

POLICY ON CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF COMPANY ASSETS AND SHAREHOLDER INVESTMENTS

1. Objective

This policy establishes the framework for the management of the organisation's assets throughout their lifetime. It aims to ensure the effective and efficient use of assets to achieve organisational objectives while minimising risks and costs. The policy also aims to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders involved in managing company assets in order to ensure accountability.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Horana Plantations PLC and all users of the assets, including employees, contractors and third parties. The following asset categories fall within the purview of this Policy

- Long-term (assets utilized for more than a year) physical assets including (but not limited to) land, building, machinery, office equipment and vehicles which are used in the production, or supply of goods and services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes
- Shareholder investments- financial assets of the entity including investments in shares, deposits, government securities and debt securities

3. Roles and Responsibility

The Board of Directors (BOD) are the custodian of all assets and liabilities of the Company. However, it is the responsibility of the relevant Departmental Heads to carry out the process of acquisition, use, maintenance, and disposal of their respective divisional assets.

4. Acquisition, transfer, disposal and write-off of capital assets

The selection of a vendor to source capital assets should be as per the guidelines of the Procurement Division. All capital expenditure (CAPEX) should be approved by the Managing Director. All significant CAPEX should be submitted to the Group Strategic Business Development (SBDU) and Board of Directors for approval. All CAPEX items should be informed to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

All unbudgeted CAPEX should be submitted to the Managing Director / the Chairman for approval, with a memo justifying reasons for acquisition.

Transfer of assets within the company can be done at the agreement of the relevant Heads of Business Unit and the Chief Executive Officer.

Disposal of assets require an approval (through a memo) from the Managing Director and the Chairman.

For an asset to be written-off, the respective Heads of Business Unit has to inspect the asset and obtain approval from the Managing Director and the Board of Directors.

5. Insurance coverage

Insurance coverage should be obtained as per the guidelines of the Group Risk and Safety Department which will be kept informed quarterly of changes to the entity's assets.

6. Documentation and tracking

A fixed asset verification should be conducted once every two years in order to ensure the physical existence of the company assets.

7. Shareholder investments

Shareholder investments are equity and debt investments made by the company. This includes investments in financial instruments such as government securities, corporate securities and deposits. Group Treasury should be consulted on interest rates on investments.

All strategic share acquisitions should be vetted and approved by the Strategic Business Development Unit and the Board of Directors.

8. Review and Revision to this policy

This policy shall be reviewed and updated at least once every two (2) years by the Chief Financial Officer. The required updates and modifications shall be recommended to the Chairman and to the Board for approval. All stakeholders shall be informed of any revisions made to this Policy. Horana Plantations PLC reserves the right to modify/amend the terms of this policy from time to time.

Effective date of implementation

This policy shall be effective and operative from 1st of October 2024.
