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CSN's Biodiversity Policy

Establish guidelines for the sustainable management of natural resources in the CSN group's business areas, its surroundings and territories, ensuring the commitment to the protection and conservation of the genetic heritage of fauna, flora and other associated ecosystem services, through the inclusion of this theme in the strategies of the Company's business.

Comply with the precepts established in the “**Universal Declaration of Human Rights**”, in particular its article 3, which states that “every individual has the right to life...”, the UN Convention on Biodiversity with broad focus on its article 6, which deals with on “general measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use” of natural resources and the Sustainable Development Goals of the Global Compact, especially its 15th item which deals with “**Protecting, recovering and promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, managing sustainably the forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt the loss of biodiversity**”.

This Policy covers the Steel, Mining, Cement, Logistics and Energy businesses, with a view to promoting and strengthening best practices for the rational use of resources inherent to and associated with biodiversity, in accordance with the recommendations of the Company's Sustainability Policy.

Context

From the maintenance of biodiversity, with all its richness, diversity and its ecosystem, human beings and other living forms on land and under the oceans are provided with the great variability of genetic resources, the pollination of native and agricultural species, “water production”, mitigation of natural damages, generation of formal and informal knowledge, nutrient cycling, climate regulation, leisure activities, among many other elements that make life on Planet Earth possible.

CSN, aware of the importance of biodiversity, strategically directs its activities to promote the conservation of natural resources in its areas of operation through the adoption of practices such as the recovery of degraded areas, forest restoration, management and rescue of fauna, breeding and maintenance of Private Natural Heritage Reserves - RPPN, preservation of areas in Conservation Units of high ecological relevance, programs for monitoring terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna, pecuniary environmental compensation and through land regularization and/or forest restoration of Conservation Units of the Nature, conservation of water resources, reductions in carbon emissions and environmental education.

The Company seeks to go further, equating its impacts with its conservation, recovery and/or compensation actions to establish a positive balance in all its activities, building a conscious and healthy relationship between its direct and indirectly affected, as well as, together with all resources, whether they come from the socioeconomic, physical or biotic environments that make it possible to carry out its activities, with a view to becoming a benchmark in what it does best: to develop in a sustainable way, valuing life .

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Based on established methodologies for the assessment and management of environmental risks/impacts and approved by regulatory agencies and licensors, in the international guidelines established by the UN and financing agents, in particular the "Equator Principles", which establish a reference for the financial sector for identification, Assessing and managing social and environmental risks in projects widely used around the world, we identify the adverse effects of our operations on biodiversity and adopt measures to establish sustainable projects in the following order of priority: prevent, mitigate, recover or compensate.

CSN encourages open dialogue with civil society and the government, actively contributing to the management of biodiversity in the regions covered by its main units through participation in management councils of Conservation Units, partnerships with Public and Private Universities, with agencies environmental publics and NGOs. The Company promotes awareness and encourages awareness of the importance of biodiversity conservation for its internal and external audiences, through training and participation in events dedicated to the topic.

Through actions with the surrounding communities, in an active and participatory way, CSN promotes socioeconomic development within the precepts of sustainability and humanism, making them more inclusive, resilient, sustainable and safe, seeking the conservation of cultural, landscape and natural heritage in all its breadth: from forests to rivers, from air to oceans.

CSN's Commitments to Biodiversity Management

- Insert the topic in the Company's strategic decisions;
- Seek a net positive impact by leveraging biodiversity recovery and conservation actions in the regions where its businesses operate;
- Systematically monitor and assess biodiversity in the areas of operation and surroundings of its projects, considering it as one of the Company's sustainability indicators;
- Adopt the best practices for water and soil conservation in their areas of operation, fundamental resources for biodiversity on the planet;
- Publicize the information collected, contributing to the adoption of public and private policies for biodiversity management in the regions where the Company's business operates;
- Disseminate knowledge related to biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services within the scope of the activities developed and in its value chain;
- Encourage actions that contribute to reducing impacts on biodiversity through the adoption of awareness, prevention, mitigation, recovery and compensation measures, considering the assumptions of circular economy of products and services performed by the Group;
- Develop and encourage studies, projects and partnerships that strengthen and promote the conservation and rational and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- Participate in technical discussions promoted by external entities, governmental and non-governmental organizations and representatives of the productive segments of their areas of activity, related to the management and conservation of biodiversity resources;
- Maintain participation in Management Councils of Nature Conservation Units located in the vicinity of its projects;
- Establish the Biodiversity Management Technical Group in the CSN Group, with the coverage and participation of representatives from the five business areas, proposing the standardization and integration of biological diversity management methodologies, following the objectives and

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goals, risk management and environmental impacts and survey of opportunities to optimize the actions taken;

- Insert biodiversity in the Environmental Management Systems (SGA) of its business units, establishing objectives, targets, indicators and methodologies for monitoring, evaluation and audits;

CSN Objectives in Biodiversity Management

- Raise awareness, prevent, mitigate and offset impacts on priority areas for biodiversity conservation;
- Monitor species of fauna and flora listed as threatened with extinction at local, regional, national and/or global levels;
- Communicate and sensitize its employees, collaborators, management and other stakeholders about the importance of biodiversity and its ecosystem services, as well as the various elements of the biotic and abiotic environment that interrelate to make up biodiversity;
- Engaging communities and other social actors in the conservation of biodiversity and maintenance of ecosystem services in the regions where the Group operates;
- Assure investors and markets of CSN's efforts and commitment to guarantee operations with minimal impacts on biodiversity and the adoption of effective compensation measures in response to those that are not subject to mitigation;
- Support the Company's senior management in defining goals and strategies for the material themes of its business and ambitions for environmental performance and sustainability;
- Integrate CSN's Biodiversity Policy with other Company policies;
- Contribute to regional, national and global biodiversity conservation goals;
- Be recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a benchmark in sustainable growth and respect for life.

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