

Corporate Risk Management

Policies and Procedures

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1. Policy Purpose and Scope

This policy describes NeoBytes' risk management principles and expectations applicable to all types of risk in all activities undertaken by or on behalf of NeoBytes. It also outlines roles and responsibilities for the Board of Directors, the President, the Chief Risk Officer and the Divisional Vice-Presidents of Corporate Groups across all geographies where NeoBytes operates, and all staff.

2. Risk Management Principles

2.1 Definition of Risk

Risk is often defined as the chance of something happening, measured in terms of probability and impact. At NeoBytes, a principal risk is defined as the chance of something happening, measured in terms of probability and impact, that may adversely affect the achievement of NeoBytes' strategic or major business objectives. For example, project standards are based on expected numbers of defects. If more defects are received for a particular project work, overall project delivery will fall unless resources are augmented to assist. Conversely, if the defect counts are lower than expectation, there is an opportunity to improve customer service and relations. Hence risks represent opportunities as well as threats.

2.2 Risk Management

Risk management is a structured and disciplined approach to assessing and managing the uncertainties that NeoBytes faces as it creates value and preserves value.

NeoBytes believes risk taking is a necessary and accepted part of our business. Effectively managing risk is a competitive necessity and an integral part of creating value through good business practices designed to ensure that NeoBytes achieves its strategic, business and governance objectives, and protects its corporate reputation, values and integrity. In the context of realizing strategic objectives, some amount of failure is an accepted outcome of risk taking as long as risks have been properly assessed and managed.

NeoBytes acknowledges that all activity has an element of risk and that not all risks can or should be transferred. NeoBytes is committed to managing risks including strategic risks, at all

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levels in the organization and summarizes these risks into three broad categories:

- Operational risk
- Financial risk
- Safety, Environmental and Regulatory risk

Since many risks can impact our reputation, all risks must be evaluated in terms of the potential impact on our reputation.

NeoBytes does not engage in speculative activity which is defined as a profit-seeking activity unrelated to NeoBytes' primary business.

3. Risk Management Expectations

Risk management applies to and will be practiced in accordance with NeoBytes' Risk Management Principles as a part of all of NeoBytes' activities including developing strategic plans, preparing operational plans and capital budgets, completing detailed project approval requests, designing and managing project plans, operating NeoBytes' facilities across all geographies, as a part of other management systems and generally, in all decision making processes. NeoBytes' overall risk appetite and risk tolerance will be determined by the President in conjunction with the Senior Management and reported on by the Chief Risk Officer to the Board of Directors.

Risk will be evaluated, managed and documented consistent with guidelines, tools and framework advocated by this Corporate Risk Management Policy and other NeoBytes risk management policies, guidelines or practices such as the Information Security Policy. In all cases, risk will be evaluated in terms of the impact on the following areas:

- People
- Environment
- Assets
- financial/business objectives
- Reputation

The risk will be assigned a probability of occurrence, with a resulting risk level ranging from very low to very high.

Risks identified as very high, high or medium will require implementation of a risk transfer, reduction, elimination, or exploitation strategy to reduce the residual risk level to as low as reasonably practicable. Risks identified as very high or high with an impact above a specified threshold will be reported to the President or appropriate Vice-President of Corporate Groups, and the Chief Risk Officer.

The NeoBytes Risk Matrix is a tool that will be used to assess, measure and report risks. The NeoBytes Risk Matrix may not be readily applied to all risk areas but the concepts of impact and probability must be addressed in all cases. For example, emerging risks are those circumstances or factors which may be new to NeoBytes and may lack quantifiable impact or probability at a particular time. Emerging risks should be separately identified, and qualitative assessments of their impacts and probabilities should be provided.

The NeoBytes Risk Matrix will be the foundation for developing any risk sub-matrices in the Corporation. Sub-matrices will align with the NeoBytes Risk Matrix and will require the approval of the Chief Risk Officer.

Risk management reports will be maintained by Divisions and Corporate Groups and provided to the Chief Risk Officer at least quarterly for consolidation.

4. Risk Management Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 The Board of Directors

- Approving and authorizing the Policy.
- Ensuring that a system is in place to identify the principal risks to the Corporation and that the best practical procedures are in place to monitor and mitigate the risks.
- Reviewing the Chief Risk Officer's consolidated quarterly and annual risk reports that identify the principal risks to the Corporation and the mitigation strategies in place.

4.2 The President

- Identifying all significant risks to the Corporation's businesses and ensuring that procedures are established to mitigate the impact of the risks in the best interest of the company.
- Appointing or recommending the appointment of the Chief Risk Officer, as applicable.

4.3 The Chief Risk Officer

- Identifying the principal risks to the business and ensuring that the Corporation has implemented appropriate systems and effective risk management programs to manage these risks.
- Developing, implementing, monitoring overall compliance with and adhering to the Policy.
- Overseeing development, administration and annual review of this Policy for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Developing and implementing risk management practices, systems, controls and business continuity plans for the Corporation, which are aligned with and complementary to the Policy.
- Developing external risk reporting protocols and disclosures where required by regulation or good governance.
- Reporting to the Board of Directors and the Senior Management NeoBytes' principal consolidated risks and mitigation strategies on a quarterly and annual basis.

4.4 The Divisional Vice-Presidents

- Identifying risks and developing and implementing risk management practices, including mitigation strategies, systems, controls and business continuity plans specific to their respective Divisions or Corporate Groups, which are aligned with and complementary to the Policy.
- Maintaining risk management reports detailing the principal business risks for the Division or Corporate groups and which will be available for consolidation at the Corporate level.

4.5 Staff

- In alignment with the values and principles embodied in NeoBytes' Corporate policies and charter, this Corporate Risk Management Policy commits all staff to consistently apply risk assessment processes and to take professionally assessed risks based upon high-quality work.

5. Risk Committees

The Senior Management; comprised of the President, the Chief Risk Officer and the Divisional Vice-Presidents of Corporate Groups, are collectively responsible for developing the Corporation's risk management principles and risk management expectations as well as defining the Corporation's risk appetite and tolerances, in addition to those specific responsibilities as outlined in Risk Management Roles and Responsibilities referred to above.

Risk management committees may be established by the President from members of Senior Management to address specific risk areas.

6. Policy Authority

Unless otherwise noted in this Policy, any significant exceptions to this Policy require the approval of Senior Management and these exceptions will be reported at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Appendix A: Risk Identification Steps

Step	Action	Example
1	Identify specific item of the project's mission, objectives and targets	Execute, new project for a new client, to implement an end-to-end policy processing system
2	Identify what might stop the mission or objective from being achieved and describe them in terms of "event/cause" and "result".	Lack of available resources to develop and implement the project due to availability or difficulties in recruiting resources with niche skillsets
3	For each "risk" score its impact and likelihood and prioritize accordingly.	Impact: "medium" If resources with experience on the system are busy on another project and staffing other resources could result in increased cost/schedule impact to the project. Impact could rise to "high" if resource shortfall is in a niche area where resources are unavailable to start on time but able to join at a later date, and still do not impact the overall project's cost/schedule. And Impact could rise to "very high" if these staffing and recruitment problems were more severe with major impact to cost/schedule.
4	Identify mitigation actions and include these in business plans if appropriate. Mitigation should be specific and time limited.	1. Identify any shortfall in numbers of resources required by December. 2. Identify existing experienced resources who can be used on the project by January, and negotiate transfers and start dates with other Project Managers. 3. Initiate recruitment of new staff to fill any remaining shortfall by February, and plan to hire staff in place by April. 4. Monitor cost/schedule diligently and arrange triggers that would need any notification to Senior Management or Client.
5	Assess risk status after mitigation action.	Assuming reasonably successful staffing of the project, the probability would fall to "low". However, Impact would remain at "medium", as this has not been addressed by mitigation.

Appendix B: Risk Probability and Impact settings and scoring

Risk Probability Settings		Risk Impact Settings	
Probability	Points Criteria	Impact	Points Criteria
Very low	0-5% – extremely unlikely or virtually impossible	Very low	Unlikely to have minor impact in one or a few areas
low	6-20% - low but not impossible	low	Unlikely to have minor impact in many areas
Medium	21-50% - fairly likely to occur	Medium	Unlikely to have major Impact in one or a few areas
High	51-80% - more likely to occur than not	High	Unlikely to have major impact in many areas
Very High	81-100% - almost certainly will occur	Very High	Unlikely to have major impact on the whole company

		Probability				
		Very low (1)	low (2)	Medium (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
Impact	Very low (1)	Green (1)	Green (2)	Green (3)	Green (4)	Yellow (5)
	low (2)	Green (2)	Green (4)	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
	Medium (3)	Green (3)	(6)			Red (15)
	High (4)	Green (4)	(8)		Red (16)	Red (20)
	Very High (5)	Yellow (5)	(10)	Red (15)	Red (20)	Red (25)

