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Sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) Policy Underwriting Model of Indonesia

Non-Life Insurance

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# ABSTRACT

Considering the indirect negative environmental and social impacts that may result from Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting activities, there is a dire need to implement the sustainability concept and integrate the environmental and social risks into these underwriting activities. As a result of this integration, the sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting activities are expected to reduce risk and contribute to economic, environmental, and social sustainability. The focus of this study is two-fold: the first is to define the risk criteria to be assessed against the environmental and social risks, while the second is to propose a conceptual model of sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting for Indonesia's non-life insurance which expected to aspire non-life insurers in Indonesia to eventually establish their internal sustainable underwriting guidelines.

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## **1. Introduction**

Environmental and social risks have been repeatedly identified as the most severe over the last few years (World Economic Forum, 2022) and instigated global awareness of the importance of sustainability. As a result, this set of circumstances has also caused the notion of transformations in the insurance sector (Chiaramonte et al., 2020; Johannsdottir, 2014). In this sense, insurers demonstrate increasing efforts to be able to emerge as sustainable, even if the implicit potential of the sustainability concept in the business processes is not fully understood yet (Negri, 2018). Some insurers have announced divestment programs from fossil fuels, whilst some perform Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practices. It is a positive signal. However, the insurance sector needs to comprehensively implement the sustainability concept into all aspects of its risk management, on the liability side and the asset side (Belozyorov & Xie, 2021; Nogueira et al., 2018).

On the liability side, risk management occurs in underwriting preceding the risk transfer that takes place through the stipulation of an insurance policy. For this very reason, the core risk management activities of the insurance business model are executed in underwriting, therefore, sustainability implementation in underwriting is indispensable.

Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy, as the subject matter of this research, is an insurance policy that provides cover for losses or damages that happen during construction projects. Considering the direct environmental and social impacts caused by construction activities, there is a dire need to implement the sustainability concept and integrate the environmental and social risks into Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting.

There are a few studies which assess the sustainability implementation into insurance risk management (Negri, 2018; Nogueira et al., 2018), but there is hardly any one addressing the sustainability implementation in underwriting. In order to fill this gap in literature, we aim

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to explore this issue. The focus of this study is two-fold; the first is to define the risk criteria to be assessed against the environmental and social risks; and the second is to propose a conceptual model of sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting for Indonesia non-life insurance.

# 2. Literature Review

Environmental and social issues can create risks to financial institutions such as insurers (OECD, 2001). On that account, risk management experts demanded that the sustainability implementation in the insurance industry should be carried out by integrating those risks into all business activities, including interactions with stakeholders (Linnenluecke & Griffiths, 2010; Sato & Seki, 2010; Lozano, 2012; Allais et al., 2017; Dubey et al., 2017; Gillan et al., 2021). Nevertheless, experts expected that this integration would not only be implemented into day-to-day office operations, but into underwriting activities as well (United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative Principles for Sustainable Insurance, 2019). As an addition to improved financial performance and reputation, the integration of these environmental and social risks into underwriting activities are intrinsically anticipated to be able to stimulate the sustainability implementation into all other business activities (OECD, 2001; Negri, 2018; Nogueira et al., 2018).

The result of a review, conducted to the contents of sustainability reports published by Indonesia non-life insurers for the period of 2020 and 2021, showed that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practices and eco-friendly business operations as the top 2 most prevalent sustainability strategies, and only 1 non-life insurer reported about the environmental and social risks integration in underwriting (Agnes et al., 2023). This factual condition is, of course, somewhat peculiar, given the fact that environmental and social risks have been repeatedly

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identified as the most severe risks over the last few years and are still predicted to be predominant for the next 10 years (World Economic Forum, 2022). In all good conscience, sustainability implementation certainly will have a greater impact and strengthen the non-life insurance industry's contribution to building a sustainable society if such implementation is executed by integrating environmental and social risks into underwriting, instead of merely focusing on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practices and eco-friendly business operations.

Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy, as the subject matter of this research, is an insurance policy that provides cover for losses or damages that happen during construction projects. There are various versions of Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy. However, the one that is generally issued by Indonesian non-life insurers consists of material damage and third-party liability sections. The material damage section provides indemnification to any unforeseen and sudden physical loss or damage of the contract works due to any cause, other than those specifically excluded in the policy, whilst the third-party liability section covers accidental bodily injury or property damage of third parties in connection with the performance of the contract works.

Compared to the other lines of business in the non-life insurance industry, the construction & engineering line, under which Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy is classified, had been indicated to contain the largest number of environmental and social high risks. According to the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative Principles for Sustainable Insurance (UNEP FI PSI) assessment, the construction & engineering line is depicted to possess environmental high risks to climate-related emissions, deforestation, controversial site clearance, soil pollution, water pollution, impacts on world heritage sites, impacts on threatened species, and unconventional energy practices, whereas it has social high

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risks in terms of forced resettlement, poor worker safety, violation of worker rights, and misconduct of security personnel (United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative Principles for Sustainable Insurance, 2019). Please refer to Table 1 to obtain a detail indication of potential environmental and social risks levels associated with the construction & engineering line.

Criteria Theme		Risk Criteria	Risk Mitigation Examples &	Risk
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<sup>M-PRESS</sup> MPRESS MPRESS ESS MPRESS MPRESS IN _ IN _ IN _	Climate Change 2	Air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and transition risks	products Breakdown of fuel/material/carbon intensity mix relevant to the client or transaction Environmental & social impact assessment (ESIA) covering negative health impacts, mitigation, and decommissioning where relevant Decarbonisation transition plan/targets, customers fitting new emission mitigation technology	
າvironmental ທີ່	Berly South State Wiss	Physical risks (e.g. heat, wildfire, extreme precipitation, flood, windstorm, tropical cyclones, sea level rise,	Nature-based solutions	
In the second	N. SS ROW SS	Exposure to unconventional mining practices (e.g. mountain top removal, riverine tailings dumping, deep sea mining)	Involvement in initiatives: Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, International Council on Mining & Metals, Kimberley Process	
Monders Monders	Environmental degradation	Deforestation or controversial site clearance (e.g. palm oil on peatlands or fragile slopes, illegal fire clearance/logging, biodiversity loss, dam construction)	Certification for palm oil, paper, etc. Dam construction standards: IHA Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol, UNEP Dams & Development, Equator Principles	
IN , CARES	MESS .	Soil pollution	ESIA covering possible negative health impacts, mitigation measures,	

 Table 1. Line of Business Construction & Engineering Heat Map

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NON	Her North	Heritage Sites or other	species and sites, including
4		protected areas	mitigation
5	Protected		ESIA that covers impacts on a
NPR	sites/species	Impacts on species on	endangered species and sites,
3	53	TUCN Red List of	including necessary mitigation
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-		Exposure to	
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S. L.S.		oil, hydraulie fracturing,	
NI	N N	tar sands, deep sea	A A A A
S	5		PSI Oceana guide on illegal
PRE	Unsustainable	Illegal fishing vessels,	unreported & unregulated (IIII)
5	practices 5	controversial fishing	fishing, IUU fishing lists.
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MS	NS S	or illegal/exotic animals	conditions on food water spacing
PAR	Star Star	(dead or alive)	lighting etc.
W.	4 4	Controversial living	Relevant certification for farming or
5	Animal &	conditions or use of	ethical animal treatment during
NPR	welfare/testing	chemicals/medicines	clinical treatments
33		Lack of anaesthetic or	Compliance with Guiding Principles
No Ary		distress-reducing	on Replacement, Reduction &
		techniques	Refinement
PESS	AFS.	Use of wild subjects or	Compliance with Guiding Principles
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	53	(including land/water	(FPIC) achieved. Effective
	N St.	rights for native people,	environmental & social impact
		land grabbing)	assessment (ESIA) process covering
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MESS IN PAR	M. A. S. M. P. R.	MPARES MPARE	Poor worker safety record	Effective occupational health & safety policy that defines safety responsibilities and prevention measures to minimise fatalities,	
NESS IN PRESS	PRESS IN PRESS	PRESS IN PRESS	Violation of worker rights	injuries, and health impacts Code of conduct that outlines company's commitment to respect workers' rights	
SS M PESS	SS MORESS	SS IN DRESS	Misconduct of security personnel (e.g. physical harm to people, human rights abuses)	Whistle-blower channel to report such violations	
See See	Contro weapo	oversial	Controversial weapons exposure	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Convention on Cluster Munitions	
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(Source: UNEP FI PSI, 2019)

In conjunction with the UNEP FI PSI assessment, previous research similarly suggested the extensive range of environmental high risks carried by the construction industry since it generates the consumption for 40% of total energy production and 16% of the entire sum of water volume available, as well as discharging 25% of greenhouse gas emissions and 30–40% of solid wastes (Berardi, 2013; Darko et al., 2017; Shan et al., 2017; Susanti et al., 2019; Jingke Hong et al., 2019; Klufallah et al., 2019; Q. He et al., 2020).

Currently, there are no specific regulatory guidelines and manuals regarding sustainable construction or finance. Thus, this study intends to propose a conceptual model of sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting for Indonesian non-life insurance based on the summarization of the UNEP FI PSI guide, the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure guide, and other related sources.

3. Methods

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The data collected in this study is a combination of primary and secondary qualitative data. The primary data was gathered through interviews with non-life insurance underwriting experts and complemented by the secondary data which was obtained from published literature, government documents, and related sources. Qualitative data analysis occurred simultaneously during the research, included in data collection activities.

The study is structured in four phases: First, undertake a literature review to acquire insights on negative environmental and social impacts attributable to the construction industry, second, to define the risk criteria to be assessed against the environmental and social risks in the proposed conceptual model. These risk criteria were determined as a result of the initial literature review, and third, to gather data from the expert interviews. At this phase, the chief and head of the underwriting department from 5 (five) non-life insurance companies were selected as experts and requested to assess of the selected risk criteria. Two were selected as representatives from national companies with total assets below 2 trillion rupiahs and one representative for each of these categories: national company with total assets above 2 trillion rupiahs, joint venture company with total assets below 2 trillion rupiahs, and joint venture with total assets above 2 trillion rupiahs. The Delphi method was chosen for the expert interview phase because it allows informants to respond to other informants' opinions and even to make revisions against their initial opinions. In this way, the method would greatly benefit the designing process of the proposed conceptual model. The fourth phase is to formulate the proposed conceptual model of sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting.

#### 4. Results and Discussion

The process of underwriting a risk consists of the following stages: risk selection, establishing appropriate terms and conditions for the risk, and deciding the appropriate price

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for the risk. The risk selection process in Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting must be guided by risk appetite. It begins with the physical risks identification which afterward assessed against economic risks. The risk identification and assessment process will be based on the construction type, location, Estimated Total Contract Value (ETCV), contractor(s)/subcontractor(s) reputation, etc.

Bearing in mind that sustainable underwriting aims to reduce risk and contribute to economic, environmental, and social sustainability, thus the Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting should be transformed by way of integrating environmental and social risks into the process (United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative Principles for Sustainable Insurance, 2019; Urban & Wójcik, 2019).

#### 4.1. Defining the Risk Criteria

Based on the summarization of risk levels, identified in Table 1, the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure guide and the Regulation of the Minister of Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Indonesia No. 9/2021, concerning guidelines for Sustainable Construction Implementation, the selected risk criteria, to be assessed against the environmental and social risks in the proposed sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting model, are listed in Tables 2 and 3. All these criteria were selected based on their extent of impact against the environmental and social risks as well as operationalities, that is why nearly all the selected risk criteria are already adopted in the Regulation of the Minister of Public Works and Housing. Nonetheless, risk criteria E1, E7, S1, and S3 were still selected because the operationalities of the assessment process can still be accomplished properly by examining project documents (e.g. Detail Engineering Design (DED), contracts, etc.) and conducting further investigation (e.g. via news websites, direct interviews with contractors,

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etc.). A concise summary of the literature review, conducted as the basis for determining the

extent of impact from the selected risk criteria, will be briefly explained in the following paragraphs.

	1	4 4
	Risk	Regulation
Risk Criteria	Criteria	Reference
	Code	Code
Impacts on Greenfields	El	N/A
Impacts on wetlands, shorelines, and waterbodies	E2	KL-7.4.1
Pollutants and wastes	E3	KL-7.1.1
Recycled materials	E4	KL-5.4.1
Prefabricated materials	E5	KL-5.5.1
Regional materials & &	E6	KL-5.2.1
Useful life	<b>E</b> 7	N/A

# Table 2. Risk Criteria for Environmental Risk Assessment

(Source: Authors, 2022)

#### **Table 3.** Risk Criteria for Social Risk Assessment

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	Risk	Regulation
Risk Criteria	Criteria	Reference
	Code	Code
Social conflict	S1	N/A
Workplace safety and health	<b>\$</b> 2	KL-1.1.1
Local employment ratio	s S3 s	N/A
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(Source: Authors, 2022)

# Impacts on Greenfields (E1)

Land-use and land-cover change has been recognized as one of the factors that causes major effects to the environment and the climate (Brovkin et al., 2013; Prestele et al., 2016). Anthropogenic land-use and land-cover changes are estimated to contribute substantially to the

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increased amount and concentration of world's greenhouse gas emissions which ultimately leads to global warming and climate change (Wulan et al., 2015). In consideration of the construction industry's share in discharging 25% of the total greenhouse gas emissions (Q. He et al., 2020) and Indonesia's status as the second largest emitter of greenhouses gases from deforestation (Zarin et al., 2016; Tacconi & Muttaqin, 2019), we find that it is significantly important to include this risk criterion into the proposed model.

# Impacts on wetlands, shorelines, and waterbodies (E2)

As a consequence of population growth and urbanization, a large number of construction megaprojects have emerged in Southeast Asia, including Indonesia (Hawken et al., 2021). Despite the many benefits presented by these construction megaprojects, disruptions to the environment are also sparked off, including changes in urban water flows, riparian deposition, and flood regimes (Douglass & Miller, 2018). Most major cities and populated areas in Indonesia are located in coastal or riparian environments, on that ground, we then considered to include this risk criterion into the proposed model.

## Pollutants and wastes (E3)

Due to its substantial waste generation which takes part approximately 30–40% of solid wastes volume across the world (Berardi, 2013; Darko et al., 2017; Q. He et al., 2020), the waste management issues of the construction industry demand our full attention (Bao et al., 2020). With that being said and the waste crisis which Indonesia is trying to tackle nowadays, we decided to include this risk criterion into the proposed model.

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#### **Recycled materials (E4)**

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The construction industry is not only generating a large number of wastes, but it is also consuming massive amounts of natural resources (Hossain et al., 2020). Minimizing the usage of raw materials will reduce natural resources extraction, the embodied carbon emissions, the energy required to produce and transport those materials, and volume of wastes sent off to landfills (Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, 2015). This risk criterion is undoubtedly correlated with risk criteria E3 and must be included in the proposed model.

# Prefabricated materials (E5)

The advantages of prefabricated materials are manifested by high production efficiency, energy conservation, environmental protection, waste reduction, and guaranteed quality (Ma et al., 2020; Jie & Nan, 2020; Hu & Chong, 2021). This risk criterion is still closely interconnected with risk criteria E3 and E4, hence it is included in the proposed model.

#### **Regional materials (E6)**

Transportation is a significant consumer of fossil fuels and the source of greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. At the same time, its process also reduces the lifespan of infrastructure due to wear and tear, pollute waters, and damage marine environments. Regional materials, even materials sourced or processed on site, will reduce the impact of long transportation and support the local economies (Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, 2015). For these reasons, we concluded that this risk criterion should also be included in the proposed model.

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Useful life (E7)

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Impeccable design and high quality materials will extend useful life of the completed construction projects. The longer the useful life, the less it will need to be replaced, and eventually will reduce the energy, water, and materials, required for refurbishment and rebuilding (Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, 2015). In this context, we selected this risk criterion to be included in the proposed model.

## Social conflict (S1)

Construction projects, primarily the megaprojects, often provoking social conflicts among stakeholders. These conflicts are normally incited because disparities of interests among stakeholders result in prominent social contradictions that affect social stability. Social conflicts can be caused by various reasons, ranging from land acquisition, demolition, forced resettlement, labor disputes, environmental degradation, wellbeing of the local populations, etc. (Z. He et al., 2020; Singto et al., 2021; Magsi et al., 2022). Genuinely aware of the importance of this risk criterion, we made the decision to include it into the proposed model.

## Workplace safety and health (S2)

A construction environment is extremely dynamic and deeply focused on the deadlines which make it very likely to have a high risks of workplace safety and health. Fatigue, due to overexertion, is named to be the leading cause of work-related injuries in the construction environment (Fang et al., 2015). Mismanagement of workplace safety and health will exacerbate and increase the number of work-related accidents and injuries (Lette et al., 2018; Ismail, 2019). In that regard, we included this risk criterion into the proposed model.

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#### Local employment ratio (S3)

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In most of the cases, a fair proportion of local employment will be able to prevent social conflicts related with the projects. An emphasis on employment of minority and/or disadvantaged groups members will help to develop local skills and capabilities (Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, 2015). From that perspective, we selected this risk criterion to be included in the proposed model.

## 4.2. Expert Interviews

Referring to Tables 2 and 3, expert interviews are subsequently performed to capture experts' perception on the selected environmental and social risk criteria. In these interviews, experts were requested to make assessment towards the selected risk criteria and discussions were held for each of the selected risk criteria. Current implementation, challenges, and prospects of sustainable underwriting were addressed in these discussions. Later, experts were requested to rate the selected risk criteria from a scale of 1 to 10 with the following conditions: 10 should be awarded to any most important risk criteria and 1 to any least important. The results of the rating are summarized in Table 4, while the risk criterion ranking is shown in

Table 5.

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# Table 4. Results of the Experts' Rating

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S3	8	<sup>\$10</sup>	8	<sup>≈</sup> 10	× 9	45

(Source: Authors, 2022)

## Table 5 Risk Criteria Ranking

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Risk Criteria Code	Risk Criteri	a		
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S2	Workplace safety and health	NPR	NPR	N PR
E2	Impacts on wetlands, shoreline	es, and w	aterbodi	es
چ S3 چ	Local employment ratio	P.E.S.	PESS	
Š E3	Pollutants and wastes	SS IN	SS IN	
EI EI	Impacts on greenfields	NPRE	NPRE	V PRE
E7	Useful life	<i>.</i>	<u></u>	
E6	Regional materials	RESS	RESS	
چُ E4	Recycled materials	NS.W.	N'SW	
E5	Prefabricated materials	VPR	VPRE	VPR
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(Source: Authors, 2022)

4.3. Formulation of the Sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) Policy Underwriting

## Model

The overview of the entirety process flow of the proposed sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting model is outlined in Figure 1, while the environmental and social risks assessment process is then detailed in Figure 2. Any risk assessment process portrayed by either Figure 1 or 2 will be resulted as underwriting decision. It could be an immediate rejection or a decision to proceed to the next step of the risk assessment process, whether it is with or without precondition. A precondition could be in the form of exclusion,

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warranty, subjectivity, additional clauses, premium loading rate, higher deductible, policy limit

reduction, etc.



Figure 1. Sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) Policy Underwriting Model

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Figure 2. Environmental and Social Risks Assessment

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#### (Source: Authors, 2022)

# 5. Conclusions

The aim of sustainable underwriting is to reduce risk and contribute to economic, environmental, and social sustainability, thus, the Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting should be transformed by way of integrating environmental and social risks into the process. Based on previous study, the process of integrating those risks needs to be in alignment with non-life insurance company's targets, vision, and mission. On that account, this study intends to not only promote the concept of sustainable underwriting or alarm the Indonesia non-life insurance sector about its significance, but to propose conceptual model for sustainable Contractors' All Risks (CAR) policy underwriting as well. This study aspires for the proposed conceptual model to be of any use for those insurers to eventually able of establishing their internal sustainable underwriting guidelines. Last of all, the proposed conceptual model may be adapted elsewhere with customized risk criteria by following the same method and assessment made towards local applicable regulations.

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