Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: **Contego Environmental Services Ltd**

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Contego Environmental Services Ltd are committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

As an SME, we are not required to formally report our emissions and therefore have not previously published reports, however we do implement ISO14001. We understand the importance of environmental sustainability, and as such, we are committed to reporting our emissions going forward. We recognise that every business has a responsibility to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute towards a sustainable future.

We plan to begin measuring our emissions as soon as possible and will use the next reporting period as our baseline. We will then monitor our emissions regularly and use this information to develop strategies to reduce our carbon footprint and contribute towards a more sustainable future.

Baseline Year: 2024	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
No prior Scope 1,2 & 3 emissions reporting due to SME status. Committed to reporting baseline year 2024.	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	**TOTAL (tCO$_2$e)**

Scope 1	N/A
Scope 2	N/A
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	N/A
Total Emissions	N/A

Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented pre 2024 baseline.

We are unable to report on the carbon emissions these schemes equate to currently, however we are committed to reporting on this at the end of the annual year against the 2024 baseline we have set.

We are proud to be ISO 14001 accredited. This means that we have implemented and Environmental Management System (EMS) that meets the requirements of the ISO 14001 standard.

Achieving and maintaining ISO 14001 demonstrates our commitment to managing our environmental impacts effectively and efficiently through establishing policies, procedures and systems to identify and control our impact on the environment.

Our ISO 14001 accreditation is a key part of our sustainability strategy, and it is integrated into all aspects of our operations. We continuously monitor our environmental performance, set targets for improvement, and engage with our stakeholders to promote sustainable practices.

We have set a target for the business to be carbon positive by 2030 and are working proactively to achieve and maintain this target. "Committing to carbon reduction is so much more than offset, it's about understanding, identifying, measuring, monitoring, and continuously looking at how we act and respond to ever-changing business needs and

demands. We are committed to being a better business continually improving our processes to protect the environment." - Contego CEO, Michael Taylor

We've supported direct measures through carbon offset by partnering with Forest Carbon since October 2018, and over this time we've funded the planting of 3200 trees. See https://www.forestcarbon.co.uk/

Forest Carbon leads the way in UK woodland creation for carbon capture. Through the planting of over 9.5 million new trees since 2006, Forest Carbon's planting has resulted in removing nearly 2.5 million tonnes of CO_2 from the atmosphere, and provides a host of other benefits to society, including flood mitigation, enhanced biodiversity and increased public access. Consensus is that one broad leaf tree will absorb about 1 tonne of carbon dioxide during its full lifetime of approx 100 years. See https://www.greenenergyconsulting.co.uk/treeplanting.php

We are currently engaging with consultants to gain PAS 2060 status as part of our identification and reduction plan. PAS 2060 is the internationally recognised specification for carbon neutrality and builds on the existing PAS 2050 environmental standard. It sets out requirements for quantification, reduction, and offsetting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for organisations, products and events.

The PAS 2060 standard specifies a four-stage process to demonstrate carbon neutrality. Accreditation involves:

• Assessment of GHG emissions based on accurate measurement data.
• Reduction of emissions through a target-driven carbon management plan.
• Offsetting of excess emissions, often by purchasing carbon credits.
• Documentation and verification through qualifying explanatory statements and public disclosure.

Contego are reducing unnecessary repeat visits for the same pest by addressing and solving pest infestation root causes. As we grow, and our route density improves, our productivity is improving and reducing travel time between visits. We aim to introduce hybrid and electric vehicles to support the achievement of our target, and as part of this, we're already using hybrid vehicles and trialling electric vehicles with two new electric vehicles joining the fleet this year.

We developed and follow root-cause analysis to minimise the use of toxic preparations to control pests. We work with stakeholders to reduce external factors that affect high pest re-occurrence levels Contego's IPM (Integrated Pest Management) strategy is an effective and environmentally sensitive root cause approach to pest management. This approach required high-quality inspections, use of pest monitors, using real-time data PLUS working in partnership with our clients in a common-sense approach to address issues such as building conditions, proofing, housekeeping and environmental conditions supported by the targeted use of toxic and physical control methods. We now only supply LED fly control units.

Contego uses the Big Change system called "Jobwatch" as our business system to manage visits which provide a paperless scheduling tool that allocates the perfect resource for each job, accounting for real-time location, live traffic information, and KPI's. The system allows for Vehicle Tracking with 60 second updates give real-time visibility of technicians for job re-allocation to plan effective routes with the environment in mind. Our Paperless Mobile App replaces all paperwork in the field and provides real-time job information and manages each task with step by step customisable electronic workflows and all our clients receive personalised paperless reports accessible in an instant post visit.

We ensure all waste is transported to a registered waste recycling centre for correct management. Contego seek to use sustainable materials during their works, source materials from responsible suppliers, and work closely with suppliers to find innovative ways to reduce our waste and minimise and recycle packaging. At the end of our product's lives, we ensure that as much material as possible is recycled by our external waste disposal providers. Before pesticides are classified as waste (used rodenticides etc.) consideration should be given as to whether they can be recycled/re-used.

Our water and electricity consumption within our HQ has dramatically decreased by upgrading our facilities to a new office with LED lighting and improved insulation to reduce energy usage. We've installed censored lighting in all communal areas as well as timed thermostat controllers to ensure we only use the energy we need.

At Contego we take supply chain management seriously and we work hard to ensure that all our suppliers operate in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. We believe that responsible supply chain management is essential to our overall sustainability goals, as it allows us to reduce our environmental impact, improve working conditions and support local communities.

To achieve this goal, we work closely with our suppliers to establish clear expectations and standards for sustainability, and we encourage suppliers to adopt sustainable practices to reduce their environmental impact.

We have set benchmarks and targets for improvement on a whole range of business activities that contribute towards our commitment to our Sustainability / Environmental, Social and Governance strategy.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Continue the transition to electric/hybrid vehicle fleet: In addition to our current investment in hybrid and electric vehicles, we plan to add further hybrid/electric vehicles to our fleet within the next 10 years. This will significantly reduce the carbon emissions associated with our transportation and support the growth of renewable energy.
- Implement a carbon-neutral office policy: We will implement a carbon-neutral office policy that includes measures such as encouraging employees to use energy-efficient equipment, reducing paper usage, and promoting sustainable commuting options. This will further reduce our energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- Develop a sustainable supply chain: We plan to work with suppliers who prioritize sustainability and implement measures such as using recyclable or biodegradable materials and reducing their carbon emissions. This will help us to reduce our overall environmental impact and support sustainable practices throughout our supply chain.
- Invest in renewable energy sources: We will explore opportunities to invest in renewable energy sources such as solar panels or wind turbines to power our operations. This will help us to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and support the growth of renewable energy.

Overall, we are committed to continuously improving our sustainability practices and reducing our carbon footprint. We recognize the importance of taking action to protect the environment, and we will continue to explore new measures and initiatives to achieve our sustainability goals.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard[13] and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting[14].

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard[15].

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

Michael Taylor
CEO

Date: 27th April 2023