



# ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

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## 1. Overview

- 1.1 Elixinol Global Limited (**Group**) is committed to conducting its business activities in an ethical, lawful and socially responsible manner, and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the countries in which the Group operates. The Group's reputation as an ethical business organisation is important to its ongoing success. Engaging in bribery and corrupt conduct is contrary to this commitment and constitutes a serious offence with criminal and civil penalties. It also exposes the Group to significant reputational damage.
- 1.2 Our Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (**ABC Policy**) applies to all of our employees, officers, directors and in certain circumstances, consultants, secondees, contractors, agents and intermediaries representing the Group (**Relevant Persons**). The ABC Policy supports the Group's Code of Conduct and, in particular, the Group's firm commitment to operating an ethical business organisation.
- 1.3 Relevant Persons must:
  - (a) not engage in bribery and corrupt conduct or conceal such conduct;
  - (b) comply with the laws and regulations which apply to the Group and our operations;
  - (c) comply with the ABC Policy and all the procedures the Group adopts; and
  - (d) report any concern or suspected or potential breach of the ABC Policy immediately.
- 1.4 The ABC Policy and the Code of Conduct are available in the Corporate Governance section of the Group's website.

## 2. What is bribery and corruption

- 2.1 Bribery and corruption involves offering, promising or giving a benefit, a favour, a gift or anything of value with the intention of unduly influencing the behaviour of a person or a foreign public official in the performance of their duty, in order to obtain or retain business or some other improper advantage.
- 2.2 The following activities are prohibited behaviour under the ABC Policy:
  - (a) Offering, paying or receiving bribes

Offering, making or receiving a bribe is strictly prohibited. Australia is a signatory to the OECD Convention Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions and has enacted legislation prohibiting the offering, paying, causing or promising of anything of value to both foreign and domestic public officials.

The legislation enables Australian regulators to prosecute its citizens and corporations for the bribery of public officials in Australia and in other countries. Contravention of the anti-bribery and corruption laws of Australia and of other countries in which the Group operates in has serious criminal and civil consequences, such as imprisonment or fines.

(b) Offering, paying or receiving kick-backs or secret commissions

Offering, making or receiving a 'kick-back' or a secret commission as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing something, or showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to business matters is also prohibited under Australian state and territory laws. Contravention of the state and territory anti-bribery and corruption laws also has serious criminal and civil consequences, such as imprisonment or fines.

(c) Offering or accepting gifts and hospitality beyond acceptable business courtesies

Offering, making or receiving a gift, business courtesy or hospitality can create an obligation or be construed or used by others to allege favouritism, discrimination, collusion or similarly unacceptable practices. The Group will not give, seek or accept in connection with our business any gifts, meals, refreshments and entertainment which goes beyond common courtesies associated with ordinary and proper course of business. The Group will avoid everything that could reasonably be construed as a bribe or improper inducement.

Any gift, entertainment or other personal favour or assistance given or received which has a value in excess of A\$300 (or any other amount determined or announced by the Board) must be approved in advance by the Relevant Person's Manager and entered into the gifts register maintained by the Group.

(d) Improper dealing of accounting records

Intentionally or recklessly making, altering, destroying, concealing or doing something with an accounting document with the intention of or concealing or disguising the receiving or giving of a bribe is strictly prohibited and is a criminal offence under Australian law.

### **3. The Group's procedures in implementing and monitoring compliance**

#### **3.1 Education and training**

The Group will provide education and training to officers and employees in relation to the issue of bribery and corruption and the ABC Policy. The purpose of the education and training will be to assist officers and employees in their understanding of what conduct is prohibited and unlawful and how to recognise and manage instances of bribery or corruption.

#### **3.2 Knowing our partners, agents and intermediaries**

Where relevant, the Group will conduct appropriate due diligence prior to engaging or entering into business relationships with third parties such as partners, agents and intermediaries. The purpose of the due diligence is to ensure that the entity or individual that the Group deals with will behave in a manner consistent with the ABC Policy. The Group will also obtain from that entity or individual certain assurances of compliance with the ABC Policy and adherence with relevant anti-bribery and corruption laws.

#### **3.3 Investigations and audits**

Any potential breaches of the ABC Policy by any employee, Director, contractor, secondee, partner, agent or intermediary will be properly recorded, investigated and dealt with.

The ABC Policy and related procedures will also be subject to periodic audit and review. Periodic risk assessments will also be undertaken to identify bribery and corruption risk. The

objective of any such audit or assessment is to determine whether breaches of the ABC Policy were properly recorded, investigated and dealt with and the policy or any of the procedures contained within it need to be updated as a result of any breaches.

#### **4. Responsibilities of Relevant Persons**

Relevant Persons are expected to ensure that they understand the ABC Policy and the impact this has on their areas of responsibility. In particular, Relevant Persons must:

- (a) endeavour to comply with the terms of the ABC Policy;
- (b) undertake all requisite training provided in relation to the laws and regulations relating to bribery and corruption and the ABC Policy; and
- (c) immediately report any concern, suspected or potential breaches of the ABC Policy to either:
  - (i) the Group Chief Executive Officer;
  - (ii) the Group Chief Financial Officer; or
  - (iii) an authorised person in accordance with our Whistleblower Policy.

All material breaches of the ABC Policy must be reported immediately to the Board.

#### **5. Consequences for breaching the ABC Policy**

Any suspected breaches of the ABC Policy will be thoroughly investigated. Any material breaches of the ABC Policy will also be reported to the Board.

In circumstances where a breach of the ABC Policy is established, appropriate disciplinary and remedial actions will be taken.

The Group reserves the right to inform the appropriate authorities where it is considered that there has been criminal activity or an apparent breach of any law.

#### **6. Reviews and changes to the ABC Policy**

The Board, in conjunction with the Audit and Risk Committee (**Committee**), will review the ABC Policy periodically to ensure that it is operating effectively and whether any changes are required.

The Board may change the ABC Policy (including the responsibilities of the Committee) from time to time.

If there are any questions regarding any aspect of the ABC Policy, please contact the Company Secretary.

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