

## **Niyati Shipping - Corporate Code of Conduct**

Niyati Shipping is committed to increasing its value to employees, shareholders, the communities in which it does business and other key stakeholders through strategic investments in India and internationally. Niyati Shipping employees fulfill this commitment while upholding the highest level of ethical conduct and meeting responsibilities as good corporate citizens. All employees are responsible for complying with the Code of Conduct and its associated corporate policies as follows:

**Respect in the workplace:** Niyati Shipping recognizes a shared responsibility on behalf of all employees to exercise the basic principles of respect and dignity in all working relationships. Niyati Shipping enforces a policy of zero tolerance for demeaning, offensive, harassing or discriminatory behavior. We practice the principle of equal employment opportunity without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, age, physical disability or political affiliation. All employees are responsible for ensuring there is a safe and secure working environment.

Conflicts of interest and fair dealings: Niyati Shipping employees must ensure that no conflict exists between their personal interests and those of Niyati Shipping. Niyati Shipping employees and members of the board of directors are committed to conducting their business affairs in Niyati Shipping's best interests by dealing with customers, suppliers, contractors, competitors, existing and potential business partners and other Niyati Shipping employees in a manner that avoids real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest.

**Competition:** Niyati Shipping competes dynamically in an ethical and legitimate manner, complying with the competition and anti-trust laws of the jurisdictions in which it does business. Niyati Shipping and its employees do not collude or collaborate with competitors to divide markets, restrict production or fix prices. We do not engage in unethical business strategies to obtain a market monopoly. Niyati Shipping employees do not slander competitors or their products, improperly seek competitor information or attempt to influence suppliers illegally.

**Insider trading:** Niyati Shipping complies with all applicable securities laws and regulations to ensure that material, non-public information ("inside information"), is disclosed using proper authority and in accordance with the law. Only those employees who have a need to know receive inside information before it is released

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to the public. Niyati Shipping insiders do not use inside information for personal profit and do not take advantage of inside information by trading, or providing inside information to others to trade in Niyati Shipping securities.

**Ethical business conduct:** Niyati Shipping and its employees act honestly and with integrity in all business relationships with competitors, potential business partners, suppliers, customers and government officials. We exercise good business judgment in extending business courtesies and never accept or offer bribes, favours or "kickbacks" for the purpose of securing business transactions. We ensure that all payments are necessary, lawful and properly documented. International transactions are conducted in accordance with the Corruption of Foreign Officials policy.

**Compliance with laws:** Niyati Shipping complies with all the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the various jurisdictions in which it does business.

**Accounting or auditing issues:** As part of its general compliance with laws, rules and regulations (referred to above), Niyati Shipping's policy is to comply with all financial reporting and accounting rules and regulations applicable to the Company. If any employee, officer or other person has concerns or complaints regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters of the Company, then he or she is encouraged to submit those concerns or complaints (anonymously, confidentially or otherwise) to the Board of Directors which will, (subject to its duties arising under applicable law, regulations and legal proceedings), treat such submissions confidentially.

## **Protecting Niyati Shipping's Assets:**

Niyati Shipping employees have a collective responsibility to protect the corporation's assets from fraud and theft and ensure records are accurate, timely and complete. Transactions with third parties are to be recorded in writing. Information is a key asset of the company so employees are required to safeguard Niyati Shipping's proprietary and confidential information as well as proprietary information that has been entrusted to Niyati Shipping by others.

**Health and safety:** Niyati Shipping is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment and protecting the public interest with standards and programs that meet or exceed industry standards and applicable government codes, standards and regulations in all jurisdictions in which it does business.

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**Environment and sustainable development:** Niyati Shipping is committed to meeting or surpassing all environmental legislation, regulations, permits and licenses and to continuously improving our environmental performance consistent with defined goals.

**Social responsibility:** Niyati Shipping believes being a good corporate citizen is an important measure of our success as a company. We give back to the communities in which we do business by focusing on activities that make a meaningful difference. In recognition of our increasing international presence, we respect the cultures and customs of the places where we operate without compromising consistent ethical standards.

## LIVING THE COMMITMENTS:

The Code of Conduct and its associated corporate policies apply to all employees of Niyati Shipping and its controlled affiliates. Employees are obligated to have a basic understanding of all the policies and a more detailed understanding of the policies that directly affect their work. When in doubt about the interpretation or application of a particular policy, employees should seek assistance from their manager or the Core Team.

Niyati Shipping's leaders have the additional obligation to lead by example, using their own behavior as a model for all employees, and to enforce the policies that enact the Code of Conduct by providing education, legal counseling and a business environment that promotes policy compliance. Leaders are responsible for identifying which policies have application to their staff and recognizing ethical conduct. Leaders are also responsible for gathering feedback and continuously improving policy implementation and compliance.

Employees are required to comply with the Code of Conduct and the underlying policies and procedures. Anyone who has a concern about what constitutes ethical conduct or whether a certain course of action violates the Code of Conduct is expected to raise the concern immediately with their manager. Any actual, possible or suspected violation must be reported immediately. Employees are strictly prohibited from taking retribution against another employee for reporting a violation.

Every year, Niyati Shipping employees will be asked to acknowledge their commitment to the letter and spirit of the Code of Conduct and its associated corporate policies and will be required to sign the acknowledgement indicating compliance with the Code of Conduct. Newly recruited employees must sign the acknowledgement when they start work at Niyati Shipping. Any independent third party, such as consultants, agents or independent contractors, retained to do work or represent Inventure's interests may also be asked to acknowledge the Code of Conduct principles and corporate policies applicable to their work.

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