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This Water Policy has been compiled to set out Premier FMCG's intentions and goals with respect to water usage, disposal and management. Its purpose is to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the National Water Act 26 of 1998, SANS 241 and other related regulations. Furthermore, to help embed efficiency and environmental awareness into everyday business, by promoting reduced water usage and improved water management throughout the value chain.

COMMITMENT

As a large consumer of water, Premier recognises that water scarcity is a global issue impacting the business value chain and life on earth; and affirms its responsibility to manage water consumption responsibly. Premier is committed to responsible water management and will practice water efficiency throughout our value chain. Premier will continue to pursue projects that reduce the amount of water used to produce our products and promote the use of waste and/or recycled water where feasible; and educate our employees and communities on the need to be Water Wise.

PURPOSE

Premier has incorporated Water Usage and Wastewater Management under its larger Operational Risk Management Programme, which has set requirements under the Environmental Compliance element. This policy will support these requirements and will ensure compliance with relevant legislation as well as best practice implementations, including sustainability initiatives.

Premier's water footprint and compliance monitoring is defined as follows:

Process water - water which is used in our product manufacturing process as an ingredient input in our products. Bread, Milling, Biscuits, Pasta and Animal Feed products consume water in entirety in the production process producing no effluent. A formal water quality testing process is in place at all Premier manufacturing units to periodically test microbiological content which could be harmful to consumers and employees. Premier has also installed bulk process water storage at the majority of our sites to ensure business continuity.

Effluent water - process water that is used in our product manufacturing process as part of ingredient input and cleaning, but is not consumed in entirety. Candy Confectionery and Beverage products consume water; however, any residual or soiled water from the process is treated at an effluent plant that is compliant with local municipal by-laws and is subsequently discharged.

Wastewater - water which is used at the site for the purposes of cleaning e.g. plant or spillage cleaning, truck washing, etc. This water is directed towards separation systems, which remove harmful chemicals and solids before clean water is discharged into sewerage systems. Separation systems are regularly inspected and maintained to ensure effective operation.

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Sanitary water - water originating from sanitation at all Premier sites. Programmes have been put in place to ensure that foreign objects such as sanitary pads, plastics, etc are properly disposed of and do not end up in sewerage systems.

Fire water - water originating from municipal fire systems. Premier has strict procedures against not using fire water systems for any other purpose. At some Premier sites which do not have municipal fire systems, Premier has installed bulk water storage and systems to comply with regulations.

Premier's Water Policy helps create a clean and dignified living and working environment for all South Africans and supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular **SDG 6**: We work to reduce negative impacts of our activities on the water sources by reducing pollution; eliminating dumping and minimising release of hazardous chemicals and material; treating process wastewater and increasing recycling. We also work to increase water-use efficiency to ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity.

Water conservation programmes are in place at all Premier sites to record water use volume data and targets are set for water consumption reduction. Included in this is the collection of rainwater and grey water. Premier also ensures compliance with relevant regulations with regards to the drilling of boreholes and the consumption of borehole water. Spill kits have been placed at all sites to prevent contamination of water sources in the event of any harmful spills.

OBJECTIVES

- To monitor and maintain water quality to legislated and regulated standards.
- To conserve water consumption by system installations, training awareness programmes and by focusing on manufacturing process efficiencies to manage water consumption.
- To ensure that all water discharged in municipal systems is compliant with legislation and regulations, thereby minimising our impact on the environment.
- To ensure supplementary alternative water sources are available for business continuity.