere to ecological red lines and avoid construction activities near nationally designated ecological protection areas during the phase of engineering construction and business operations and development. Establish and implement corresponding mitigation measures based on the local biodiversity and the results of environmental impact assessment during the project design phase;
- encourage each business segment to undergo a biodiversity assessment regarding its business operations;
- protect endangered species, actively study on the sustainable use of natural resources that are crucial to biodiversity;
- evaluate the effectiveness of water sources management from the perspective of ecological harmony and environmentally friendly society;

- raise the biodiversity awareness among our employees and relevant stakeholders and enhance training;
- cooperate with government authorities, environmental protection and ecological research institutions to carry out technological research on the maintenance of water ecosystems and participate in the projects on biodiversity research, preservation, education and promotion;
- value and actively engage in the protection of biological and ecological habitats, including forests, oceans and other ecosystems. Strictly avoiding actions such as illegal logging and deforestation, with the goal of "zero deforestation when not necessary", and advocate for sustainable forest management and forest conservation. We promise that if it is inevitably necessary to carry out business around the forest, all feasible compensation will be made to reduce the impact on the forest ecosystem, such as afforestation and forest restoration.
- make effort to mitigate the environmental impact of our operating activities and facilitate ecosystem recovery in areas which have significant impacts on our business operations; and
- report and disclose relevant information on the progress and results of biodiversity protection schemes on a regular basis.

The Company's Environmental, Social and Governance Committee will be responsible for monitoring and reviewing our sustainability management performance, including our performance on biodiversity, and report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis and review on this policy.

*\*This policy has come into effect since 26 April 2019 and amended with effect from 26 March 2021, 26 October 2023 and 28 August 2024.*