55 South is a professional sailing team, skippered by Bristol, Rhode Island native Charlie Enright and Kaneohe, Hawaii native Mark Towill. Enright and Towill were founders of the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race entry, Team Alvimedica. In 2015, our team was the first to round Cape Horn and as the southern most point in any around the world race, it is considered to be a pinnacle of achievement. Recognizing the amount of work it took to get to Cape Horn, we are committed to returning in the 2017-18 edition of the Volvo Ocean Race and thus formed 55 South.

During our last campaign, we became acutely aware of the significant amount of marine debris we saw around the globe. Together with our 2016 title sponsor 11th Hour Racing; we will use our team, 55 South, and our racing as a platform to promote environmental sustainability amongst sailors, clubs and events, and across the marine industry.

This statement of our policy with respect to Environmental Sustainability is applicable to our sailing team worldwide.

- We are committed to conserving natural resources through eco-efficient management strategies, performance metrics and continuous improvement focused in five key areas that are important to our long-term team success: energy and water use, waste generation and recycling, carbon offsetting, sustainable packaging, and environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP).

- We recognize that the health of our oceans is a serious issue that demands attention and action from the sailing and business community. 55 South have set goals to take action and raise the level of awareness for ocean health and specifically marine debris.

- We are committed to conducting our operations in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and to engaging with industry and public stakeholders to develop responsible standards and voluntary initiatives that support this policy.

- We expect our suppliers and sponsors to adhere to the applicable environmental laws of the countries, regions and cities in which they operate. We encourage our suppliers to surpass baseline requirements where possible to reduce the environmental impact of their operations.

All members of 55 South are responsible for observing and advancing our Environmental Sustainability Policy.

55 South will report publicly on its sustainability performance, and is committed to sharing performance and management practices with interested stakeholders to promote transparency and adoption of best-known methods.