SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT

[Project Name]

[Date]
1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the safety management strategy to be adopted by [Organisation] during the course of an [project], and project managed by [Archaeological Director].

The document is not designed to replace the Schedule of Health Safety and Environmental requirements as stated in the Special Conditions of Contract, but will be used to provide verification of the actions of [Organisation] in relation to these requirements.

This document and subsequent additions will be made available to [client] for the purpose of auditing.

1. Name of Company:
   Address:
   Phone: Fax:

2. [Organisation] will provide [name] as the person on site responsible for supervision of the Scope of Works and its safety.

3. Our peak number of employees on the site will be: X

4. [Organisation] does/does not intend to subcontract all or part of the works.

Trade Name: [Organisation]
Contract Job Number: X
Director: [Name]
Address:
Phone: Fax: Mobile: 

Scope of Works
2.0 SAFETY POLICY

At [Organisation] our Occupational Health Safety Policy is based on a belief that the well-being of people employed at work or people affected by our work, is a major priority and must be considered during all work performed on our behalf.

People are our most important asset and their health and safety is our greatest responsibility. The public shall be given equal priority to that of our employees.

The objectives of our Safety Policy are:

- To achieve an accident free workplace.
- To make health and safety an integral part of every managerial and supervisory position.
- To ensure health and safety is considered in all planning and work activities.
- To involve our employees in the decision making processes through regular communication consultation and training.
- To provide a continuous program of education and learning to ensure that our employees, work in the safest possible manner.
- To identify and control all potential hazards in the workplace through hazard identification and risk analysis.
- To ensure all potential accident/incidents are controlled and prevented.
- To provide effective injury management and rehabilitation for all employees.

The success of health and safety management is dependent on:

- Pro-active planning of all work activities with due consideration given to implementing occupational health and safety (OHS) controls that are suitable to each given situation.
- Understanding the total work process and associated CH3 risks.
- Ensuring the work team is totally committed to achieving our objectives.
- Ensuring that open and honest communication exists between management and all employees.

__________________________  __________________________  ___________________
Director’s name              Signature                  Date
3.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DEFINED:

[Organisation] will provide the following key personnel during the archaeological assessment. The roles and responsibilities regarding safety are outlined below.

SITE MANAGER: [Name]

[Name] is responsible for safety on the project. Duties include:

- Implementing the company Occupational Health Safety and Rehabilitation procedures.
- Carrying out a design review with the Principal Contractor’s project team to assist in the identification of further risk reduction controls measures.
- Stimulating a high level of safety awareness at all times.
- Identifying safety training needs.
- Leading by example.
- Ensuring safe equipment and plant is provided and maintained.
- Insisting on correct and safe work practices at all times.
- Assisting in the identification and preparation of safe work procedures.
- Reviewing safety reports and inspections and initiating rectification where necessary.
- Participating in accident/incident investigations.

ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER: [Name]

[Name] is jointly responsible for safety on the project when the Site Manager is present and in the absence of the Site Manager is solely responsible for safety on the project: Duties include:

- Implementing the company Occupational Health Safety and Rehabilitation procedures.
- Carrying out a design review with the Principal Contractor’s project team to assist in the identification of further risk reduction controls measures.
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4.0 DOCUMENT CONTROL

4.1 ISSUE, REVISION AND REVIEW

[Organisation] is responsible for:

- Completing the Safety Work Method Statement and providing a copy to the Principal Contractor before work commences on site.
- Maintaining an up to date version of the Safety Work Method Statement. A record of revisions that occur will be kept in the Record of Revision table below. All obsolete pages will be destroyed.
- Providing an updated copy to the Principal Contractor whenever changes occur.
- Maintaining a register of people to whom the Safety Work Method Statement is issued using the Distribution List table below
- Issuing a completed Safety Work Method Statement to all those registered.
- Ensuring revisions are distributed to all registered people.
- Reviewing the document at intervals of not more than one month to ensure it is up to date.

4.2 RECORD OF REVISION

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5.0 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

For each potential hazard identified a Risk Class will be determined by referring to the class categories listed below. The attached Risk Management chart will be used to determine the requirement for management of risks.

**Class 1 (High Risk):** The hazard has the potential to kill or permanently disable.

**Class 2 (Medium Risk):** The hazard has the potential to cause serious injury or illness, which will temporarily cause a disability.

**Class 3 (Low Risk):** The hazard has the potential to cause a minor injury which will not cause a disability.
6.0 SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENTS
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<th>Work Activity</th>
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<th>Activity Risk Score</th>
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<td>Yes: [X]</td>
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<td>Excavation by mechanical means</td>
<td>• Excavator disturbs u/w cables or other services,</td>
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<td>Excavation by hand/hand fanning of trenches</td>
<td>• Twisting, pushing and pulling, lifting and carrying,</td>
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<td>Moving excavated artefacts and crates</td>
<td>• Twisting, pushing and pulling, lifting and carrying,</td>
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| Diving                                 | • Decompression sickness.  
• Nitrogen narcotics                                                                  | Class 2 & 3         | Yes: [X]      | SWMS No. 5 (Attached below)  
(date)                             |
|                                        | • Twisting, pushing and pulling, lifting and carrying.                              |                     | No: [ ]       |                          |
|                                        | • Trip hazards                                                                     |                     |               |                          |
| Artefact retrieval and conservation    | • Twisting, pushing and pulling, lifting and carrying.                              | Class 1 & 2         | Yes: [X]      | SWMS No. 6 (Attached below)  
(date)                             |
|                                        | • Trip hazards                                                                     |                     | No: [ ]       |                          |
|                                        | • Hit by moving crane arm                                                          |                     |               |                          |
|                                        | • Contact with dangerous/hazardous materials                                        |                     |               |                          |
| Outdoor Work                           | • Environmental-Exposure to sun, wind and rain                                      | Class 1 & 2         | Yes: [X]      | SWMS No. 7 (Attached below)  
(date)                             |
|                                        | • Biological-Snakes, insects and/or other pests.                                    |                     | No: [ ]       |                          |
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7.0 SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

7.1 PROCEDURE

[Organisation] will ensure that its employees are adequately trained to a level of competency sufficient to ensure their health and safety when at work.

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<td>Dive Supervisor</td>
<td>• Plan and communication dive times&lt;br&gt;• Ensure dive plan is adhered to&lt;br&gt;• Check divers and diver equipment prior to entry&lt;br&gt;• Monitor divers and dive times&lt;br&gt;• Record and archive details of dive</td>
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<td>Stand-by Diver</td>
<td>• Respond to all instructions of the Dive Supervisor&lt;br&gt;• Prepare personal dive equipment and ensure it is ready for immediate deployment&lt;br&gt;• Be ready to enter the water immediately if an emergency develops</td>
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8.0 OHS INDUCTION

8.1 PROCEDURE

[Organisation] will ensure that people carrying out the nominated work have relevant training including Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Induction Training. Workers will not carry out the site inspection until they have received the minimum requirements for OHS induction training.

1. Industry (general) induction:
2. Work Activity OHS induction; and
3. Site Specific OHS Induction.

8.2 SELECTION AND USE

All workers will receive the above three minimum OHS induction training requirements before work on site commences and a record of the training provided on the form overleaf.
# Induction Register

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**Key**

1. Industrial general
2. Work Activity Induction
3. Site Specific Induction
9.0 TOOL BOX TALKS

9.1 PROCEDURE
Occupational Health and Safety Legislation requires the identification of potential workplace hazards, the assessment of the risk of the hazard and the development of controls to eliminate or minimise the risk. To assist in hazard identification and the development of controls [Organisation] employees will undertake consultation in the form of Tool Box Talks conducted by [Site Manager/Archaeological Director].

All Tool Box Talks will be recorded on the form attached overleaf and signed off by participants. Any corrective action will be followed up and signed off by the nominated person.

9.2 CONSULTATION
[Organisation] recognise the involvement of workers as essential in identifying potential hazards that can be eliminated, or minimised, before injuries occur.

Tool Box Talks will be used to help Supervisors manage safety, to provide a forum for workers to have their say about safety issues and to help ensure safety awareness is maintained throughout the project.

Where required specific safety issues will be raised accidents reviewed. Safe Work Method Statement developed and presented for evaluation and familiarisation or safety alerts discussed. Tool Box Talks will be used to induct workers into and "sign off" their understanding of the controls provided in the Safe Work Method Statement for the specific work in which they will be involved.
# Record of Tool Box Talk

**Workplace:**

**Date:**

**Supervisor/presenter:**

**Subject:**

**Duration:**

## Persons Present

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10.0 FIRST-AID & ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

10.1 FIRST-AID PERSONNEL AND LOCATION OF FIRST-AID

The qualified First-Aid persons on site is: [Name]
The nearest First-Aid box to the work in progress is: [Location]

10.2 REPORTING

All injuries will be reported to the appropriate First-aid Officer on site. Injuries will be recorded in the following Site Injury Register.

Records will be kept for a minimum of 5 years. Where the injury results in an absence from the workplace of 7 days or more the injury and its circumstances will be reported to the WorkCover Authority using the appropriate form.

10.3 INVESTIGATION

- [Organisation] will investigate all accidents within 1 hour.
- Investigation will be recorded on Accident Investigation Form (attached).
- Accidents will be recorded by: Archaeological Director/ Site Manager and [Director of Organisation]
- Accidents will be investigated by: Archaeological Director/ Site Manager and [Director of Organisation]
- Accidents will be reported to WorkCover by: Archaeological Director/ Site Manager or [Director of Organisation]
Register of Injury

**Details of Injured Person:**
- **Name:**
- **Surname:** ____________________ **Given Name/s:** ________________ **Sex(M/F):** __________
- **Address:**
  - No. ______ Street: ________________ **Suburb:** __________________ **Post Code:** ______
  - **City:** ________________ **State:** ______ **Contact Phone No:** (___) __________
- **Employer:**
  - **Business Name:** ________________________________________________
  - **Address:**
    - No. ______ Street: ________________ **Suburb:** __________________ **Post Code:** ______
    - **City:** ________________ **State:** ______ **Business Phone No:** (___) __________

**Accident/Incident Details:**

**Description of Events:**
- Date of injury: ____ / ____ / ____ Time of Injury: _____ am. / pm.

**Task/operation undertaken at the time of the injury:**

- __________________________________________________________

**Physical location (area) where injury occurred:**

- __________________________________________________________

**Type of injury:** (e.g. bruise, cut, fracture, grit in eye)

- __________________________________________________________

**Part of Body Injured:** (e.g. arm, torso, head)

- __________________________________________________________

**Cause of injury:** (what happened)

- __________________________________________________________

**Treatment Given/Action Taken:**

- __________________________________________________________

**Person completing this form:**
- **Surname:** ________________ **Given Name/s:** ________________ **Signature:** __________
- **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____ **Time:** _____ am. / pm.
- **Did the person cease work? Yes / No.**
- **Has a referral for further treatment been issued? Yes / No**

(cross out whichever is not applicable)
Accident Investigation Report

**NOTE:** A separate form should be completed for each person injured. This investigation is aimed at identifying causes, not attributing blame. All investigating personnel should be trained in investigation techniques.

Reference No. ____________________  □ Injury  □ Damage  □ Near Miss

1. Project: __________________________________________________________

2. Personal Details:

   Surname: ___________________________  First Name: ___________________________
   Date of Birth: Day ___ Month ___ Year ___  Gender: _______  M/F  Preferred Language: ______________________________
   Other Initials: _______________________________________________________

3. Occupation/Job Title & Details:

   Description of occupation or job title: ___________________________________
   How long at this occupation/job: Day ___ Month ___ Year ___
   Main tasks performed: __________________________________________________
   Training provided: □ Induction. □ Trade/task specific. □ Both of the above. □ Neither of the above.

4. Time & Date of Damage/Acc/Near Miss:

   Time & Date Report Received: ____________________________  am/pm
   Day ___ Month ___ Year ___

5. Accident Results:

   □ Fatal  □ Hospital inpatient  □ Doctor only
   □ First aid only  □ Property damage  □ Nill (injury/damage)

   Nature of injury, disease or damage:
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
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   Bodily location of injury, disease or damage:
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
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   Nature Code: ________

   Bodily location Code: ______

6. Outcome: (Questions to be answered, as information becomes available)

   Rehabilitation: □ Not Required  □ Required
   Date of Resumption: Short-term alternate duties or Permanent alternate duties
   ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
   ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
Normal duties

Day Month Year

Total number of days lost.

Government report completed and sent.

Investigation undertaken.

7. Description of Incident: (include any particular chemical, product, process, equipment involved)

What was the worker doing at the time?

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Name/s of witnesses

Signature of worker

Date:

Mechanism of Injury Code

How exactly was the injury, disease or damage sustained?

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Breakdown agency Code

What happened? (undesired event)

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Reconstruct the sequence of events that led to the undesired event.

1. 4.
2. 5.
3. 6.

List contributing factors

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Investigating Person:

Name

Position

Signature

Date investigation conducted:

Day Month Year

8. Corrective Action Undertaken:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Estimated Cost of Incident: $

Estimated Cost of Correction: $

9. Manager’s Comments: (manager, employer or Principal Contractor to sign and date)

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature: Date:

10. Safety Co-ordinator’s Comments: (sign and date)

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature: Date: