

# **ISO 14001 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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# 1. APPROVAL

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

Having a functioning *ISO 14001 Environmental Management System* provides an organization with a framework for actions to be taken, that if implemented appropriately shall provide for a considerable improvement with internal control.

The execution of *ISO 14001 Standard* provides a methodology for an organization's activities, products or services and the interaction with the environment. This, in turn, can increase the long-term viability of an organization and where applicable a higher regard for its personnel and asset value.

Whilst there are other numerous benefits to achieving *ISO 14001* compliance, in general, the fundamental benefits include the following aspects.

### 2.1. The Demonstration of Leadership

By testing environmental controls against the internationally standardized environmental standard, an organization can demonstrate ethical and environmental leadership to their stakeholders, this may include customers, employees and regulators etc. The achievement of *ISO 14001* compliance also provides assurance to top management that there are effective controls regarding environmental risks that are inherent within the organization.

### 2.2. Financial Benefits

In a global marketplace where consumers have to choose in some form or other, the demonstration of ethical environmental leadership through good environmental management can be the deciding factor for consumers selected to supply the goods and services that an organization offers. Having *ISO 14001* compliance may also give a unique selling point to the organization's key fundamentals when promoting the organization.

A fundamental part of the *ISO 14001 Standard* is conformance to appropriate environmental regulatory requirements or other obligations that are deemed as important by regulatory government. A system that checks on adherence to legislation can reduce the risk of environmental liability prosecution. Whilst this is not a direct financial benefit to the organization, the outcome of unregulated activities that deplete the environment will result in unwanted outcomes.

Monitoring resources of one form or another. Whilst the *ISO 14001 Standard* does not require an organization to measure something specifically, e.g. energy, water, materials) together with the waste produced, can lead to progressive changes in use and fundamental cost savings.

### 2.3. Management Reviews, Monitoring and Improvements

The *ISO 14001 Standard* provides the framework to check what controls have been put into place through the use of auditing and provides a methodology to monitor and improve. A management review process then allows management to take a step back and determine how well the system is working within the context of the organization and whether it requires modification to meet future changes in a process or regulatory framework.

Internal audits and management reviews when combined with an audit from a certification body provide assurance that the environmental management system is meeting the requirements of the *ISO 14001 Standard*.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this environmental implementation plan is to enable **Insert Your Company**:

- To improve its image and credibility by attaining accreditation to *ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems Standard*.
- Enhance business decisions with consideration to the *ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems Standard*.
- Improve environmental aspects and impacts with operational processes.
- Integrate operational processes to enhance environmental compliance.
- Create a culture of continual improvement in our activities that have an impact on the environment.
- Improve employee engagement resulting in environmental commitment and compliance.

### 4. DURATION AND STRUCTURE

The implementation of our *Environmental Management System* is divided into the phases listed below:

Milestone	Duration	Responsibility
Commencement		
Planning		
Gap Analysis		
Implementation		
Internal Audit		
Management Review		
Continual Improvement		

### 5. RESOURCES

The resources that are required to implement the *ISO 14001 Environmental Management System* shall include human, financial and technical resources, as outlined below.

**Financial resources include:**