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Background

Whilst water is abundant across the planet, clean and safe freshwater suitable for drinking, cooking and agriculture is a scarce resource, especially in certain parts of the world. APAR acknowledges this global concern of water scarcity and recognizes that concerted and sustained global action is required for its protection and conservation.

Objective

As part of our efforts to deliver our Sustainability Vision, we at APAR have established this Policy to guide our actions and demonstrate our commitment to conserve and prudently use the scarce resource of nature.

Scope

This Policy applies to all employees and at all locations of APAR.

Guiding Principles/ Commitments:

APAR acknowledges and respects that water is a shared resource between industry, communities and ecology and will keep on ensuring that our operations do not negatively impact that shared balance.

1) We aim to gain a full and detailed understanding of the nature and volume of water usage at our establishment.

To do this, we will keep on:

- Measuring the water consumption at all our locations to determine the scale of consumption;
- Establishing and committing ourselves to a quantified progressive water footprint reduction targets;
- Monitoring our water footprint regularly to see how we are progressing;
- Evaluating the impacts that our water use has on the wider community in which we operate;
- Publically reporting our water footprint targets and progress on a regular basis.

2) We aim to continue our current efforts to reduce the water footprint at all our locations.

To do this, we will keep working on:

- Demand side management – Minimising water demand by identifying opportunities to minimize water usage at our plants including:
 - a) Use of water meters to identify the water usage at micro level;
 - b) Adopting innovative, resource-efficient solutions to minimize water usage and maximize water usage efficiency;
 - c) Working with our suppliers and customers to explore all avenues to reduce water usage;
 - d) Educating our employees about the need for reduced water usage and its preservation;
 - e) Exploring opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle water at all the plant locations;

- Supply side management – Maximizing supply management through exploring and implementing rain water harvesting opportunities;
- Developing improvement plans and providing resources for each site aimed at exploiting the opportunities we identify;
- Maintaining water-balance that minimizes the amount of fresh-water consumed.

3) We aim to promote efficient water management across all our suppliers and business partners.

To do this, we will keep on:

- Sharing the APAR's Supplier Code of Conduct to let them commit and be aware of minimum expectations we have from our suppliers and business partners in relation to efficient water management;
- Regularly engaging with the value chain to showcase our sustainability journey, and also influence/ motivate them to manage water footprint;
- Monitoring the water footprint of our key suppliers;
- Encourage those suppliers and business partners whose attitudes and performance most closely matches our own aims and aspirations.

4) We will continue to be fully committed to our social, statutory and voluntary obligations relating to water management.

To do this, we will keep on:

- Complying with, and exceed where possible, the local, regional and national legislative requirements on water management, where applicable in all jurisdictions in which we operate.
- Reporting of our performance on the issue of water management;
- Avoiding pollution of surface water, ground water and other water resources;
- Become a Zero Liquid Discharge company by ensuring that wastewater generated through our operations is fully treated and utilized in our operations or other activities, to the extent possible.

This policy is part of the APAR Sustainability Framework, and this policy is oversighted by APAR Board of Directors.

The content and robustness of implementation of this policy will be reviewed periodically and revised accordingly.