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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Doing business the right way"



Joachim Haas President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Business Partner,

Despite many challenges in the energy market, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has performed very well over the past year. Our customers are increasingly seeking integrated supply solutions that involve logistics, credit and reliability, and we have been more than equal to the challenge.

Having started small in 1997, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is today one of the fastest growing supply and logistics companies in the world. But we have been careful to invest significant management time and resources to ensure that we expand professionally and with due regard for all our stakeholders.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is developing the right business culture under a top management team. Our experienced employees based in several major cities across the globe are positioning us to expand into new and fascinating markets.

As we grow, we continue to maintain our excellent environmental record, which is the result of comprehensive safety policies, training and inspections that have enabled Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. to avoid environmental accidents during our global supply and logistics operations.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has strong support from our financial underwriters and a network of deep-rooted financial partners.

Crucially, we are very conscious of how and with whom we do business, implementing robust compliance and internal risk control systems.

As this report shows, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has all the ingredients to continue to grow quickly, transparently and with confidence.

These are exciting times for Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc..

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., we continuously strive to operate to the highest ethical standards, to grow with transparency and accountability, and to act at all times with due regard for the social and environmental impacts of our international operations.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Environmental, Social and Governance Report is intended to demonstrate our activities across these crucial fields while improving investor transparency and inspiring our business partners to do the same.

This report highlights our mission, vision and values, and captures details of our dedication to our communities, our employees and our environment.

Particular importance is given to environmental protection, ethical behavior, risk management, compliance and anti-corruption - all areas where Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has made significant investments in recent years.



MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Mission

To provide our global energy customers with perfectly tailored solutions using our unique, bespoke logistics, risk management and finance packages.

To deliver a stable and reliable supply of crude, fuel oil, and distillates, in a variety of customized options, tailored specifically to the needs of our clients.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Vision

To be innovative and be recognised as the most reliable and profitable global supplier and logistics operations company by employing the finest global talent, investing in the most advanced technologies available, conducting our business to the highest ethical standards, and operating robust safety procedures that protect the natural environment.



Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Values

Everyone at Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. shares a set of core values:

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Professional Competence
- Respect for People

We believe that only through teamwork will we better serve our clients and become more successful entrepreneurs.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a company that cares deeply about how we do business and with whom. We strive to operate at all times to the very highest ethical standards, with respect for the wellbeing of all our stakeholders - employees, business partners, and local communities - and the natural environment.

People are at the heart of Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s success and at the core of our values. Social responsibility is embedded as a principle of our business model. As a socially and environmentally responsible company, we respect international human rights standards and continuously work to assess how our operations impact upon our employees, our suppliers, and the communities in which we operate.

We require all our business partners to share our values with regard to ethics, human rights and environmental responsibility, giving us the confidence to grow quickly and transparently.



BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Summary

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a global supplier and logistics operations group of companies. We provide oil, oil products, risk management and logistical needs to dedicated clients in the US, South America, EMEA and Asia-Pacific.

Global physical supply and trading group originating in Houston, Texas

- Growing organically since 2011 in core markets of oil and refined products with long-standing industrial suppliers and buyers.
- Building on historic operations in Americas/Caribbean to execute eastward expansion in support of product and logistics for clients in EMEA and Asia-Pacific.

World-class executive management and trading teams

• Founder, management and regional traders represent expert professionals formerly of global traders (Trafigura, Cargill, Vitol) and national oil companies (Petrobras, ENOC, Petrochina).

10 consecutive years of methodical growth in profits and financial capacity

- Over USD 150m barrels of oil products traded since 2012.
- Revenue, gross profit and net worth grew by 27.8%, 30.2% and 33.6% CAGR respectively since 2012.
- Strong liquidity highlighted by an asset-light business model with over 95% of assets being current
 assets in the last 3 years and an average 35 days working capital cycle.

Culture of disciplined risk management

- Implementation of strict risk management policies and procedures.
- Maintenance of diligent relationships with business partners and customers.
- Strict compliance with international sanctions and regulations, including those of OFAC, EU and UNSC.



Impressive 10 years of Operating Growth

Track Record of Success

Established in 1997, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a global energy trading and logistics group established in Houston, USA and with offices in Latin America, Europe and Asia. The founding members of the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Group collectively represent over 80 years of industry experience and hail from Oil Supermajors, National Oil Companies and Tier 1 commodity trading firms. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. bridges the physical energy supply chain by connecting producers with users, catering to the unique needs of its counterparties by providing innovative solutions. With a firm foundation in the distribution of crude and fuel oil, the Group has been branching out into additional energy products including gasoline and distillates.

Over the last decade, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has built a firm and profitable business centered on the relationships it has developed with all parties in its supply chain. The Group is renowned as a stable and reliable counterparty with a strong business acumen.

Starting with a regional focus on the Americas, the Group began its global expansion just three years ago. In a short space of time, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s strong reputation has enabled it to achieve early success in Europe and Asia. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has continued to expand in these markets through investment in highly skilled and experienced employees. With a commitment to continued growth, the Group is seeking to diversify its revenue base by both product and region.

Since its inception in 1997, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has moved over 150 million barrels of oil products and delivered 11 consecutive years of positive financial results without a single loss. These results have been achieved through a disciplined and rigorous credit and trading framework that is embraced by every employee of the Group. It is this attention to detail that sets the Group apart from the competition and positions it for future growth.

In 2021, the Group moved 25 million barrels and is on track to surpass that figure in 2022. Plans are also afoot to move the Group's Headquarters to Singapore from the British Virgin Islands. The future looks bright for Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc..

Global presence



With significant experience in energy products, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. understands the core of these industries and mobilizes relationships in a way that benefits clients, analyzing and understanding the distillates, fuel oil, and gasoline industries on a global scale.

Facilitating the product and logistical needs for clients throughout Mexico, the Caribbean and South America, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. offers some of the most comprehensive services in our sector. The Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. team has years of expertise in trading energy products and works hard to understand the client's needs through every step of every transaction. There's no job too small or too large.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is made up of several corporations and holding companies established throughout North and South America.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading Corp. (NWO) was established as a Physical Oil Trader in February of 2011, with Joachim Haas as Founder and President. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. began by supplying HSD and HFO to various power generators in the Caribbean, including Generadora San Felipe.

Since its inception, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has remained true to its primary principles of teamwork and entrepreneurism and delivered on its initial business plan of achieving organic growth through the addition of experienced industry specialists, along with a policy of reinvesting a substantial portion of profits back into the business.

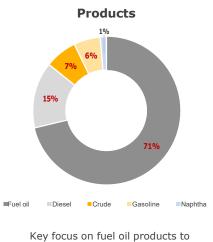
In 2020, the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. group moved more than 18.7 million barrels of oil products, generating a gross profit of \$1.70 per barrel. In August 2020, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading Pte Ltd was incorporated in Singapore, beginning trading in the Asian markets. Mpya Energy Trading Kenya Ltd ("Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Kenya") and Mpya Energy Trading Uganda Limited ("Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Uganda") were registered in September and October 2019 respectively, completing the first truck sale across East Africa as well as distillate cargo sales from Europe to the US and WAF. In 2021, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. opened an office in London.

In 2022, new gasoline traders were employed in Houston to open up opportunities across the globe. We will continue to grow the company by carefully implementing a strict risk management philosophy whilst maintaining a close relationship with our business partners worldwide.

What We Trade

Focus products, diversified suppliers and customers

Business model supported by long-trusted relationships and Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s product expertise



leverage Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s management expertise



~85% of supply from oil majors, producers and tier 1 traders. These includes Shell, ExxonMobil, Frontera Energy, Vitol and Glencore Customers



Diversified customer base largely with strong credit ratings

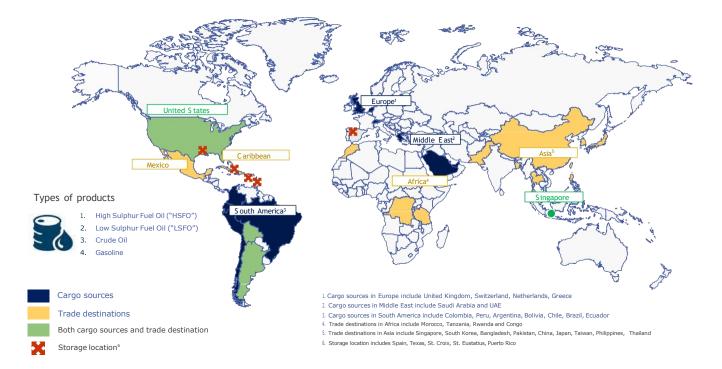
Crude, Fuels and Feedstocks

- Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (LSFO)
- High Sulphur Fuel Oil (HSFO)
- Vacuum Gasoil (VGO)
- Light Cycle Oil (LCO)
- Crude Oil

Clean Products

- Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel (ULSD)
- High Sulphur Diesel (HSD)
- Marine Gasoil (MGO)
- Jet Fuel
- Avgas
- Gasoline
- Naphtha

Where We Trade



Latin America - Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading Corp.

- Ecuador
- Colombia
- Guyana
- Peru
- Paraguay

United States of America - Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.

- Brownsville, Texas 525 MB of Terminal Storage
- Texas Rack Sales business in Odessa and Midland, Texas Louisiana Colonial Pipeline activity
- California Imperial City for export to Mexico El Paso, Texas
- North Dakota Crude pipeline on Enbridge and Keystone Systems

Mexico - Northwest Oil & Gas Trading RL de CV

Mexico City Office

- Argentina
- Uruguay
- Chile
- Bolivia

Asia - Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading Pte Ltd

- Singapore
- China
- India
- Thailand
- Bangladesh

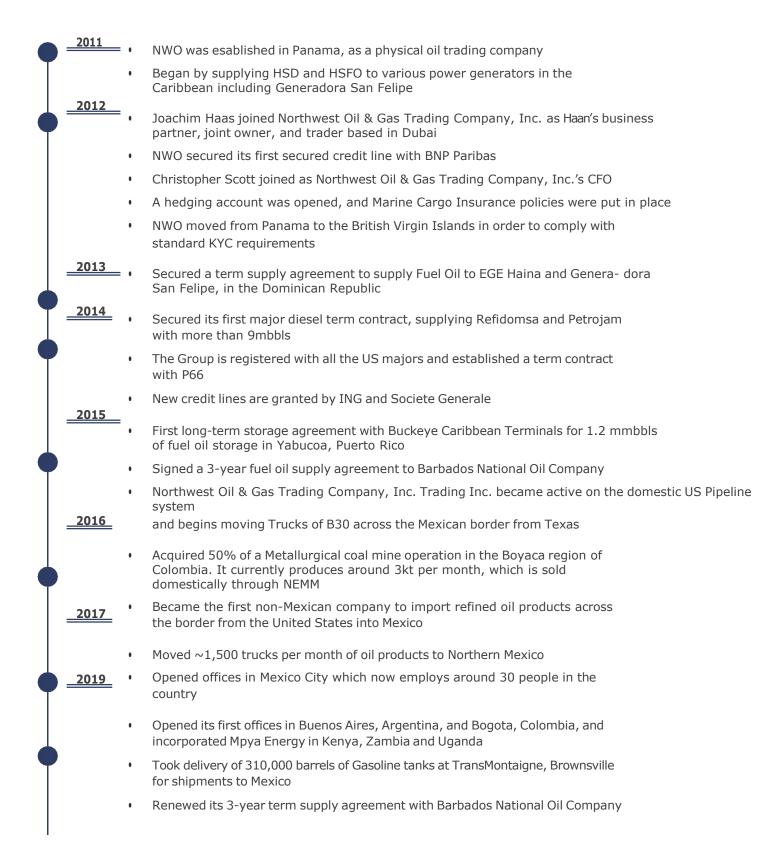
- Korea
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Philippines
- Pakistan

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s storage and shipping capabilities

Growing group infrastructure on varied term leases with long-standing counterparties

	Location: St. Eustatius Capacity: 512 mbbls (4 storage tanks ranging from 60 mbbls to 220 mbbls)	Name	Туре	Year built	Flag	Cargo	Lease term
	Product: Fuel oil Location: Brownsville, Texas Capacity: 550 mbbls (11 storage tanks ranging from 10 mbbls to 30 mbbls) Product: Diesel, MTBE	Anuket Ruby	Chemical tanker	2008	Malta	Fueloil	3 months
		CBR 2012/2024/ 2030/2031	Chemical / Oil tanker	2014	USA	Gasoline	12 months
	Location: Spain Capacity: 2 tanks with 40,000 m3 total • Product: Fuel oil	Double skin 601	Oil tanker	2016	USA	Diesel	12 months
	Location: St. Croix Capacity: 292 mbbls Product: Diesel	Elektra	Oil tanker	2012	Bahamas	Fuel oil	6 months
		Falcon Iris	Oil tanker	2008	Liberia	Fuel / crude oil	4 months
68835	Location: Kinder Morgan, Pasadena Capacity: 450 mbbls Product: Gasoline		Oil tanker	2010	Greece	Fuel oil	4 months
	Location: IMTT Bayonne Capacity: 120 mbbls Product: Fuel Oil	Kimolos	Oil tanker	2010	Greece	Crude oil	6 months
		Lucy PG	Oil tanker	2001	British	Fuel oil	12 months

History of Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. group







SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Introduction

Sustainability is at the heart of Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s development strategy.

We are **engaging with society** - ensuring that we protect and preserve those communities impacted by our operations; keeping our employees healthy, safe and secure in the workplace; and continuing to enhance our knowledge and skills through lifelong learning opportunities.

We are **protecting the natural environment** - implementing robust safety policies and procedures, and taking every precaution.

We are **investing in the future of our company** - ensuring responsible and sustainable business development accompanied by robust governance, integrity and accountability.

As a global supply and logistics company, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is involved in the movement of crude, fuel oil, gasoline and distillates throughout the world via ships, barges, railcars and trucks, all of which carry an inherent risk. However, through robust safety policies, training and inspections, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has to date successfully managed to prevent environmental accidents occurring throughout its operations. We are confident that we have the systems in place to ensure that our excellent environmental track record continues throughout our global operations.

Environmental Policies

Since Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. began marine operations, the company has never had a spill or environmental damage that could be attributed to our own ships or barges. Nor have we had any accidents at sea. Every ship and barge Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. uses undergoes a rigorous screening process.

Internal vetting process:

The vast majority of ships chartered by Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. are under 15 years old, and the few older ships that are chartered on an exceptional basis are in possession of the highest Condition Assessment Program rating. All ships we use are in compliance with all regulations and must maintain those approvals in order to be chartered. Ship Inspection Reports Programs (SIRE), originally introduced by the Oil Companies International Marine Forum in 1993 as a tool to better evaluate the qualities of the ships used for transportation, are required to be up to date.

Additional external vetting process:

In accordance with OFAC requirements and policies related to sanctioned countries and individuals, additional vetting is carried out via the use of a dedicated software program created by Windward. Such software is extensively used throughout the industry.

All third parties nominated ships must undergo the same vetting processes.

Terminal Vetting:

Vetting is not limited to ships alone. Whenever new tanks are leased, or built, an inspection of these tanks and the terminals where they are located, takes place. Safety is always paramount and before any product is introduced into any tank a vetting operation is carried out by internationally recognised inspection companies, using one or more of their certified inspectors.

All third parties nominated ships must undergo the same vetting processes.

Employee Training

While senior Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. employees gained their significant experience at other international trading organizations, our junior operators are trained in-house by a few selected senior members of our team on a wide range of issues, such as Tanker Operation, Voyage Orders and Inspectors Nominations. These, together with instructions on compliance with specific port and terminal requirements for different sized ships and types of cargo, ensure that our operational risks are reduced to a minimum. Should an operational problem be encountered, it is Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s strict policy to address it immediately in order to find the root cause of the problem, and share any findings with all operators. A tanker operations manual has been recently issued and distributed among the operators.

Fuel Oil Operations in the Americas

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has historically been very active delivering fuel oil throughout the Caribbean, from Aruba to Barbados and Dominican Republic. Such deliveries are performed by our timechartered fleet of two to four small handy-size vessels as well as spot-chartered vessels loading out of our leased storages in Puerto Rico and St Eustatius. This year, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has performed approximately 80 moves without any negative environmental impact.

European Fuel Oil Operations

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s term contract with Petrom for the delivery of fuel oil into Morocco requires us to time- charter seven different vessels and 10 additional spot ships in just one year. We have undertaken over 100 shipments, including many ship-to-ship operations. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has recorded no spills and experienced no marine operations accidents. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has secured additional temporary storage in Algeciras in order to reduce the numbers of STS operations involved and thus the potential for marine related accidents.

Distillates

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has a term deal with the government of Puerto Rico for the supply of diesel oil to the island. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has time-chartered the American-flagged barge Double Skin 601 to undertake the distribution of the diesel from the storage terminals at Puerto Rico and St Croix. We have performed over 50 voyages on the DS 601, all without incident. In light of our successful operations on the island, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s contract has been extended and we are actively looking to time-charter a second barge to transport the increased volume.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. sources gasoline and diesel, as well as MTBE, for supply to Mexico. Our domestic barges regularly deliver to the Brownsville storage facility. We have performed over 60 voyages of time- chartered barges in the past, currently averaging seven voyages per month. All barges we use are double hulled.



Brownsville Ops

Our long-term Brownsville storage has been the hub for the distribution of gasoline and diesel via tank trucks or railcars into Mexico. This is Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s most intense land-based operation, from where we move approximately 30 trucks and railcars a week. Since the inception of the business in 2017, we have performed over 88,000 operations and experienced only two minor truck spills and one train derailment, all of which were beyond our control, but succesfully cleaned up with no negative enviromental impact. Given that all of the trucks load at 3rd party terminals, each terminal has its own procedures for the registration and approval of loads. Typically, this process requires the submission of commercial and liability insurance, vapor certificates, and driver information. Over and above the terminal procedures, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. imposes additional requirements on trucks, including possession of GPS tracking, spill kits, and a range of permits, in addition to driver protections such as the wearing of steel toed boots and safety vests.

East Africa Operations

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has recently expanded into Africa, where we supply our customers FOB from our storage in Tanzania. Since January 2022, a total of approximately 300 trucks per month have lifted product from our leased terminal, all without incident.



Environmental Innovation

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is involved in discussions regarding the development of an innovative method for the sampling of petroleum products from shore tanks. This method, internationally patented, would allow for a remote controlled and entirely automated sampling of product out of any shore tank 24/7/365 without the need for an inspector to climb to the roof of the tank to open sampling ports that release gases in the atmosphere. The benefits of the ATS system are multiple, from a clean carbon footprint to a better tank turnaround, to manpower savings, to immediate tank quality results, to consistency of sampling and analysis, to demurrage savings and refinery output optimization.

Investing in Solar Energy

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has invested directly with the Government of Morocco in Maroc Photovoltaique SARL, a company developing a solar PV project with capacity of up to 150MW in Ain Bin Mathar, Jerada province in northwest Morocco. Connection and grid access agreements have been executed in 2022 with a 24-year land lease and environmental studies have been completed. This project is part of the Moroccan government's ambition to raise its renewable energy share to 52% by 2030 and reduce fuel oil and diesel imports from Spain for power generation. The investment to date is in excess of USD 200k and the project is estimated to be operational in Q3 2023.



Our Carbon Footprint - Assessment and Reduction

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. recognises the environmental impact of its carbon footprint and accepts the need for change to protect the world we live in. We believe in the energy transition and are striving to work with like- minded partners and technologies to contribute to this transition. Part of this journey involves the analysis and evaluation of the emissions generated from our operations. To better understand this, we are currently evaluating proposals from external consultants who will evaluate and report on our carbon footprint. These partners will then collaborate with us on strategies to reduce our emissions and accelerate our transition to a net zero future. We aim to have this implemented by Q1 2023 with an action plan that will be executed through that year.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Code of Conduct

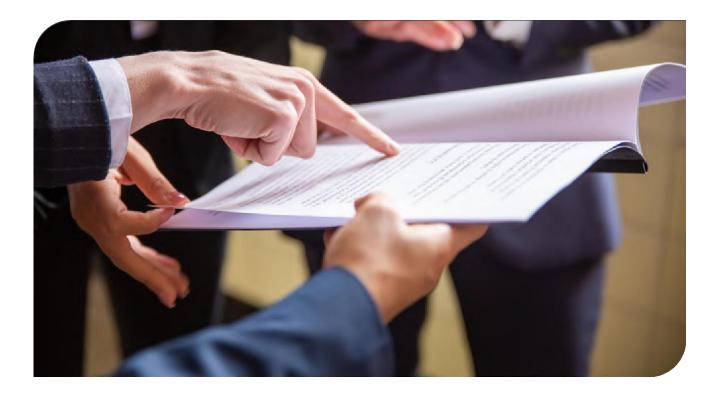
Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Values

At Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., we share a set of core values: Integrity, Honesty, Professional Competence and Respect for People.

Our business is conducted in full compliance with all applicable economic sanction laws and regulations, with special focus on international anti-money laundering principles and standards as recommended by the Financial Action Task Force.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Code of Conduct is based upon these core values and sets out the principles that Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. adheres to and expects of all its employees and business partners. The Code re-affirms our commitment to always uphold the highest ethical standards and clearly defines the guidelines and expectations of all employees and partners. Everybody who joins Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. makes a commitment to operate in compliance with the standards set by the Code and failure to do so will be treated as a serious disciplinary issue.

Whilst the Code is the foundation for an effective compliance program, it is supplemented by the Group's Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy and its Employee Handbook. Each of these documents provide a practical guidance on the correct approach to a variety of situations that may be encountered whilst working for Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc..



Dignity and Respect

At Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., we believe that our people are our most important asset and the key to our success. Promoting fairness, dignity, trust, and respect amongst all employees is our key commitment and we strive to create a workplace that is free of discrimination and harassment. We promote equal opportunity and fair reward for individual contributions. As we hold ourselves to these standards, we expect the same of all the partners we work with.



Health, Safety, Environment, Human Rights and Communities

As we recognize our people as our greatest asset, we assign the highest priority to preserving their health, rights, and safety. We are committed to avoiding damage to the environment and related impacts on the communities where we do business. We have zero tolerance for any form of modern slavery including forced, compulsory or child labor. We strive to employ and nurture local talent in the countries we operate in to create a more sustainable business and to contribute to the community. We adhere to the principles of the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights.

Business Ethics and Conduct

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s successful business operation is built upon the principles of fair dealing and ethical conduct of our employees. We base our reputation on integrity and excellence. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s continued success is dependent upon our customers' trust, and we are dedicated to preserving that trust. Employees must act at all times in a way that will merit the continued trust and confidence of our stakeholders. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations, and expects its directors, officers, and employees to conduct business in accordance with the letter, spirit, and intent of all

relevant laws and to refrain from any illegal, dishonest, or unethical conduct. Compliance with this policy of business ethics and conduct is the responsibility of every Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. employee. Disregarding or failing to comply with this standard of business ethics and conduct could lead to disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination of employment.

Anti-Bribery & Corruption

The tenth principle of the UN's Global Compact states that "Business should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery."

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. conducts its business in an honest and ethical manner. We take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption, and are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate, and to implement and enforce effective systems to counter bribery.

All of our employees understand that no gifts, hospitality or entertainment should be given or accepted during a tender process or contractual negotiations. At all times, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. encourages its employees to apply the test of reasonability and appropriateness in accepting or receiving gifts.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. upholds all laws globally relevant to countering bribery and corruption, including the UK Bribery Act 2010 (the "**UK BA**"), the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (the "**FCPA**"), and the Singapore Prevention of Corruption Act (Cap 241, 1993 Rev Ed) ("**PCA**") and Singapore Penal Code (Cap 224, 2008 Rev Ed) (the "**PC**"). Our anti bribery and corruption policy applies to each Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. entity within the Company as well as its directors, employees, agents and third parties with which we work.

Anti-money Laundering

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. does not support, facilitate, or permit money laundering, terrorist financing or any other fraudulent activities. Money laundering is the process by which individuals or entities try to conceal illicit funds, such as the proceeds of crime, or otherwise make such funds look legitimate. Terrorist financing means using the money to fund terrorism. As a global organization, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. applies the principles of internationally recognized, industry standards to its antimoney laundering checks as recommended by organizations such as The Financial Action Task Force ("FATF") and the UK's Joint Money Laundering Steering Group ("JMLSG"), as well as other equivalent and applicable local regulatory requirements in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

Sanctions

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. conducts its business in full compliance with all applicable economic sanction laws and regulations. All transactions and counterparties are screened on an on-going basis for any sanction- related issues. We will not seek to structure transactions or amend documentation to circumvent applicable sanctions or trade restrictions or to otherwise attempt to disguise the true nature of a transaction. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. does not do business with any country, entity or individual if it would breach international sanctions laws. We recognize the ability of international regulators to impose sanctions

at any time. Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is constantly in touch with our financial partners, commercial counterparties, and service providers to ensure that we are fully aware of and in compliance with all applicable sanction laws and regulations.

Market Conduct

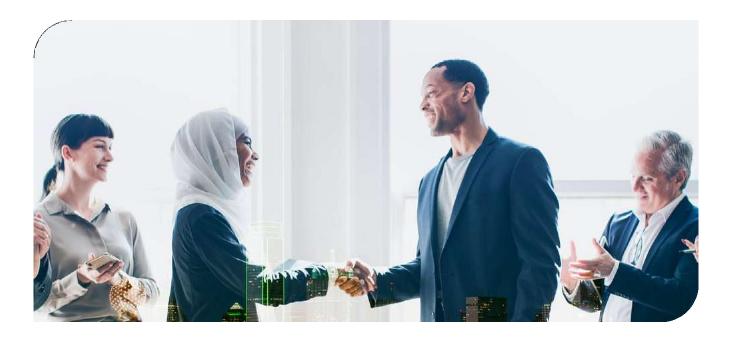
Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. requires all employees to behave and trade in a way that is appropriate and in compliance with market-abuse rules and regulations. All trading activities must be performed for genuine economic reasons and not to mislead or manipulate the market. We do not condone collusive or abusive strategies, or trading whilst in possession of inside information. We further ensure that all our transactions fall outside the scope of market abuse or market manipulation. All employees must be familiar with the market-abuse rules and regulations applicable to their activities and should act in accordance with them at all times.

Fair Treatment of Employees

Our People

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s global presence allows the company to pick top talent from a large pool of professionals in all trading functions, in addition to being able to maintain strong relationships with financial institutions and other business partners. As a result, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s employees consist of some of the most talented and experienced executives in the global supply and logistics industry.

We balance our generous compensation schemes, flexible working practices and commitment to work-life balance with rigorous training and robust standards of behavior.



Diversity and Inclusion

The Company is committed to creating and maintaining a workplace in which all employees have an opportunity to participate and contribute to the success of the business and are valued for their skills, experience, and unique perspectives.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is developing a Diversity & Inclusion Policy that will form a fundamental part of who we are and what we strive to be. The policy will detail our commitment to ensuring an equitable, diverse and inclusive workplace. It will include a process for making complaints of discrimination at work. We will regularly review how effective our Diversity & Inclusion Policy is, making improvements as required.

Performance Evaluation

Management and employees are strongly encouraged to discuss job performance and goals on an informal, day-to-day basis. Formal performance evaluations are conducted every 12 months to provide both management and employees the opportunity to discuss job tasks, identify and correct weaknesses, encourage and recognize strengths, and discuss positive, purposeful approaches for meeting goals.

Maintaining a Safe Work Environment

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. strives to maintain a positive work environment where employees treat each other with respect and courtesy. We are committed to maintaining a safe work environment. The Company implements robust guidelines to deal with the threat of intimidation, harassment, or actual violence that may occur during business hours or on its premises.

All employees, including management and temporary employees, should be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. Conduct that threatens, intimidates, or coerces another employee, a customer, or a member of the public at any time, including off-duty periods, is not tolerated. This includes all acts of harassment, including harassment that is based on an individual's sex, race, age, or any characteristic protected by applicable law.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. cares about its people, and is committed to maintaining a highly productive workforce and cooperative relationships among its employees. We have an Open Door Policy whereby any employee may take issues, grievances, or concerns to their supervisor or to any member of management. All employees of Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. have the opportunity to contribute to the business's success and growth by submitting suggestions for practical work-improvement or cost-savings ideas.

Employee Handbook

On starting their work for Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., all employees are required to acknowledge in writing that they have received and understand the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Employee Handbook.

Training

Anti-Bribery & Corruption (ABC) Training

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. To ensure that all employees act professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate, and to limit the risk of exposure to criminal practices, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. conducts regular, compulsory anti-bribery and anti-corruption (ABC) training.

The training ensures that every employee understands the impact and societal costs of bribery and corruption, and can quickly identify common reg flags. Employees learn how to comply with relevant legislation, and how to build anti-bribery and corruption (ABC) best practices into their teams, helping to build confidence and trust among investors and our other stakeholders.

Sexual Harassment Training

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. already has an established process for when sexual harassment occurs, including handling complaints, investigations, and corrective measures. However, we are finalizing plans to launch compulsory sexual harassment training. All employees will learn what is and what is not acceptable behavior, and managers and supervisors will be given additional specialized training on proper handling of incidents of sexual harassment.

Philanthropy and the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Foundation

People are at the heart of Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s success and at the core of our values. Social responsibility is embedded as a principle of our business model. As a socially and environmentally responsible Company, we respect international human rights standards and continuously work to assess how our operations impact upon our employees, our business partners, and the communities in which we operate.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is actively engaged in cultural, recreational, and philanthropic work, using our resources to support culture and some of the most vulnerable members of society in a variety of ways. We encourage our employees to personally commit to helping to improve the communities that are close to their hearts.



Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Foundation

Over the years, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has actively contributed to social causes in the communities it is active in. As the Group's footprint expands globally, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s management team has decided that it is now the right time to formalize its strategy towards its charitable activities and contributions. In that regard, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is excited to announce the hiring of an industry expert with a strong background in the not-for-profit space who will head our social and charitable responsibilities. One of her main priorities will be the creation of the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Foundation that will receive a fixed proportion of the company's profits and put these to good use in the global communities in which we operate. While Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. already contributes significantly to the wider community, the institutionalization of a Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Foundation - operated at arms length will guarantee that we support important projects on a sustainable basis.

Here are a few examples of philanthropic projects that we are already undertaking:

The Project Niger

The Project Niger is a Spanish based NGO that aims at promoting communication between schools in Spain and Niger. This pedagogical initiative will allow pupils to open their minds into the discovery of new cultures and solidarity North-South.

Reel Abilities

Reel Abilities: Houston Film & Arts Festival is a free city-wide film and arts festival dedicated to presenting films, art exhibitions, performances, and speakers that celebrate the lives, stories, and talents of people with disabilities and enrich Houston's culture, diversity, and inclusion efforts.

Mission Squash

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a proud sponsor of Mission Squash, an organization that empowers students from under- served communities in Houston, USA, to unlock and maximize their potential through intensive, year-round academic, wellness, and enrichment programs. The work of Mission Squash is centered around three goals: (1) college - helping students to pursue higher education; (2) character - nurturing the growth of children into well-rounded adults; and (3) health - providing a safe, structured space that promotes lifelong study, exercise and nutritional habits.

With Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s support, Mission Squash has developed in-depth programming on academic intervention, high school access, college matriculation, and college persistence. To date, 100% of Mission Squash's 72 scholars pass their academic classes, 100% apply and are accepted to a 4 year college or university, and 100% have matriculated into a post-secondary program.



Houston Grand Opera

Headquartered in Houston, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a major donor of the Houston Grand Opera, one of the country's premiere opera houses. Underwriting the production of Mariachi opera, El Pasado Nunca Se Terminal, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a proud supporter of the second largest theater district in the United States.

Autism Speaks

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is an active participant in Autism Speaks fundraising events – both in Houston and nationwide – Through our affiliation with the charity and thanks to the Autism Speaks 8k Run in Houston, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. employees have helped raise funds to support this wonderful charity.

Innovacion Ortopedica

Based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Innovacion Ortopedica serves those in need with customized prosthetics. Established in 1998, this non-profit provides custom made prosthetic limbs to under-privileged people of all ages on the island of Hispaniola. Many of the recipients are small children coming from Haiti having lost limbs in the earthquake.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Legal and Shareholder Structure

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading Corp. has a simplified corporate structure that enables us to be agile and efficient. As we continue to grow, we are in the process of expanding our Leadership Committee, ensuring that important decisions are taken by qualified teams of experts.

Governance Policy

Introduction

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading's corporate governance structure contains policies and procedures that address financial management, conflicts of interest, risk management, hiring practices, and roles of board members, enabling the company to expand transparently and with confidence, and positioning us for long-term success.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s overarching corporate governance structure includes corporate legislation, laws, and policy that bind our directors and board members to Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., while granting these parties a fiduciary duty to act on behalf of the Company. Our corporate governance policy helps our directors to fulfill their functions and legal expectations required of them. And it governs our actions in relation to shareholders, the media, stock exchanges, and any external interest groups, making any legal obligations of those stakeholders absolutely clear. In short, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s corporate governance structure serves the best long-term interests of the Company, our shareholders.

Objectives

Through the application of national and international laws and regulations, Company policies and procedures, and Corporate Articles of Association and By-Laws, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s Corporate Governance Policy enables the organization to determine its direction and performance through effective management of the relationships among the Shareholders, Board of Directors, Managers, Employees, Customers, Suppliers, and Community.

This Governance Policy has been developed to:

- Set executive limitations by protecting and empowering the way the Company is directed and managed, and thereby preventing conflicts of interest between shareholders and executive management teams, or among shareholders.
- Connect Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s executives with employees to ensure that all are on the same page regarding the Company's strategic direction, its philosophy, and its strategies to achieve business objectives.
- Nurture a culture of hard work, excellence in performance, and doing business the right way.
- Control risk and ensure accountability, transparency, and integrity across the organization.
- Focus on the strategic goals that the organization wants to accomplish as a team by increasing and sustaining the shareholder's values while remaining competitive, sustainable, relevant, and legitimate.

Our Principles and Values

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. takes great pride in how it conducts business, ensuring that all employees follow detailed and robust policies on a range of ethics and compliance issues, backed up by robust internal controls.

Our principles of Good Corporate Governance cover financial management, conflicts of interest, hiring practices, and roles of board members. Our principles and values are: Accountability; Responsibility; Openness and Transparency; Integrity and Ethical Conduct; Independence; Fairness; Innovation and Openness to Change; Human rights, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion; Sustainability; and Philanthropy.

These are supported by internal policies that provide guidance at all the levels of the organization, including:

Policies and Guidance

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s **Code of Conduct**, established to outline the organization's principles, standards and values, including expected levels of ethical behavior, integrity, professional competence, and confidentiality.

- Our **Whistleblower** policies and apparatus provide stakeholders (including employees, suppliers, customers and members of the public) with simple, safe, confidential and reliable ways of reporting suspected incidents of non- compliance.
- Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s policies and procedures on Conflicts of Interest enable us to identify and manage situations of actual, potential, and or perceived conflicts of interest.
- Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has invested considerable time and resources in devising and implementing a robust **Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy** (or ABC policy) that clearly sets out the requirement of all employees and business partners to uphold our position against bribery and corruption, and provides information and guidance on how to recognize and deal with bribery and corruption issues.
- Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s **Risk Management Policy** is one of the core responsibilities of the Group's leadership and it is central to our decision-making processes. We seek to identify and manage the market, financial and operational risks associated with global supply and logistics. Our Risk Management Policy establishes guidelines for employees to manage the risk , and describes how the Group defines, manages, and mitigates its exposures and assigns responsibilities for managing the organization's risk management program. Effective risk management is crucial in helping the Company achieve its objectives of preserving its overall financial strength for the benefit of all stakeholders and safeguarding its ability to continue as a going concern, while generating sustainable long-term returns. With a priority of fraud prevention, the Board of Directors with risk management expertise is responsible for setting, approving, and monitoring the organization's risk management policies, credit policies, and internal controls.
- All organization members must maintain strict confidentiality regarding disclosure of confidential information to persons within the Company who do not need to know it and to anyone outside of the Company. Such confidential information includes any information, data, materials, business plan, property information, trade secrets, vendor information, business model, analysis, technologies, or geological information disclosed by a Party.
- On joining Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc., each employee signs an acknowledgement that they have received, read and understand the **Employee Handbook**. This was created to acquaint all employees with the Company and provide information about working conditions, employee benefits, compensation, and policies affecting the employment. It is specifically focused on the importance of confidentiality, business ethics, conduct and discipline.

These policies ensure that Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s principles and values are upheld, including our commitment to people, the environment, and our performance. We believe that good corporate governance leads to ethical business practices. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee to ensure that we achieve these objectives.

Management Committee

The Executive Board vests the management of the company in the Management Committee. The Management Committee is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Company and for ensuring that everything the organization does supports its vision, mission and values including:

- Setting the strategic direction to guide and direct the activities of the organization, and acting on behalf of the Executive Board.
- Ensuring the effective management of the organization and its activities; ensuring an effective Operational and Financial oversight by conducting research relative to investment, risk, and industry trends.
- Establishing the fundamental values, the ethical principles and strategic direction in which the Group operates.
- Adhering to Legal and Regulatory compliance of the Group's business, in line with its constitution and by-laws.
- Monitoring the activities of the organization to ensure they are in keeping with the founding principles, objects, and values.

As we expand our footprint globally, the Executive Board has decided to expand the Management Committee to include individuals responsible for the key functions of the organization. We envision expanding our Management Committee to include individuals who will represent commercial, compliance, operations, HR and finance functions thus ensuring that important decisions are taken by a qualified team of experts.

The Management Committee will consist of a minimum of six individuals and will include the following individuals:

- 1. President and CEO
- 2. Chief Financial Officer
- 3. Chief Operations Officer
- 4. Head of Legal and Compliance
- 5. Global Head of Trading
- 6. Global Head of Origination

The Management Committee shall meet no less than twice a month and at such location as the Executive Board shall decide from time to time. In addition, Directors constituting a quorum of the Board may call a meeting of the Board for the transaction of any business, the nature of which will be specified in reasonable detail in the notice calling the meeting.



Onboarding Process and KYC Compliance Policy

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. is a company that cares how and with whom we do business.

We invest significant energy and resources in risk management and compliance, headed by experienced professionals and supported by sophisticated IT support systems.

In order to identify and track the origin of the products, and the veracity of the data and documentation of our trading counterparties, Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Trading implements a rigorous Know Your Customer (KYC) compliance procedure.

We collect information, perform a deep analysis to assess security, and verify the counterparty authenticity. This ensures that key procedures are followed, and steps are completed accurately within the specified timeframe.

Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. uses an online platform called Komgo to ensure the security and transparency of communications with commercial and financial partners. Komgo is a joint venture of banks, independent traders, and energy majors. Through its simple, efficient, secure, and encrypted software, Komgo enables Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. to undertake compliance advanced screenings to:

- prevent anti-money-laundering (AML)
- Identify politically exposed persons (PEP) and those subject to sanctions
- meet Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) requirements
- Identify and verify the entity and their Ultimate Beneficial Owners

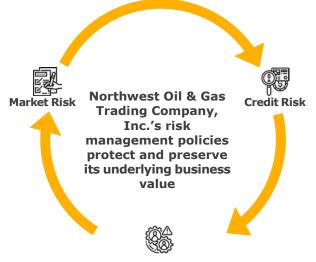
Komgo ensures that Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc.'s finance teams can communicate securely with banks in order to track all information related to transactions and share this with all the parties involved - mitigating risks, gaining greater transparency and efficiencies, and strengthening trust with our business partners.

Komgo is part of a multi-step onboarding procedure:

- Onboard request the counterparty is required to complete an initial KYC questionnaire and forward a range of documents, including Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate of Good Standing, Memorandum and Articles of Association, a list of shareholders holding more than 10% of the Company stock, a register of Directors, copies of passports of all shareholders and directors, signed W-9 or W-8 forms, and the last 3 years' audited financial statements.
- Komgo portal the counterparty is added to the Komgo portal in order to secure all communications.
- Paperwork check the information and documents are reviewed by the onboarding team. If the file is incomplete, the onboarding team contacts the counterparty by email and requests to upload the missing data. If the file is complete, the process continues with the verification of the directors' passports through "Refinitiv, World Check One", a platform that allows us to verify the identity of the Ultimate Beneficial Owner(s) (UBO) by inserting the personal information such as name, last name, date and place of birth, country of passport issuance and expiration date.
- Renewal date when all documents are in good order, the onboarding process is marked as "Complete" in the Komgo portal. A yearly renewal date is set to keep all corporate documents up to date and reduce risk factors.
- Notification the counterparty is notified via email that the entity is in good standing. The trading process is ready to start. If our corporate documents are required by the counterparty, they will be able to download them from the same portal.
- Internal step to keep a record of each counterparty's corporate information, a file is created. The documents uploaded by each entity in the portal are downloaded and saved.

Reviewing and Refreshing our Governance Policies

As the Group grows its global footprint, it is aware of the need to review and refresh its governance policies and procedures to ensure they remain of the highest standards and continue to be relevant to the organization. Whilst the Group employs experts in their respective fields who contribute to our various policies, we also value the views of external, independent experts who are able to review and comment on our policies from an unbiased standpoint. To that extent, we are currently reviewing proposals from various consultants who will perform an independent and objective review of our policies and assist us with updating these to ensure that they continue to be of the highest standards and meet the growing footprint of the Company .



Operational Risk Governance

- All physical inventory exposures are fully hedged, primarily via exchange-traded futures or overthe-counter contracts with brokers or banks
- The Group does not enter into speculative positions
- The Group executes Tripartite Agreements between lenders and futures broking parties as far as possible to grant Security over the hedge contracts



- Policies established for execution of risk management strategies
- Direct oversight by senior management team with escalation channels
- Clear communication channels between experienced contracts/operations staff ensure effective trade execution
- Robust Marine Cover insurance in place



- The Group's credit risk is centrally managed and initiated at the KYC stage
- Counterparty and country risk credit assessments updated periodically
- Specific credit limits and conditions set for each counterparty and approved by the CFO
- Typical customer credit exposure is supported by Export Letters of Credit from Tier 1 international banks
- Open account exposure only granted to oil majors, large corporates or government entities
- Ad-hoc changes to a counterparty's terms or credit limits are internally communicated within 24hr
- The Group limits counterparty risk by covering through the insurance market or by discounting through the financial market

CONCLUSION

As one of the fastest-growing global supply and logistics companies, we know that we have a responsibility to drive positive change wherever we operate. Our approach to ESG is dynamic in nature and keeps pace with changes in the industry as well as those within the organization.

This ESG report is designed to demonstrate how Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. integrates environmental, social, and governance practices into its operations and our business model. We aim to update and communicate it through the year as we take positive steps in our energy transition journey.

We are confident that Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. has the employees, the technical infrastructure, the environmental protection policies, and the company culture to ensure that we continue to do business the right way. The creation of the Northwest Oil & Gas Trading Company, Inc. Foundation will further formalize our involvement, commitment and contributions to the communities we touch along the way.

Of course, there is always more we can do and learn to improve as a business, and we would love to hear from you.

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