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**Abbreviations**

AE	Applicant Entity
A6.4	Article 6.4 of Paris Agreement
DOE	Designated Operational Entity
EPL	EcoLance Private Limited
SB	Supervisory Body
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VVB	Validation & Verification Body

## **1. Introduction**

This policy outlines the governance, operational framework, and responsibilities of the DOE EcoLance Private Limited. EPL is as an independent third-party body, is responsible for the validation of project activities, verification of emission reductions, and certification of Article 6.4 Emission Reductions (A6.4ERs) in compliance with UNFCCC requirements and other GHG programmes under different standards.

## **2. Objectives**

The Objectives of EPL Management Policy are

1. Ensure Impartiality and Independence
2. Commit to Quality and Technical Competence
3. Comply with International Standards and Program Rules
4. Uphold Transparency and Accountability
5. Protect Confidentiality and Client Information
6. Promote Continual Improvement and Risk Management

## **3. Responsibilities**

The responsibility for the implementation of this Policy in the DOE shall be with the Directors of EPL. The Top Management shall be responsible for strategic oversight, policy adherence, and conflict resolution and ensure operational compliance, accreditation, and stakeholder engagement.

The Validation & Verification Teams shall conduct technical assessments, site visits, and data analysis. The Quality Manager shall ensure quality assurance and risk Management and shall implements internal audits, continuous monitoring, and corrective measures.

## **4 Impartiality, Transparency, and Ethical Conduct**

- DOEs must avoid conflicts of interest and ensure neutrality in project assessments.
- A strict code of ethics must be enforced for all personnel involved in validation and verification.
- Any changes to project methodologies or standards must be communicated transparently.

## **5 Quality Assurance and Risk Management**

- Periodic audits to ensure compliance with ISO 14065, ISO 17029, and UNFCCC regulations.
- Implementation of corrective actions to maintain accreditation.
- Establish an independent mechanism for project developers and stakeholders to contest DOE decisions.

- Ensure fair and transparent review of appeals in accordance with Supervisory Body guidelines.

## 6 Capacity Building and Continuous Improvement

- Regular training programs for DOE personnel on new methodologies, digital monitoring, and climate policies.
- Participation in UNFCCC and Supervisory Body forums to stay updated on evolving compliance requirements.

## 7 Review and Policy Updates

This policy will be reviewed annually to reflect amendments in Article 6.4 regulations and international best practices. Revisions shall be approved by the Directors.

## 8 Revision History

Version	Date of Issue	Description
1	02/01/2025	Initial adoption
2	20/05/2025	Revision as per desk review comments of A6.4