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Privacy and the Protection of Personal Information (POPIA)

7.1 Commitment to Privacy

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- Be limited to what is necessary
- Only be used for its intended purpose
- Be stored securely for up to one year (or longer where legally required)
- Never be shared without your consent unless required by law

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For any questions regarding these terms or this privacy policy, please contact:

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