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#### WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY & SOP

#### 1. PURPOSE:

This Whistle-blower Policy and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is established in alignment with ISO 27001 to provide a confidential, transparent, and secure process for reporting information security incidents or unethical behaviour within the organization. It enables employees, contractors, vendors, and others to report concerns without fear of retaliation.

#### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all personnel of HMA Industries Pvt. Ltd., including employees, consultants, suppliers, vendors, and others.

#### 3. REPORTING CHANNELS

> Email: sithik@hma-industries.com

> Drop Box

➤ Helpline: 9500010994

➤ Direct escalation to Managing Director (MD)

#### 4. REPORTING PROCEDURE

## **Step 1: Incident Identification**

- Any employee or others who identifies a potential information security breach, unethical act, or non-compliance issue must report it via the available channels.

## **Step 2: Acknowledgement**

- The HR shall acknowledge the complaint within 2 working days.

## **Step 3: Incident Registration**

- The complaint is logged in the Security/Whistle-blower Incident Register.

#### **Step 4: Investigation**

- Investigation is carried out confidentially. Evidence is gathered, and impact is assessed within 7 working days.

# **Step 5: Resolution & Root Cause Analysis**

- Corrective actions and preventive measures are proposed within 10 working days.

## **Step 6: Closure and Feedback**

- The whistle-blower is informed of the outcome, and the case is closed in the register.



# **Step 7: Escalation**

- If not resolved, the case is escalated to Senior Management.

# 5. Protection & Confidentiality

All whistle-blower identities shall be protected. No retaliation or discrimination shall occur. Breach of confidentiality will be subject to strict disciplinary action.

## 6. Records & Documentation

All reports, findings, evidence, and closure actions shall be documented and retained securely for a minimum of 5 years.

# 7. Communication to Affected Individuals (If Required)

- Inform impacted parties in clear language.
- Describe incident nature, consequences, contact person, and remedial actions taken.

## **APPROVED BY:**

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