Approved POPIA Policy

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POPI POLICY ("The Policy") Version 1.0

This is Sign and Seal Trading 99 Pty Ltd's ("Blockhouse Kitchen") policy in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, No. 4 of 2013 (POPIA).

This Policy applies to the business of Blockhouse Kitchen wherever it is conducted. It applies to the paid employees, guests, service providers and interested parties of Blockhouse Kitchen upon the premises of Blockhouse Kitchen and towards Blockhouse Kitchen' general business and management conduct.

Notice

As POPIA compliance is still in its infancy in South Africa, the procedures and guidelines in this Policy are drafted using the best available guidance from the Information Regulator as at 1 January, 2022. This Policy is, therefore, cited as Version 1.0. Blockhouse Kitchen hereby advises that it will amend this document in due course should practices and procedures change.

Introduction

- 1. POPIA is intended to balance two opposing interests. These are:
- (a) South Africans' individual constitutional rights to privacy (which requires individuals' Personal Information to be protected); and
- (b) the needs of South African society to have access to work with individuals' Personal Information for legitimate purposes, including the purpose of conducting business.
- 2. This Policy sets out the framework for Blockhouse Kitchen' POPIA compliance. Where reference is made to the processing of Personal Information, this denotes all activities by which the information is processed, from the time that the information is first collected, to the time that the information is deleted or destroyed, irrespective of whether the information is processed manually, or via automated systems.

Purpose

- 3. The purpose of this policy is to enable Blockhouse Kitchen to:
- (a) comply with the law in respect of the information it holds about individuals, or "Data Subjects";
- (b) follow sound and reasonable commercial practice; and
- (c) protect Blockhouse Kitchen' employees and other individuals.

Blockhouse Kitchen Undertakings

- 4. Blockhouse Kitchen will always:
- (a) comply with both the law and sound practice;
- (b) respect individuals' rights;
- (c) be transparent with individuals whose information it holds;



- (d) provide training and support for employees who handle personal information, so that they are well acquainted and act consistently with regard to POPIA requirements.
- 5. In addition to being transparent, Blockhouse Kitchen will seek to give individuals as much choice as is both reasonable and POPIA-compliant over what information is held and how it is used.
- 6. Blockhouse Kitchen undertakes to follow POPIA at whatever time it is applicable and to process Personal Information lawfully and acceptably, in order to avoid infringing on the privacy of our employees, guests, service providers and interested parties. Blockhouse Kitchen recognises that its first priority under the POPIA is to avoid causing harm to individuals. Primarily, this means:
- (a) Blockhouse Kitchen undertakes to process information only for the purpose for which it is intended, to enable us to do our work, as agreed with our employees, guests, service providers and interested parties;
- (b) keeping information secure and in the right hands;
- (c) retention of only accurate information;
- (d) whenever necessary, Blockhouse Kitchen shall obtain any Data Subjects' consent to process Personal Information;
- (e) where Blockhouse Kitchen does not seek consent, the processing of our employees, guests, service providers and interested parties' Personal Information will be subsequent to a legal obligation placed upon us, or to protect a legitimate interest that requires protection;
- (f) Blockhouse Kitchen shall cease to retain Personal Information if the required consent is withdrawn, or if a legitimate objection is raised;
- (g) Blockhouse Kitchen shall record and retain Personal Information it has collected for the minimum period as required by law unless an employee, guest, service provider or interested party has provided written consent or instruction for us to retain the records for a longer period;
- (h) Blockhouse Kitchen shall destroy Personal Information records so as to de-identify an employee, guest, service provider or interested party as soon as reasonably possible after the period for which the Blockhouse Kitchen has used said information;
- (i) Blockhouse Kitchen undertakes to ensure that the Personal Information which it collects and processes is complete, accurate, up to date and not misleading;
- (j) Blockhouse Kitchen undertakes to retain the physical file and the electronic data related to the processing of Personal Information;
- (k) Blockhouse Kitchen undertakes to take special care with our employees, guests, service providers and interested parties' bank account details and is not entitled disclose or procure the disclosure of such banking details to any third party, save for the Blockhouse Kitchen' bank and an individual's bank, purely for purposes of executing a debit order.
- 7. Blockhouse Kitchen shall collect Personal Information directly from the employee, guest, service provider or interested party whose information it requires, unless:
- (a) the information is of public record;
- (b) the individual has consented to the collection of their Personal Information from another source;
- (c) the collection of the information from another source does not prejudice the individual;



- (d) the information to be collected is necessary for the maintenance of law and order or national security;
- (e) the information is being collected to comply with a legal obligation, including an obligation to SARS;
- (f) the information collected is required for the conduct of proceedings in any court or tribunal, where these proceedings have commenced or are reasonably anticipated;
- (g) the information is required to maintain Blockhouse Kitchen' legitimate interests; or
- (h) where requesting consent is not reasonably practical in the circumstances.
- 8. Blockhouse Kitchen shall restrict the processing of Personal Information:
- (a) where the accuracy of the information is contested, for a period of time sufficient to enable Blockhouse Kitchen to verify the accuracy of the information;
- (b) where the purpose for which the Personal Information was collected has been realised and the Personal Information is being retained only for the purposes of proof; or
- (c) where the employee, guest, service provider or interested party requests that the Personal Information be transmitted to another automated data processing system.

Non-Personal Information

10. Blockhouse Kitchen may automatically collect non-Personal Information about employees, guests, service providers and interested parties. Blockhouse Kitchen may also aggregate details which an individual has submitted to our website (for example, the services they are interested in). They cannot be identified from this information and it is only used to assist Blockhouse Kitchen in providing an effective service.

Key Risks

- 11. Blockhouse Kitchen has identified the following potential key risks, which this Policy is designed to address:
- (a) breach of confidentiality, as in information being given out inappropriately;
- (b) insufficient clarity about the range of uses to which information will be put, leading to Data Subjects being insufficiently informed;
- (c) failure to offer choice about information use when it is appropriate;
- (d) breach of security by sanctioning unauthorised access;
- (e) harm to individuals if personal data is not kept up to date; and
- (f) third party data operator contracts.

Individual's Rights

- 12. The employees, guests, service providers and interested parties of Blockhouse Kitchen hold the following specific rights:
- (a) in cases where their consent is required to process their Personal Information, this consent may be withdrawn;



- (b) in cases where Blockhouse Kitchen processes Personal Information without consent to protect a legitimate interest, or to comply with the law, or to pursue or protect our legitimate interests, the individual in question has the right to object to such processing; and
- (c) all relevant employees, guests, service providers and interested parties are entitled to lodge a complaint regarding our application of POPIA with the Information Regulator.

Security Safeguards

- 13. In order to secure the integrity and confidentiality of the Personal Information in Blockhouse Kitchen' possession, and to protect it against loss or unauthorised access, Blockhouse Kitchen must continue to implement the following security protocols:
- (a) the business premises where records and personal information is kept must remain protected by access control, burglar alarms and, if possible, armed response;
- (b) archived files must be stored behind locked doors and access control by designated personnel to these storage facilities must be implemented;
- (c) all the user terminals on Blockhouse Kitchen' internal computer network and servers, along with computers and laptops (both company-issue and personal-use) must be password-protected, which must be changed on a regular basis. This applies equally to all cloud data storage facilities;
- (d) Blockhouse Kitchen' email infrastructure must comply with industry standard security safeguards;
- (e) if it proves necessary, assessments shall be carried out on Blockhouse Kitchen' digital infrastructure to identify any weaknesses in our systems and to ensure sufficient security in place;
- (f) Blockhouse Kitchen must use a recognised firewall to protect the information stored on its local servers, and must run antivirus protection at least every week to ensure its systems are kept up to date with the latest patches;
- (g) Blockhouse Kitchen employees must be trained on an ongoing basis to carry out their duties in compliance with POPIA;
- (h) it must be a term of the contract with every employee that they maintain full confidentiality in respect of all of Blockhouse Kitchen employees, guests, service providers and interested parties' Personal Information;
- (i) employment contracts for employees whose duty it is to process Personal Information must include an obligation on the staff member: (1) to maintain Blockhouse Kitchen' security measures, and (2) to notify their manager immediately if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Personal Information has been accessed or acquired by any unauthorised person;
- (j) the processing of the Personal Information of Blockhouse Kitchen employees must take place in accordance with the rules contained in the relevant labour legislation; and
- (k) the digital work profiles and access privileges of staff who have left Blockhouse Kitchen employ must be properly deleted.

These security protocols must be substantiated on a regular basis to ensure effective implementation, and safeguards must be kept up to date in response to new risks or deficiencies.

Security Breaches



- 14. Should it appear that the Personal Information of an employee, guest, service provider or interested party has been accessed or acquired by an unauthorised person, Blockhouse Kitchen must notify the Information Regulator and the relevant individual, unless Blockhouse Kitchen is no longer able to identify the individual. This notification must take place as soon as is reasonably possible.
- 15. Such notification must be given to the Information Regulator first as they, or another public body, may require that the notification to the individual be delayed.
- 16. The notification to the individual must be communicated in writing in one of the following ways, with a view to ensuring that the communiqué reaches the individual:
- (a) by email to the individual's last known email address;
- (b) by publication on Blockhouse Kitchen's website, or in the news media; or
- (c) as directed by the Information Regulator.
- 17. This notification to the affected individual must give sufficient information to allow the person to protect themselves against the potential consequences of the security breach, and must include:
- (a) a description of the possible consequences of the breach;
- (b) details of the steps that Blockhouse Kitchen intends to take or has taken to attend to the breach;
- (c) recommendations as to what the Member could do to mitigate the ill-effects of the breach; and
- (d) if it is known, the identity of the individual or body who may have accessed, or acquired the Personal Information.

Correction of Personal Information

- 18. Employees, guests, service providers or interested parties are entitled to require Blockhouse Kitchen to correct or delete inaccurate, irrelevant, excessive, out of date, incomplete, misleading, or unlawfully obtained Personal Information that Blockhouse Kitchen has on record.
- 19. Employees, guests, service providers or interested parties are also entitled to require Blockhouse Kitchen destroy or delete Personal Information records that Blockhouse Kitchen is no longer authorised to retain.
- 20. Upon receipt of such a request, Blockhouse Kitchen must comply as soon as reasonably practicable:
- (a) in the event that an individual so requires it and a dispute arises regarding the individual's rights to have information corrected, Blockhouse Kitchen must attach a clear and visible notice to the information, in indication that the correction of the information has been requested, but has not yet been made; and
- (b) Blockhouse Kitchen must notify the individual who has made a request for their Personal Information to be corrected or deleted an update of what action Blockhouse Kitchen has taken as a result of such a request.

Special Personal Information

21. Special rules apply to the collection and use of information relating to a person's religious or philosophical beliefs, their race or ethnic origin, their trade union membership, their political persuasion, their health or sex life, their biometric information, or their criminal behaviour.



- 22. Blockhouse Kitchen shall not process any of this special Personal Information without the individual's consent, or where this is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of a right or an obligation in law.
- 23. With nature of Blockhouse Kitchen' field of work in mind, it is unlikely that Blockhouse Kitchen will ever have to process special Personal Information, but should it be necessary the guidance of the Information Officer must be sought.
- 24. Blockhouse Kitchen may only process the Personal Information of a minor if Blockhouse Kitchen have the consent of the child's parent or legal guardian.

Information Officer

- 25. Blockhouse Kitchen' Information Officer is our Administrative Manageress and has been nominated and authorised by said General Manager in writing. Our Information Officer's responsibilities include:
- (a) encouraging and ensuring compliance with POPIA;
- (b) encouraging compliance of the conditions for the lawful processing of Personal Information;
- (c) dealing with requests made by the Information Regulator or Data Subjects;
- (d) working with the Regulator in relation to investigations conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of POPIA;
- (e) developing, implementing and monitoring a POPIA compliance framework;
- (f) ensuring that a personal information risk assessment is regularly performed to guarantee that adequate measures and standards are maintained within Blockhouse Kitchen;
- (h) developing internal measures and adequate systems to process Blockhouse Kitchen requests for access to information; and
- (i) ensuring that internal awareness sessions are conducted regarding the provisions of POPIA, the regulations and any codes of conduct or information obtained from the Regulator.
- 26. Blockhouse Kitchen Information Officer must register themselves with the Information Regulator prior to taking up their duties.
- 27. In carrying out their duties, our Information Officer must ensure that:
- (a) this Policy is implemented;
- (b) that this Policy is continually developed, monitored, maintained, and made available;
- (c) that internal measures are developed along with with suitable systems to process requests for information or access information;
- (d) that internal awareness and training sessions are conducted regarding the provisions of POPIA including the Regulations, codes of conduct or information obtained from the Information Regulator; and
- (e) that copies of this Policy are provided to individuals at their request.
- 28. Guidance notes for Information Officers have been published by the Information Regulator and Blockhouse Kitchen' Information Officer must familiarise themselves with the content of these notes.

- 29. An employee, guest, service provider or interested party can rest assured that unless Blockhouse Kitchen is legally obliged to share their Personal Information, Blockhouse Kitchen will only share so much of an individual's Personal Information as is needed by the authority that requires it. Blockhouse Kitchen will only do so when it is necessary to do its work for the individual.
- 30. Should an individual have any concerns with the way in which Blockhouse Kitchen is processing their Personal Information, the individual is entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator, whose contact details are:

33 Hoofd Street

Forum III, 3rd Floor, Braampark

P.O Box 31533

Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2017

Complaints email: complaints.IR@justice.gov.za

General enquiries email: inforeg@justice.gov.za

Staff Training & Acceptance of Responsibilities

31. Blockhouse Kitchen' Information Officer will ensure that all employees who have access to any kind of Personal Information will have relevant responsibilities outlined during their induction programme. Continual training will provide further opportunities for employees to explore POPIA issues through training, team meetings, and supervision. Acceptance of this Policy will entail that all employees sign acceptance of this Policy once they have had a chance to understand the contents, along with their resultant responsibilities in terms of the Policy and the POPIA.

Direct Marketing

- 32. Blockhouse Kitchen may only carry out direct marketing activities, using any form of electronic communication, if:
- (a) individuals have been given an opportunity to object to receiving direct marketing material by electronic communication at the time that their Personal Information was collected; and
- (b) they did not object at the time or at any time after receiving such direct marketing communications from Blockhouse Kitchen.
- 33. Blockhouse Kitchen may only approach individuals by using their Personal Information if Blockhouse Kitchen has obtained said Personal Information in the context of providing services associated with its business to them.
- 34. Blockhouse Kitchen may approach an individual to ask for their consent to receive direct marketing material only once, and Blockhouse Kitchen may not do so again if the individual has previously refused their consent.
- 35. All direct marketing communications must disclose an individual's identity and must contain an address or opt-out functionality, to which the individual may send a request that communications cease.

Transborder Information Flows

36. Blockhouse Kitchen may not transfer an individual's Personal Information to a third party in a foreign country, unless:

- (a) the person consents to this, or requests it;
- (b) such third party is subject to a law, binding corporate rules or a binding agreement, which protects the Personal Information in a manner similar to POPIA, and that such third party is governed by similar rules which prohibits the onward transfer of the Personal Information to a further third party in another country;
- (c) the transfer of the Personal Information is required for the performance of the contract between Blockhouse Kitchen and the individual;
- (d) the transfer is necessary for the conclusion or performance of a contract for the benefit of the individual, entered into between Blockhouse Kitchen and the third party; or
- (e) the transfer of the Personal Information is for the benefit of the individual;
- (f) it is not reasonably possible to obtain the individual's consent and that if it was possible the individual would be likely to give such consent.

Offences & Penalties

- 37. POPIA provides for serious penalties for the contravention of its terms.
- (a) For minor offences, a guilty party can receive a fine or be imprisoned for up to 12 months.
- (b) For serious offences, the period of imprisonment rises to a maximum of 10 years.
- (c) Administrative fines for Blockhouse Kitchen can reach a maximum of R10 million.
- 38. Breaches of this Policy by employees will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offence.
- 39. It is, therefore, imperative that Blockhouse Kitchen complies strictly with the terms of this Policy and protects its employees, guests, service provider and interested parties' Personal Information in accordance with the laws of South Africa.
- 40. This Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of South Africa.

