



## **Responsible Investment Policy**

Tufton Oceanic Ltd, Asset Backed Investment Funds January 2019

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### **Background**

Responsible Investment (RI) is the integration of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) considerations into investment management processes and ownership practices in the belief that these factors can have an impact on long term financial performance. Tufton Oceanic Limited emphasises the principles of RI in the management of our clients' assets through awareness and integration of environmental, social and governmental factors into our investment process. We believe a greater emphasis on ESG factors serves as a forward-looking risk mitigation tool and can help contribute to our aim of superior, long term value for our clients. As managers of our clients' assets we place emphasis on good stewardship of their investments as part of our commitment to protect and grow their wealth.

### **Purpose and Scope**

This document sets out our policy on and approach to integrating RI principles and our stewardship responsibilities on behalf of our clients. This policy is intended to focus on our asset backed investments and will apply to more than 80% of our assets under management. We recognise that in working with a diverse range of investors, the level of engagement on ESG issues must be appropriate for the nature of their investment process. Tufton Oceanic Limited supports the ethos and aims of the United Nations supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) as the most widely recognised global standard in this area and has made the conscious decision to become a PRI signatory as of 12th December 2018.

This policy statement is intended to be a live document that will be updated at least annually as our RI processes are developed and implemented. The policy document has been prepared by Kashyap Swamy; reviewed by Paulo Almeida and Andrew Hampson. These individuals shall also be responsible for the ongoing implementation of PRI integration.

## **Investing Responsibly**

We will seek to gather and analyse data on ESG performance of the assets that we seek to invest in. We will ensure that the assets are compliant with relevant regulations and will endeavour to prioritize investment in assets that display superior results on ESG metrics. We believe additional returns are available to investors who take a long-term view and can identify where the market is overlooking the role played by material ESG issues with a financial bearing on corporate and asset price performance. Systematic mishandling of ESG issues can be an early indicator of wider management or financial problems. By integrating material ESG considerations with a financial bearing into our investment methodology, we seek to identify mispriced assets, continually improve operations and make better investment decisions to enhance long-term performance.

We will seek to gather and analyse ESG data from the ships that are already owned or controlled by us and integrate ESG considerations into the asset life cycle. Through regular reviews, we will endeavour to identify and improve the performance of our fleet on ESG metrics.

Our initial areas of focus on ESG implementation shall include

1. assessment of the fuel efficiency and environmental impact of potential vessel acquisitions
2. Regular review of our fleet to identify opportunities for improving fuel efficiency and reducing environmental impact across the asset life cycle
3. Develop an ethical and environmental policy for vessel recycling
4. Health and safety of the crew on our vessels
5. Promote acceptance and implementation of ESG principles (e.g. pollution prevention) with our business partners

## **Progress and Reporting**

We recognize that integration of (ESG) considerations into investment management and ownership practices is an ongoing process. As a signatory to the United Nations sponsored Principles of Responsible Investment, Tufton Oceanic Limited is committed to continually improving our investment decision making and evolving our management of ESG considerations. We will continually seek to understand and evolve our processes to deliver best practice application and reporting.