

# Environmental Protection Policy

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VNET Group, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "VNET", "the Group", "we", "us" or "our") is committed to continuously strengthening environmental protection while operating our business, and actively undertaking our social responsibilities. We take proactive measures to reduce our environmental impact while demonstrating our commitment to environmental protection to our customers, employees, and the communities where we operate.

## **I. Environmental Management System and Organizational Structure**

We strictly abide by the applicable environmental protection laws and regulations in each location of operation, and develop and comply with the environmental management system in line with the development of operations. As an important part of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), the organizational structure of the Group's environmental protection-related issues management is aligned with the ESG governance structure. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the Group's environmental protection and takes ultimate responsibility for environmental protection-related issues. The ESG Execution Committee reports the progress of environmental protection-related work to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. The ESG Center is responsible for coordinating the planning, promotion, and implementation of environmental protection-related work.

## **II. Environmental Protection Commitment**

- Actively respond to the national strategies and policies on energy saving, water saving, and carbon emissions reduction, and formulate relevant management systems.
- Monitor environmental performance and regularly report or disclose environmental issues at least annually; continuously improve environmental performance, set environmental protection targets, and regularly review and update the progress of target achievement.
- Consider environmental factors in the investment, design, development, and operation services of our own projects and products, continuously improve the efficiency of energy and water use, apply clean technologies, increase the proportion of renewable energy, and carry out energy and water conservation projects.
- Commit to properly dispose or treat all kinds of non-hazardous and hazardous wastes generated in the process of business operations, practice garbage sorting, and increase recycling rate.
- Actively respond to the national strategies and policies on ecological environment and biodiversity protection, formulate relevant management systems, and protect the ecological environment during business operation in the locations of operation.

- Proactively participate in global climate actions, consider the risks and opportunities brought by climate change on our operations, incorporate corresponding risks into our risk management system and formulate response solutions.
- Provide employees with environmental protection-related training, such as energy conservation and emission reduction, water efficiency improvement, and waste management, so that employees can understand the impact of their work on the environment and enhance their environmental protection awareness.
- In the due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, focus on the obtained and proposed energy assessment indicators, PUE, water supply indicators, green electricity, and other energy utilization methods and efficiencies. Verify the environmental protection compliance and consider potential environmental risks of specific projects in accordance with relevant laws, regulations, and local policies.
- Enhance daily communication with our stakeholders, take measures to raise their awareness of environmental management policies and environmental impacts, and convey our commitment and efforts in environmental protection in a timely manner.
- Require the third parties (including suppliers, contractors, business partners, etc.) that cooperate with us to strictly abide by the applicable environmental protection laws and regulations and government regulatory requirements in the place of operation, and focus on their performance in environmental protection and low carbon.

### **III. Supplementary Provisions**

The release and implementation of this policy is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The Group will review this policy periodically, and revise it as necessary.

Matters not covered herein shall be implemented in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations, and the provisions and guidelines issued by the respective stock exchanges. VNET reserves the right of final interpretation.