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**RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND INTERNAL CONTROL FRAMEWORK**

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## **1 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

McPherson's employs comprehensive risk management systems to support its business activities and safeguard shareholder value.

Risk is defined as ..."*exposure to the uncertainty of an event or action, which may affect McPherson's ability to achieve its business objectives*".

The consequences of risk may be positive or negative and risk management includes identifying and taking advantage of opportunities as well as minimising adverse impacts.

### **Our Policy is to:**

- Use a proven risk management approach, ensure appropriate focus is given to the identification, evaluation, treatment, monitoring and reporting of all significant risks to the McPherson's Board or the Board's Audit Risk Management and Compliance Committee;
- Ensure that managing risk is an integral part of business planning and management processes;
- Inform, skill and motivate our people to enable them to implement effective risk management practices; and
- Maintain a cost/benefit focus when developing risk treatment strategies, such as insurance.

The risk management strategy is designed to ensure the following solutions are in place:

- A management capability that allows efficient and effective identification, measurement and assessment of collective risks (financial / non-financial) that impact McPherson's shareholder value and the quality and value added;
- A substantive link between risk analysis and strategic decision making;
- Effective management of enterprise level risks in totality via a combination of:
  - Implementing operational risk management strategies, policies and assurance;
  - Purchasing insurance where appropriate; and
- An effective early warning ("red flag") reporting system.

## **2 INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK**

The Board is responsible for the overall internal control framework, but recognises that no cost effective internal control system will preclude all errors and irregularities. The Board has instigated the following internal control and compliance framework:

- Financial Reporting – monthly actual results are reported against budgets approved by the directors and revised forecasts for the year are reported regularly;
- Continuous disclosure – a comprehensive policy and process is in place to identify matters that may have a material effect on the price of the company's securities, and to promptly notify those matters to the ASX and post them on the Company's website;
- Compliance – the company has in place a comprehensive system to ensure compliance with laws, regulations and company policy;
- Quality and integrity of personnel – Written confirmation of compliance with the Ethics and Responsible Business Conduct policy is obtained from all operating units;
- Specialty Reporting – Key areas are subject to regular reporting to the Board, including legal and insurance matters; and
- Investment appraisal – Capital expenditure and annual budgets are subject to detailed appraisal and review procedures and levels of authority. Due diligence requirements are mandatory where businesses are being acquired or divested.