# **Biodiversity Policy**



## **Atrato Onsite Energy Plc**

#### Responsibility and Scope

This policy forms part of Atrato Onsite Energy plc's ("the Company" or "ROOF") operational policies, and falls under the overall responsibility of the Company's board of directors ("Board"). This policy covers all of our operations and applies to all the Company's directors, the Investment Adviser and employees (whether permanent, fixed term or temporary) of the Investment Adviser.

The Company's environmental objectives are further strengthened by the commitments of our Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser has adopted the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment ("UN PRI") which defines responsible investment as a strategy and practice to incorporate Environmental, Social and Governance factors in investment decisions and active ownership. The integration of all six principles into the Investment Adviser's operations and investment decision process impacts the Company's performance.

### Aims & Objectives:

### **Biodiversity Commitments**

- The Company is aware of the biodiversity challenges across the country as green spaces and natural habitats are reduced in scale and increasingly impacted by human activity.
- The Company strives to manage the environmental impact of its investments and operations according to the Mitigation Hierarchy principle of avoidance, minimisation, restoration and offsetting.
- The Company is committed to understanding its nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities, and protecting biodiversity where biodiversity is impacted from our investment activities.

#### No Net Loss

- No Net Loss is defined as the point at which the biodiversity impacts of development projects are balanced and minimised. These include on-site restoration, and where possible, offsetting significant residual impacts on a local, regional or national scale.
- The Company's is committed to following the 'No Net Loss" principle. In due course and where financially feasible the Company will look into

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potential net positive biodiversity impacts with future regeneration incorporated into the design of our assets.

#### **Legally Designated Protection Areas**

- Protection Areas are defined as locations which receive protection because of their recognised ecological values. Locations can include national or regional parks and other conservation areas.
- Protected areas are the cornerstone of biodiversity conservation. They maintain key habitats, provide refugia, allow for species' migration and movement, and ensure the maintenance of natural processes across the landscape.
- The Company commits to not operating or exploring potential investments in these areas.

# High Conservation Value (HCV) Areas and Threatened and Protected Species

- HCV areas are defined as natural habitats (e.g., a forest, a grassland, a
  watershed, or a landscape-level ecosystem) or sites of outstanding
  significance or critical importance, where threatened and protected
  species reside, and where appropriate management is required in order to
  maintain or enhance the identified values. The Company is committed to
  not operate in HCV areas.
- HCVs can contain threatened and protected species that require conservation. Threatened species are any species (including animals, plants and fungi) which are vulnerable to endangerment in the near future while protected species are species of animal or plant which is forbidden by law to harm or destroy. The Company is committed to avoiding negative impacts on threatened and protected species.

# Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) listed species

- CITES is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals which aims to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.
- As the Company is not involved in the trade of wild animals the trade of CITES species is deemed as not relevant to our business.

#### Watercourses

• The Company's direct impact on Watercourses is minimal however we are committed to minimising the potential impact of our portfolio.

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The Aims and Objectives of this Policy are further supported by the Company's Environment Policy.

Signed by:

Juliet davenport

Chair

11th December 2023