

**ESG FRAMEWORK** 

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## Hayleys

Like stepping stones guiding the way across uncharted waters, the Hayleys Lifecode serves as our roadmap to a more inclusive world and a thriving planet.

The visual theme of this edition, a serene yet determined path through nature, reflects the ambitious quest we embarked on in 2022 and the journey of progress, sustainability and purpose we have made since. Each step represents a milestone: deeper integration of ESG principles across the Group, and tangible strides in environmental, social, and governance commitments.

However, the path ahead is not without its challenges. The rapidly evolving landscape, much like nature itself, is dynamic and ever-changing. It demands that we continuously assess what matters most to our diverse stakeholders, both now and in the future, allowing us to recalibrate, refine, and renew our efforts in pursuit of the aspirations we have set for 2030.

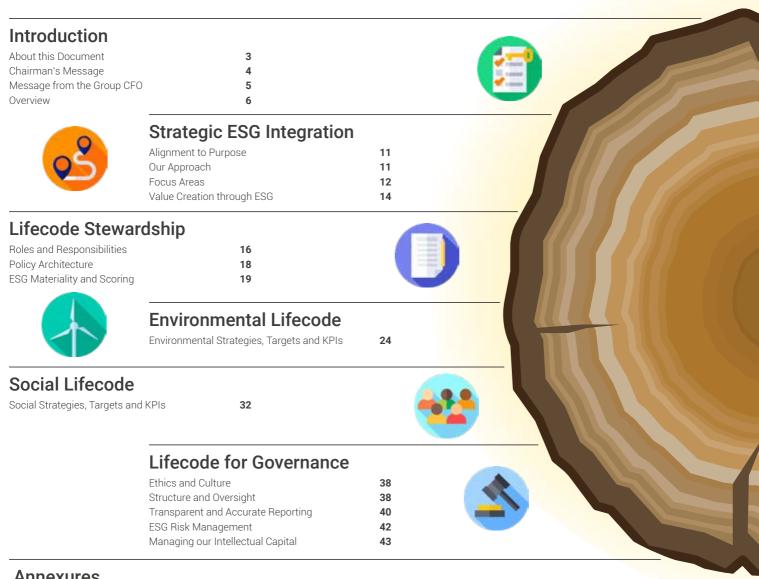
With a unified focus on reducing dependence on fossil fuels, a reinforced commitment to social impact, and an uncompromising stance on integrity, we are progressing forward, step by step, decision by decision, innovation by innovation.

The Hayleys Lifecode is thus a living, evolving guide that keeps our business aspirations aligned with our corporate values and our purpose: to inspire an inclusive world and a thriving planet.

As we unveil this 2nd edition, we reaffirm our commitment to this journey and call on our diverse Hayleys family to walk this path together, driven by resilience, innovation, and the pioneering spirit that is unique to us. With every step, we are shaping a future of progress - one that is thriving, sustainable, and true to who we are.

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#### **About This Document**

This document is the property of Hayleys PLC and should not be reproduced in part or whole without the explicit written consent of the Head of Group ESG of the Hayleys Group. It is intended for the purpose of embedding integrated thinking in the Group's decision- making processes considering financial and ESG aspects of the businesses.

This is the Second Edition of this document and should be reviewed and updated at least biennially to reflect developments in related areas or more frequently if deemed necessary by the Group Management Committee.

#### How to read this document

This document articulates the Hayleys Group's commitment to embedding ESG considerations across its strategy and decision-making processes. It primarily includes detailed disclosures on the Group's approach to managingmaterial ESG topics, long-term sustainability aspirations and the roadmap to achieve these goals, together with the Group's approach to ESG governance and risk management.

The relevant Environmental and Social policies are enclosed as annexures to this document.







reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions by 2030



50%

sustainable water sourcing by 2030



50%

increase in CSR beneficiaries by 2030

#### Introduction

#### Chairman's Message



"THE EXPERIENCES **GAINED SINCE THE** LAUNCH OF THE **FIRST EDITION HAVE PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS, AND WE HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL THAT WILL INFORM OUR APPROACH MOVING** FORWARD."

Since the launch of its first edition in 2022. the Hayleys Lifecode has served as a blueprint upon which we steered the Group, laying a robust foundation for integrating the principles of ESG deeper into the core of our business. Through the Hayleys Lifecode, the Group publicly committed to ambitious ESG targets, thereby guiding our strategic interventions, stakeholder engagement and overall approach to value creation. As we mark the launch of the 2nd edition, it is a moment for reflection, growth and renewed commitment to the principles that have shaped our journey of sustainability.

The global landscape around ESG has evolved rapidly over the past few years, and sustainability has moved from being a peripheral consideration to a core element of strategy and a source of competitive advantage. Regulators, consumers, potential employees and investors are placing increasing emphasis on how organisations interact with the environment and communities in which they operate.

On the one hand, escalating implications of climate change and unparalleled biodiversity loss have transformed organisations' risk landscapes. On the other hand, the transition to a greener economy is presenting new avenues for innovation, collaboration and growth. The bottom line is that our future as a business is directly tied to the prosperity of the environment and society and our ability to both preserve and leverage that relationship will determine the resilience and success of our business.

Sustainability interventions are typically transformative and not always quick wins. They require the commitment to continuously build on prior achievements while striving for long-term, positive impacts. While we have made considerable progress against several of our key targets,

the performance in certain areas has fallen short of expectations. While challenges have been pervasive, we view these difficulties as opportunities for growth and are resolute in our determination to address any gaps and move forward. The experiences gained since the launch of the first edition have provided valuable insights, and we have learned a great deal that will inform our approach moving forward.

Sri Lanka has set an ambitious target of achieving net zero by 2050 with a near term target of achieving 70% of its electricity generation through renewable sources. As a key player in Sri Lanka's renewable energy space, the Group is cognisant of the vital role it can play in supporting Sri Lanka's transition to a green economy. A genuine commitment to ESG can also provide a competitive edge, particularly across our export businesses, a trend we have seen gathering rapid momentum in recent times.

Against this backdrop, I am excited and optimistic about what the future holds. Our ESG commitments are not merely targets, but are stepping stones on our journey towards fulfilling our Purpose, which is To Inspire an Inclusive World and a Thriving Planet. I am encouraged by the passion, commitment and dedication of our leadership and ESG teams across our diverse businesses. I have no doubt that. together, we will not only achieve these targets but exceed them, creating lasting, meaningful impact and driving real progress for a better future.

Mr. Mohan Pandithage Chairman and Chief Executive

#### Message from the Group Chief Financial Officer



"I AM A FIRM **BELIEVER THAT INTEGRATING** SUSTAINABILITY INTO OUR BUSINESS **OFFERS A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE THAT DRIVES LONG-TERM** SUCCESS"

I am delighted to unveil the 2nd Edition of the Hayleys Lifecode today – as we reflect on the progress we have made, embrace the lessons we have learned and reaffirm our commitment to charting a bold path ahead. I am proud of the progress we have made since the launch of the 1st edition and take this opportunity to thank everyone whose dedication and efforts have been instrumental in bringing our vision to life.

Over the past few years the Group has made considerable progress in driving the strategic integration of ESG across its decision-making, processes and organisational culture. The formation of ESG Steering Committees with Board representation, both at the Group and Sector-level have enhanced Board oversight of ESG factors, embedding them more deeply into core operations and functional strategies. We have also strengthened processes surrounding the identification, monitoring and review of ESG-related risks, which have become increasingly prominent in the Group's risk landscape.

The Group has made significant progress against its 2030 ESG targets, although I acknowledge that performance in certain areas have not met our expectations. As described in further detail in subsequent sections, the Group has made impressive strides in reducing dependence on fossil-fuel based energy sources through significant investments in solar power and other renewable energy sources. Reducing emissions however, have been challenging due to persistent difficulties stemming from the broader operating landscape as well as limited availability of sustainable energy sources in the country. Despite these barriers, we remain committed to exploring innovative and sustainable solutions to advance our environmental targets. Progress in the social pillar has been commendable as we have made

strategic interventions in creating a diverse and inclusive culture, strengthening our value propositions to business partners and empowering communities.

The last few years have also brought significant regulatory changes in relation to climate governance and reporting. The introduction of the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards have reshaped the reporting landscape and calls for robust governance and reporting of sustainability and climate-related risks and opportunities. Hayleys is responding to these shifts by investing in the knowledge, technology and capabilities required to comply with these emerging requirements, in line with our roadmap for achieving full compliance.

I am a firm believer that integrating sustainability into our business offers a strategic advantage that drives longterm success. In addition to reducing environmental impacts and improving efficiency, it widens access to new markets and fosters innovations that unlock sustainable solutions at scale. At Hayleys, we are on the path to transform sustainability to be a driver of profitable growth and shared value creation.

As we chart our way forward, I am confident that through a powerful combination of our people, technology, innovation and passion we can reimagine the future, unlocking the power and ideas to achieve our purpose- to Inspire an Inclusive World and a Thriving Planet.



#### Milinda Hewagama

Group Chief Financial Officer Board Member of the United Nations Global Compact

#### Introduction

#### Overview

In the two years following the launch of the first edition of the Hayleys Lifecode in 2022, the Group has witnessed rapid shifts in its operating landscapes as well as a significant increase in the sustainability consciousness of customers. With sustainability-related risks including escalating implications of climate change, regulatory pressure and shifts in customer behaviour gaining increasing prominence in the Group's risk landscape, embedding ESG across operations has taken centerstage in the Group's strategic aspirations. As a diversified conglomerate with operations spanning across multiple regions and several industry sectors, institutionalising ESG allows Hayleys Group to manage risks and opportunities more effectively, while safeguarding the Group's reputation, providing access to new markets and preserving the social license to operate our varying businesses in over 500 locations. It also highlights the need to embed understanding our stakeholder's concerns and changing operating environment dynamics into our decision-making processes, supporting efficient resource allocation.



#### Scope & Boundaries

In order for us to minimise Group-wide business risks and safeguard the reputation of Hayleys Group as a responsible corporate citizen, the ESG Framework should be implemented across all locations at a minimum level of assurance with reporting on relevant material topics for the Group and sector. Accordingly, the Group ESG Division will maintain a list of all operational locations of the Group and ensure that these locations report on the same regularly. The Group has achieved 100% reporting across all business locations (including overseas locations) ensuring that the financial and ESG reporting boundaries are consistent.

#### **New Locations and Businesses**

New locations and businesses are required to comply with ESG reporting requirements in the year of commencing operations.

New locations added must be named in the Annual Report to facilitate comparability of ESG information within the Annual Report.

#### **Cessation of operations**

Locations that cease operations must be identified and named in the Annual Report to facilitate comparability of ESG information over previous years.

#### **Annual Assessment of Scope**

The Group ESG Division will assess the adequacy of coverage/scope on an annual basis by September of each financial year to facilitate implementation of the ESG Framework in a consistent manner across all our businesses and provide a status report to the Group ESG Steering Committee for their information and necessary action.

"NEW LOCATIONS **AND BUSINESSES ARE REQUIRED** TO COMPLY WITH **ESG REPORTING** REQUIREMENTS IN THE YEAR OF COMMENCING **OPERATIONS**"

#### **External Standards and Frameworks**

The purpose of the ESG Framework is to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and move beyond compliance to adopting best practice in this regard.

#### The ESG Framework seeks to comply with the requirements of the following voluntarily adopted standards, frameworks and codes.

- · Sri Lanka Financial Reporting Standards S1 and S2 Sustainability Disclosure Standards (based on IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards)
- Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance issued by CA Sri Lanka 2023
- Integrated Reporting Framework issued by the International Integrated Reporting Council
- GRI Standards (2021) issued by the Global Reporting Initiative
- Standards issued by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)
- Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact
- **UN Global Compact CEO Water Mandate**

Additionally, Hayleys Group recognises that the UN Sustainable Development Goals cannot be achieved without the active participation of private enterprises and is committed to supporting the same. The Group has identified and prioritised the SDGs which are most relevant to its operations, and these are denoted across this Document through the use of relevant icons. Hayleys PLC is also Participant of the United Nations Global Compact, together with 10 other Group companies.

#### Standards, Certifications & Ratings

Our businesses voluntarily opt to obtain ratings on ESG aspects which provide confirmation of sound practices in line with specified criteria. These typically

provide access to markets or supports differentiation of our products vis a vis our competitors. We will continue to obtain these in the future as well while striving to

also facilitate uniform use of universally recognised standards certification across all sectors of the Group to facilitate a minimum level of assurance at a Group level.

#### **Measuring Progress on ESG Targets & Goals**

Hayleys Lifecode Index (HLI)

We will monitor progress against our own internal goals and targets on a quarterly basis. The Hayleys Lifecode Index (HLI) represents a weighted aggregate score which measures performance against defined ESG

targets on a scoring scale of 10. This scoring system will also be used to benchmark sectors internally to assess performance and identify Group vulnerabilities, areas for further improvement and allocation of necessary resources.

An Annual assessment will be made against a peer group of diversified conglomerates who publish ESG information to assess our performance vis-à-vis comparable market leaders for benchmarking our performance.

#### Introduction

#### Progress made since the Launch of 1st Edition

Since the launch of the 1st Edition of the Hayleys Lifecode in 2022, the Group has made considerable progress in strategically integrating ESG considerations across its processes, organisational culture and decision-making. Emphasis was placed on strengthening ESG governance and reporting mechanisms, thereby ensuring that relevant sustainability-related information is escalated to those charged with governance. The Group is largely on track to meet the 2030 targets, although progress in certain areas has been below expectations, reflecting a volatile and extremely challenging operating landscape in Sri Lanka over the past few years.

#### Strengthening ESG governance

Hayleys PLC established a Group ESG Steering Committee in 2023, comprising 3 Executive Directors and 3 Members of the Group Management Committee. This Committee has oversight responsibility on the implementation of the Group's ESG roadmap, strategy, policies, risks and opportunities, initiatives and external commitments. The Steering Committee monitors the Group's quarterly ESG performance metrics, progress against targets as well as emerging ESG risks and opportunities which could affect the organisation's operations. ESG Steering Committees have also been formalised at Sector-level facilitating more focused and systematic implementation of Sector-level ESG strategies, which are aligned to the Hayleys Lifecode.

#### ESG risk management

The Group's ESG risk management has been strengthened since the launch of the 1st edition with clearly defined processes for risk identification and prioritisation, data collection, integration into decision-making, monitoring and reporting. Risks are identified at Sector-level, allowing effective aggregation at the Group-level and facilitating the holistic identification of the most material ESG risk exposures.

#### Sector-level alignment

Several key Sectors including Textiles, Purification, Hand Protection, Transportation & Logistics, Construction Materials and Eco Solutions have implemented Sector-specific roadmaps aligned to the Hayleys Lifecode. Sector-level targets broadly represent the aspirations of the Group, but include additional sector-specific areas of focus which are material to the relevant industries. In line with the implementation of these roadmaps, Sector-level ESG governance, reporting and risk management processes have also been strengthened.

#### Performance against targets

The Group has made incremental but consistent progress towards achieving the 2030 targets set out in the Lifecode. Progress in certain areas have been below expectations, reflecting both external and internal challenges and rapid shifts in operating conditions. Against this backdrop, certain targets have been revised and refined in this edition to reflect business realities and emerging developments in the ESG arena.

**Environmental targets:** The Group is on track to meet its targets on reducing reliance on fossil fuels, with approximately 70% of its energy requirements now fulfilled through renewable sources. Considerable progress has also been made in reducing the energy intensity of its operations through ongoing focus on upgrading infrastructure and improving technology. In recent years, significant focus was placed on improving the computation and credibility of the Group's carbon footprint, with a roadmap in place for gradually widening the computation of Scope 3 emissions. While driving reductions in its Scope 1 emissions has been challenging,

the Group remains committed to its original target and is confident that emerging green alternatives to fossil fuels and innovation can accelerate this transition. Meanwhile, 2 Group entities (which accounted for 27% of Scope 1 & 2 emissions in 2023/24) have obtained verification of its emission targets by the Science-based-targets-initiative (SBTI). The Group is also on track to meet its biodiversity and water-related targets while there is further progress to be made in the area of waste and chemical management.

**Social targets:** The Group is largely on track to meet its HR-related targets with strategic focus being placed on training and development, health and safety, succession planning and diversity, equity and inclusion. A country-wide exodus of skilled employees following the economic woes of recent years led to an inevitable increase in turnover levels, necessitating a refinement of the attrition target to reflect business realities. While the Group is on track to meet its customer and community related targets, further interventions are planned to accelerate progress towards its supplier-related targets.

Governance targets: The Group has made significant progress in all governance-related aspects set out in the Lifecode, including Structure and Oversight, Stakeholder Engagement, ESG Risk Management, Transparent and Accurate Reporting and Ethics and Culture. The Group strengthened its commitment to minimising the risk of corruption through the implementation of a holistic Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, while measures were also adopted to integrate ESG risk management with existing risk management frameworks.

#### Key updates in the 2nd Edition

#### Defining six strategic long-term commitments

In this 2nd edition, the Group has further refined its ESG aspirations by defining six long-term commitments which reflect key priority areas stemming from the Group's material risks and opportunities, evolving stakeholder requirements and the dynamic sustainability context in which the Group operates. Accordingly, the 16 priority areas defined in the 1st edition have been classified into 6 principal areas of focus, thereby improving clarity and coherence of the Group's ESG aspirations.

#### Policy refresh and update

The Group's ESG policies were reviewed and updated in the 2nd edition reflecting changing dynamics in both the internal and external environments. In addition, several new policies including the Policy on Bribery and Anti-Corruption, Risk management and Internal controls, Rewards and Remuneration among others were added to the Group's suite of policies during the year. The policies that were refreshed and updated during the year include the Group Procurement Policy, Energy and Emission Management Policy and Chemical Management Policy.

#### **Our Commitments**

- · Accelerate climate action
- · Restore and regenerate nature
- · Optimise resource footprint
- Responsible work place
- Partner progress
- Responsible and responsive corporate citizenry

#### Revisions to targets

Having assessed progress against the defined interim targets and in consideration of the Group's strategic agenda, stakeholder considerations and emerging risks and opportunities the following targets have been refined/revised in the 2nd edition of the Hayleys Lifecode. The remaining targets are unchanged from the previous Edition.

COMMITMENT	FOCUS	REVISION		
Accelerate climate action	Energy	The definition of renewable and sustainable energy (when computing reliance on renewable and sustainable energy composition) to include renewable electricity generated and supplied to the national grid which can be used to offset fossil-fuel based energy applications		
		Energy intensity to be computed based on Revenue measured in USD to minimise impact of exchange rate fluctuations		
	Emissions	Baseline year recalculated to reflect improvements in computation methodology in line with ISO 14064 (1): 2018		
		Emission reduction compared to baseline (2018/19) to apply to entities within the Group's operating boundary in the baseline year		
		Annual GHG emission reduction targets for acquisitions/new companies		
Optimise resource footprint	Water	Water intensity to be computed based on Revenue measured in USD to minimi impact of exchange rate fluctuations		
	Material and waste	Targets revised to achieve traceability of all waste categories, increase percentage of waste recycled and drive usage of environmentally-friendly packaging material		
	management	Waste intensity to be computed based on Revenue measured in USD to minimise impact of exchange rate fluctuations		
	Chemical management	New target on chemical-related safety incidents		
Restore and regenerate nature	Biodiversity	Target refined to represent a multiple of the built environment of the Group		
Responsible work place	Engaged team	Definition of category-specific employee turnover targets		
		Baseline changed to 2023/24 to reflect country-wide increases in employee turnover levels in recent years		
Responsible and responsive	Bribery and anti-	i- · Zero tolerance of bribery and corruption		
corporate citizenry	corruption			

# A Purposeful Purposefu

Our Lifecode envisions a better future for everyone. Thriving on a purposeful approach that takes in to account the impact on every stakeholder, our roadmap to sustainable value creation spans across three pillars namely, environmental, social and governance- all instrumental for a prosperous tomorrow.

Strategic ESG Integration

#### Strategic ESG Integration

As a purpose-driven organisation, the Group's corporate purpose represents the core drive of its value creation and strategy, embodying the Group's aspirations to drive multi-stakeholder value. The Hayleys Lifecode is directly aligned to the corporate purpose, as the Group seeks to drive triple bottom line value through driving sustainable economic growth, fostering social development, and investing in environmental sustainability while ensuring integrity and good governance.

#### **Alignment to Purpose**

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

#### Inspire an Inclusive World and a Thriving Planet



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Minimise our footprint while seizing opportunities to shape a greener future



#### SOCIAL

Striving and thriving together for a better tomorrow



#### **GOVERNANCE**

Responsible and Responsive Corporate Citizenry

#### **Our Approach to ESG Integration**

The Group's approach to ESG integration is graphically illustrated below and centres on aligning governance mechanisms, setting targets and embedding sustainabilityconsciousness through functional

strategies. Given the different levels of ESG maturity across the Group, business sectors are currently at varying levels of ESG integration. Key Sectors within the Group which have the most significant ESG

impacts have formulated ESG roadmaps aligned to that of the Hayleys Lifecode, with all sectors expected to reach this level of maturity over the next 2 years.

#### ESG Approach

4. Transparency and Engagement 3. Embed ESG in practice Accountability and reporting strategy Stakeholder engagement Collaboration 1. Align Purpose, Functional strategies Governance and Sustainable innovation Strategy People processes Formulation of environmental, social and governance targets Data integrity and monitoring Alignment of purpose Governance mechanisms Strategy formulation

#### Align purpose, governance and strategy

Corporate Purpose: The Corporate Purpose of 'Inspiring an Inclusive World and a Thriving Planet' embodies the Group's aspirations to be a force for good in the broader economic, social and environmental context, thereby aligning directly with the Group's ESG agenda.

**ESG Governance:** The Board is the highest decision-making authority in the Group and has overall responsibility for formulating the Group's sustainability-related policies and goals and implementing the Group's ESG Framework. ESG Steering Committees have been established at Board and Sector-level, facilitating deeper analysis of industryspecific ESG developments.

Strategy Formulation: Sector-level roadmaps have been implemented in line with the aspirations of the Lifecode, setting out sector-specific targets, actions and deliverables for environmental, social and governance aspects.

#### **Targets and Measurements**

Monitoring metrics: Performance against the Lifecode targets as well as other social and environmental metrics are tracked through the Hayleys CUBE- the Group's sustainability information portal. The webbased system enables numerous users across the Group's operating locations to submit relevant social and environmental information quarterly, which is aggregated and reported to the ESG Steering Committees at both Sector level and Group level.

Data integrity: In addition to controls built into the CUBE system, which includes multiple levels of approval and error flagging, the integrity of the non-financial information is ensured through third-party assurance.

#### **ESG** in practice

Key mechanisms of embedding ESG include the following:

Quarterly monitoring of performance against ESG targets

- Consideration of ESG aspects in key investment decisions
- ESG risks are assessed quarterly and submitted to the Audit Committee
- Awareness and culture building through employee induction and ongoing programmes

#### **Transparency and Engagement**

**ESG Reporting:** The Group's sustainability and ESG reporting complies with multiple international and local sustainability reporting frameworks. A combined assurance model is used to ensure the integrity of the quantitative and qualitative disclosures in the Report.

#### Collaboration and knowledge sharing: As

industry pioneers in sustainability across several of our verticals, the Group plays an active role in collaborating with like-minded organisations and communities to advance sustainability efforts. These collaborations have facilitated the leveraging of diverse expertise, knowledge sharing and innovation and enabled the scaling of impact.

#### **Focus Areas**

In this 2nd edition, the Group has defined six long-term commitments which reflect key priority areas stemming from the Group's material risks and opportunities, evolving stakeholder requirements and the dynamic sustainability context in which the Group operates. Accordingly, the 16 priority areas (as defined in the 1st edition) have been classified into 6 principal areas of focus, thereby improving clarity and coherence of the Group's ESG targets.

#### **Engaged team** Supplier relationships 100% coverage of 40% of suppliers screened for anti-discriminatory training environmental and social criteria **Customer relationships** Health, safety and well-being Zero significant work-place injuries **Energy and RESPONSIBLE** emissions **WORK PLACE** 30% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions **ACCELERATE PARTNERING CLIMATE PROGRESS ACTION RESPONSIBLE RESTORE AND AND REGENERATE RESPONSIVE CORPORATE NATURE CITIZENRY OPTIMISE Biodiversity RESOURCE** Enhance biodiversity by **FOOTPRINT** 5 times the built area occupied by the Group

#### Water

50% sustainable water sourcing

#### Materials and waste

40% of waste recycled

#### Chemicals

100% alignment with safe chemical management practices

Customer satisfaction surveys and grievance mechanisms for 100% of operations

#### Community relationships

50% increase in CSR beneficiaries

#### Structure and oversight

100% compliance to relevant laws and regulations

#### Stakeholder engagement

Meaningful and impactful stakeholder relationships

#### Transparent and accurate reporting

Internal and external reporting on ESG factors

#### ESG Risk management

Holistic process to identify, measure and mitigate ESG risks

#### Ethics and culture

Zero tolerance of bribery and corruption

#### ESG Approach

#### **Responsible Investment**

Hayleys Group seeks to proactively integrate ESG factors into its investment process when evaluating potential acquisitions, new businesses, and expansion of existing businesses. In addition to traditional financial metrics, investment appraisals should take into consideration the environmental and social footprint of the relevant investment. As a minimum standard, the Holding Company and Sectors should,

- · Conduct a review of key positive and negative ESG impacts pertaining to the investment
- Give due consideration to ESG opportunities and risks that may arise in the future

- Target specific non-financial outcomes along with financial returns
- Other things being equal, preference for investments which have stronger ESG performance

#### **ESG** Due Diligence

ESG considerations are integrated into the Group's mergers and acquisitions process through a formal ESG Due Diligence Framework, which ensures alignment to the overall ESG strategy as well as identification and mitigation of ESG risks in potential acquisitions.

#### **Exclusion Policies**

Hayleys Group enforces group-wide exclusion policies on the following businesses and/or industry sectors:

- Production and trading of Tobacco products
- Production and trading of weapons and ammunition

Exclusions will be implemented and monitored by the Strategic Business Development Unit and Group ESG. The list is regularly reviewed and updated, and Sector Heads are informed about such changes as and when they occur.

#### Value Creation through ESG

Hayleys Group seeks to embed ESG considerations into its business strategy, recognising avenues for long-term value creation. Sectors are encouraged to pursue such opportunities and leverage customers' and suppliers' increasing prevalence towards environmental and social consciousness. Business opportunities

could include (but are not limited) are not limited to the following:

STRATEGIC PRIORITY	ESG OPPORTUNITY				
Portfolio optimisation	Access to new markets through sustainable business practices				
	Opportunities in driving the low-carbon transition				
	Enhance return on investments through improved capital allocation				
Customer centricity	Reduction in the use of natural resources including water and land				
	Reductions in energy consumption				
	Identify and accommodate constraints on natural resources through new products and processes				
	Product innovation through sustainable practices				
Nurturing inspired teams	Increase employee satisfaction, morale and retention				
	Strengthen employer brand				
Inclusive business models	Improve stakeholder relationships				
	Drive the creation of shared value across supply chains				



#### Lifecode Stewardship

This section sets out the Lifecode stewardship structure and roles and responsibilities within the Hayleys Group for managing ESG risks and reporting.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Board of Directors**

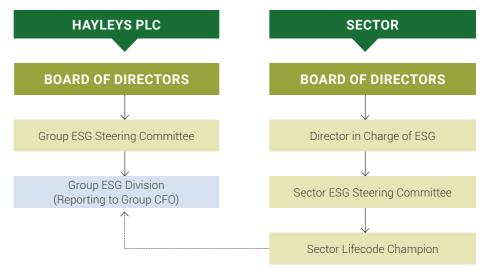
Hayleys PLC is a strategic investment and holding company which is the parent company of over 180 companies organised in to 14 sectors. Hayleys PLC has 12 subsidiaries which are publicly listed companies with different shareholders and our structures facilitate accountability to them as well. All companies have a Board of Directors and is assigned to a sector. Each sector is headed by a Group Management Committee member who is responsible for delivering agreed strategic goals for the sector.

The Board of Hayleys PLC, appointed by the shareholders, is the highest decision-making authority in the Group and has overall responsibility for determining the strategic direction of the Group, adopting a sound governance framework and setting in place robust risk management and internal control systems, including the ESG Framework of the Group. Directors are encouraged to enhance their understanding of ESG-related developments through engaging in suitable training and capacity building programmes.

Figure 1 below sets out the Lifecode governance structure of the Group. Hayleys PLC and each Sector has its own ESG Committee, which facilitates a sectorspecific approach to managing ESG issues. The ESG Steering Committees convene quarterly.

Each publicly listed company and holding company of the business sector also has its own Audit Committee. These Board and Audit Committees meet at least once a quarter to review performance and more frequently if deemed necessary.

Figure 1: Lifecode Stewardship Structure



#### **Group ESG Steering Committee**

The Group ESG Steering Committee is represented by three Executive Directors and three GMC Members including the Group CFO and Head of Group HR and Legal. The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of providing oversight on the implementation of the Hayleys Lifecode in addition to policies, risks and opportunities, initiatives and external commitments. The Committee's mandate includes the following:

- a. Provide oversight and monitor the execution of the Group's ESG Framework-Hayleys Lifecode including progress against environmental, social and governance targets in the short, medium and long-term.
- b. Identify ESG related risks, opportunities and impacts and recommend the implementation of appropriate measures to effectively address these dynamics.

- c. Review and provide guidance on ESG related policies and programmes required to drive the Group's ESG Framework and strategy.
- d. Review and approve the Group's stakeholder engagement strategy which allows management to identify, understand and respond to stakeholders' legitimate concerns.
- e. Receive updates at least quarterly or as and when required, on ESG matters including progress against targets, key KPIs and strategy implementation.
- f. Review, approve and make recommendations in respect of sustainability and ESG factors in the Company's corporate reporting and external communications.
- g. Review emerging trends and issues in the ESG areas and assess potential impact on the Group.
- h. Ensure synchronization of all ESG aspirations and initiatives to the Hayleys PLC Corporate Purpose.

#### **Audit Committees**

Mandates of the Hayleys PLC Audit Committee and Audit Committees of subsidiaries are expanded to include oversight of ESG risks as they also assist the Board in managing risks. See Audit Committee Charter set out in Annexure 5. ESG reporting and risks form part of their quarterly agenda.

#### **Group Management Committee**

The Group Management Committee (GMC) is the highest Executive decision-making body and comprises all sector heads who serve as Chief Executive Officers of the respective subsidiaries. The Group Management Committee is responsible for implementing the ESG Framework and facilitating development of sound ESG reporting and risk management within their areas of review. They will be supported in their decision making by relevant regular ESG information, supporting integrated thinking, improved resource allocation and risk management.

#### **Group ESG Division**

The Group ESG Division drives the ESG agenda for the Group and has the following specific responsibilities:

- a. Support ESG policy formulation in consultation with the Board, ESG Steering Committee and GMC
- b. Providing qualitative and quantitative ESG information to support integration of ESG factors in decision making
- c. Ensuring ESG metrics are comprehensive, material, reliable and comparable, supporting decision making

- d. Monitoring stakeholder engagement processes, results and identifying potential risks arising from their concerns
- e. Facilitating the identification of material topics for the Group including business and ESG topics and addressing information requirements with regards to the same, clearly distinguishing between internal and external disclosures
- f. Providing feedback to sectors on ESG performance, areas for potential improvement and escalation of immediate concerns to GMC
- g. Determining targets for ESG performance and obtaining consensus with GMC and Board
- h. Coordinating ESG performance and reporting with all sectors of the Group through sustainability representatives (Lifecode Champions) appointed by each sector including setting up platforms to facilitate knowledge sharing and quarterly meetings
- i. Providing any reports and other information or taking any further action deemed necessary to advance the Group ESG agenda by GMC, ESG Steering Committee Audit Committee or Board

#### **ESG Functions in Sectors & Lifecode Champions**

Each sector has appointed a Lifecode Champion who is sufficiently knowledgeable in the relevant area. It is necessary that the Lifecode Champion must be sufficiently empowered or has the ability to gain the support of multiple officials within the Group whose cooperation is necessary for the effective implementation of the ESG Framework

The Lifecode Champion will report directly to the Sector Head/CEO/Finance Director on ESG matters and will be accountable for escalating any concerns to him/her. It is desirable that a weightage of at least 30% of performance objectives is given to ESG matters if the role is combined with any other duties within the sector. Sectors that have significant scale and complexity may consider appointment of a separate person for the role where adherence to ESG factors is a key criteria for access to markets or by key customers. A sufficiently diverse group of Lifecode Champions will facilitate knowledge sharing and replication of successes within the Group.

Sector Lifecode Champions will coordinate activities and reporting with Group ESG Division to support achievement of relevant targets. Quarterly or more frequent meetings between Sector Lifecode Champions and Group ESG are necessary for steering the Group towards a coordinated effort in this regard. This could also be supported by electronic platforms.

Lifecode Champions are encouraged to upgrade their skills and knowledge on relevant ESG matters which are likely to impact their sectors.

#### **Management Audit and Systems** Review Division (MA&SRD)

The scope of MA&SRD at Group and subsidiary levels includes providing assurance on ESG factors to the respective audit committees, particularly on those matters which are considered material and disclosed publicly available annual reports, directly or indirectly.

#### Lifecode Stewardship

#### **Policy Architecture**

The policy architecture of the ESG Framework is as follows:

ENVIRONMENT	SOCIAL	GOVERNANCE
<ul> <li>Material and waste management policy</li> <li>Energy and emission management policy</li> <li>Water management policy</li> <li>Biodiversity conservation policy</li> <li>Chemical management policy</li> </ul>	Industrial Relations policy Disciplinary policy Grievance handling policy Recruitment policy Learning & Development policy Talent Management and Succession Planning policy Performance Management Policy Human Rights Policy Whistleblower Policy Anti-Sexual Harassment policy Health and Safety Policy	<ul> <li>Policy on Matters related to the Board of Directors</li> <li>Policy on Board Committees</li> <li>Corporate Governance Policy</li> <li>Rewards and Remuneration Policy</li> <li>Board Committee Charters</li> <li>Policy on Risk Management and Internal Controls</li> <li>Information Disclosure Policies</li> <li>IT Policy</li> <li>Intellectual Capital Policy</li> <li>Information Security Policy</li> <li>Business Data Back-up Policy</li> <li>Policy on Whistleblowing</li> <li>Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy</li> <li>Investor and Shareholder Communication Policy</li> <li>Corporate Disclosure Policy</li> </ul>
	Customer Management Policy Procurement Policy Community Relations Policy	·

The above policies represent the current position and subsequent additions/revisions to policies will be listed on the Group's website.

#### **ESG Materiality and Scoring**

Hayleys Group conducts an annual, Group-wide materiality assessment which enables it to identify dynamic ESG issues which are then incorporated into the processes of strategy formulation, risk management, performance management and corporate reporting. Sector Heads have oversight responsibility for ensuring that the materiality assessment is carried out in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Group Materiality Assessment Guidelines, while Sector Lifecode Champions are responsible for the implementation of the same. Sector- level materiality assessments are aggregated by the Group ESG Division, which in turn allows it to determine material topics at a Consolidated level.

#### Scope and Boundary

The materiality assessment covers the Hayleys Group's 14 business sectors and includes both Sri Lankan and

overseas operations. The boundary extends beyond the Group's internal operations to include its' value chain, risks and opportunities, industry dynamics, direct

and indirect impacts, and other relevant stakeholder impacts.

#### **Scoring Methodology**



Prioritisation of relevant matters

Determining disclosures

#### **Process parameters**

Group ESG sets out a list of material topics which are a reference point in conducting the material assessment. These topics are determined following assessment of emerging risks and opportunities in the internal and external landscape, developments in the corporate reporting landscape and other relevant factors. The Group takes into consideration the guidelines recommended by local and international corporate reporting frameworks including the IFRS S1 and S2 standards, IR Framework, SASB Standards and GRI Standards. Sectors may add new topics which are relevant to their industries and could post material risks in the future.

#### Lifecode Stewardship

#### Filtering and Scoring

The identified long list of material topics is filtered using the following tests which are used to assess organisational impact and influence on stakeholder decisions. The Group adopts a double materiality lens in determining material topics considering the impact on the organisation as well as on economic, social and environmental impacts. Identification of material topics primarily follows qualitative assessment of factors; Sectors will assess the impact of the material topics by scoring each factor from 1 (low impact) to 3 (high impact). In relation to sustainabilityrelated financial disclosures (in line with the SLFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards), the Group will define a suitable financial materiality threshold.



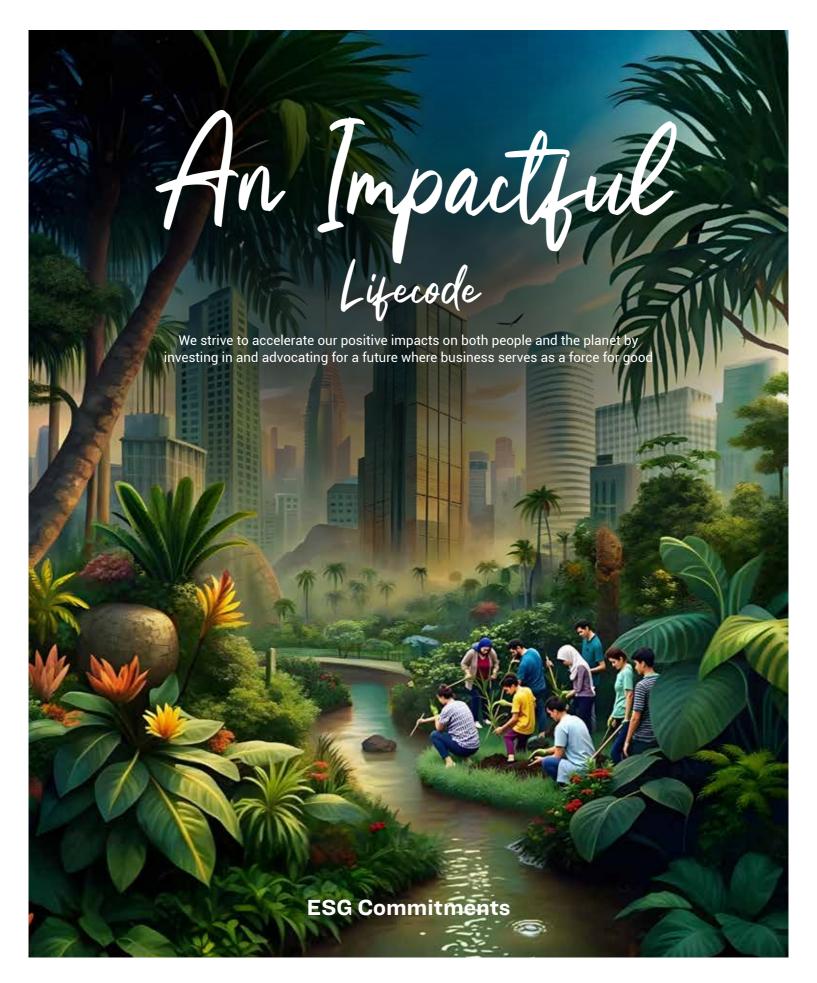


#### Aggregation at Hayleys PLC

The individual sector materiality matrices are used to determine the Hayleys PLC Group's consolidated material topics. In doing so, each material topic is weighted using a suitable metric based on the

importance of the Sector to the Group. The following metrics are used in attaching weights to sector level material topics.

- Economic factors: Sector revenue contribution to Group
- Social factors: Headcount of the Sector relative to the Group
- Environmental factors: Weighted based on relative impact to the Group's carbon footprint, water consumption and land usage





### Environment

This section demonstrates our commitment and aspirations towards sustaining and conserving our planet through renewed, efficient, and sustainable efforts to combat environmental challenges

Refer to Environmental Policy booklet enclosed in the back cover





This section illustrates our commitment towards uplifting the livelihoods of our supply chain partners, smallholders and communities while creating a dynamic and conducive work environment for our employees.

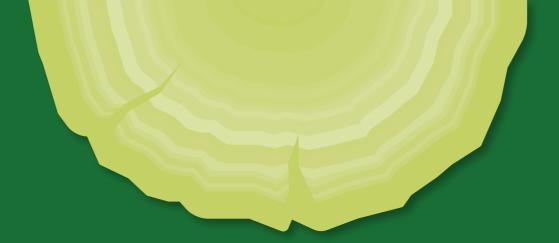
Refer to Social Policy booklet enclosed in the back cover



## Governance

This section demonstrates our commitment to ensuring integrity and transparency across the organisation, driving accountability and setting the right tone at the top.

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## Environmental Lifecode

An integral pillar of the Lifecode we live by, is our Environment. As our planet nourishes and sustains our lives, we believe in being mindful about our impact, actively contributing to preserve our planet every passing second. Here at the Hayleys Group, our goal is to minimise our footprint while seizing opportunities to shape a greener future.

Whether it's biodiversity conservation or ensuring the responsible consumption of natural resources, our Lifecode details the Group's Environmental strategies, targets and plans towards a better tomorrow.



#### Environment

Our businesses range across a number of sectors that present opportunities to have a positive environmental impact or to minimise our environmental footprint through innovation and allocation of necessary resources. This section sets out the Group Environmental strategies, targets and plans for achieving the same.



#### MINIMISE OUR FOOTPRINT WHILE **SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHAPE A GREENER FUTURE**

#### **Optimise Resource Footprint**



#### Water

#### 50% sustainable water sourcing

- · Application of sustainable water sources
- · Reduction of water intensity through efficiency improvements



#### Materials & Waste management

#### 40% of waste recycled

- · Value addition on all waste generation
- Ensure the responsible consumption of natural resources and sustainable production



#### 100% alignment with safe chemical management practices

the supply chainintensity through efficiency improvements

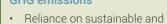


#### **Accelerate Climate Action**



#### **Energy and emissions**





- renewable energy sources Reduction in energy intensity through improving
- operational efficiencies Improving emission reporting



#### Chemical management

 Ensure best chemical management practices across

#### **Restore and Regenerate Nature**



#### Biodiversity

#### Enhance biodiversity in 5 times the built area occupied by the Group

• Biodiversity conservation and preservation relating to our business operations

#### **Environmental Strategies, Targets and KPIs**

#### **Accelerate Climate Action**

**Energy and Emissions** 

Table 1: Energy & Emission Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPIS AND ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
	Reliance on sustainable and renewable energy sources	90% sustainable and renewable energy applications	64% of renewable energy (total renewable energy consumption and generation over the total energy consumption and generation) Based on 2018/19 performance	3% Increase in renewable and sustainable energy applications	Definition of sustainable and renewable energy to include energy generated and supplied to the national grid through solar, minihydro, wind and other renewable sources which can be used to offset fossil-fuel based energy consumption.
		100% sustainable biomass sourcing for entire group	25% of sustainable biomass (rubber wood, saw dust, briquettes are considered as sustainable biomass sources) Based on 2018/19 performance	Map existing biomass sourcing within Group and implement holistic biomass sourcing programme     Implement mechanisms for Sectors to source sustainable biomass from the Group's regional plantation companies and agriculture Sector outgrowers	• None
	Reduction in energy intensity through improving operational efficiencies	30% energy intensity reductions	Group energy intensity for 2018/19: 2,934 GJ per USD Mn	3% annual decrease in total energy intensity of the group	Intensity     computation     to be based on     USD Revenue to     minimise impact     of exchange rate     fluctuation on     computation

#### Environment

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPIS AND ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
	Reduction in absolute carbon footprint (aligning with net-zero by 2050 journey)	30% reduction in absolute GHG emissions of scope 1 & 2 by 2030	Scope 1: 46,472 tCO <sub>2</sub> e Scope 2: 55,647 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	Obtain annual third party verification of the Group's direct and indirect GHG emissions     Reduce dependence on fossil-fuel based energy sources     Increase investments in renewable energy	Baseline year has been recalculated to reflect improvements in computation methodology, and emission factors.      Targets relate to the entities within the
		10% reduction in absolute carbon emissions of scope 3	Scope 3 emissions: 5548 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	Widen Scope 3 reporting to include all material emission categories	Group's financial and operating boundary in the baseline year of 2018/19.
		4% y-o-y reduction in annual Scope 1 and 2 emissions of all new acquisitions	Acquisitions since 2018/19  Horana Plantations: 5,089 tCo <sub>2</sub> e (2023/24)  South Asia Textiles: 11,838 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (2023/24)	Both new entities have committed to the Science- based-targets-initiative with South Asia Textiles obtaining verification of its targets	New target

#### **Optimise Resource Footprint**

Water

Table 2: Water Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
	Application of sustainable water sources	50% sustainable water sourcing across the group  (rainwater / water recoveries / recycled water use)	10% of sustainable sourcing of water  (process and non-process related, includes rain water / recycled water / waste water reuses)  Based on 2018/19 performance	6% increase in sustainable water sourcing annually till 2029/30	Annual KPI revised with an increase in the incremental requirement
		75% of total wastewater recycled and reclaimed	11% of waste water recycled / reclaimed (considering only the internally recycled or reclaimed waste water quantities)	10% increase in waste water recycling of the group annually	Annual KPI revised with an increase in the incremental requirement
	Reduction in water intensity through efficiency improvements	30% reduction in water intensity	3,620 m³ per USD Mn for 2018/19	3% reduction in total water intensity of the group annually	Intensity     computation     to be based on     USD Revenue to     minimise impact     of exchange rate     fluctuation on     computation

#### Environment

#### Material and Waste Management

Table 3: Materials & Waste Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
Material and Waste	Value additions on all waste generation	Achieve traceability of all waste categories	Baseline to be established based on 2024/25 performance	Complete 100% tracking and reporting of waste generation across the Group     Launch of Group - level sustainable waste management road map by	Target revised to drive improvements in waste mapping and reporting
Management Policy  Refer the Material and Waste Management Policy in the Environmental Policies booklet		25% reduction of waste intensity	60.30 MT/USD Mn	2025/26     4% reduction in total waste intensity of the group	Intensity     computation to     consider USD     Revenue to     minimise impact     of exchange rate     fluctuation on     computation
		40% of solid waste recycled	17% in 2023/24	5% annual increase in waste recycled	New target
	Ensure the responsible consumption of natural resources and sustainable productions across the group	20% Recyclable, Reusable, or Compostable Packaging	Baseline to be established based on 2024/25 performance	4% annual reduction in single-use plastics through using alternative sustainable packaging material	Target refined to focus on packaging material
		Application of green production initiatives across 30% of products / services volumes by 2030 (LCA / recyclable products / green ratings, eco labelling etc.)	Baseline to be established based on 2024/25 performance	<ul> <li>Map all possible green initiatives based on sector-level business operations</li> <li>Develop roadmap for implementing sustainable manufacturing &amp; service practices across</li> </ul>	Green production initiatives to include designing for recyclability, reusability or biodegradability, use of renewable input materials and/or carbon reduction across the lifecycle among others.

#### **Chemical Management**

Table 4: Chemical Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
Chemical Management Policy	Ensure best chemical management practices across the supply chain	100% Alignment with safe chemical management practices across the group operations	Chemical-intensive manufacturing sectors have implemented stringent chemical management guidelines	Improve and standardise chemical storage, transportation consumption and disposal related practices focusing on environmental and safety aspects in 2025/26	None     Action plans and annual KPIs refined
Refer the Chemical Management Policy in the Environmental Policies booklet				Sectors which are significant users of chemicals to obtain third party certification on best chemical management practices	
				Propagation of best chemical management practices across supply chain	
	20% reduction in chemical		Reduce reliance on water- intensive chemicals usage	Target changed to drive reduction	
		inputs per unit of production		Substitution of high- impact and hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives	of chemical consumption
				Improving process yields to reduce excess chemical consumption	
				Engage in chemical leasing operations	
		Zero chemical related safety incidents	Baseline to be established in 2024/25	Integration of chemical safety into the overall safety guidelines	New target
				Establish mechanisms for spill and waste management	
				Comprehensive training on handling, storage and disposal of chemicals	
				Conduct regular risk     assessments	

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#### **Biodiversity**

Table 5: Biodiversity Conservation Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI	ANNUAL KPI
Biodiversity Conservation Policy	Biodiversity conservation and preservation relating to our business operations	Increase the biodiversity enhancing programme to cover 5 times the built area occupied by company	Group-wide built environment	Annual increment of 50% of baseline operational area	Refined the target in relation to the built environment of the Group
Refer the Biodiversity Conservation Policy in the Environmental Policies booklet					

Refer to Annexure 2: Details of KPIs related to the implementation of environmental strategies



## Social Lifecode

Every life we touch leaves a lasting impact on the legacy we are building. At the Hayleys Group, we are connected by one heartbeat and our social fabric is interwoven with different communities, spanning the length and breadth of this nation. As a Group which engages with over 37,000 employees, we believe in striving and thriving together for a better tomorrow.

The Social pillar of the Lifecode we live by, details the Group's Social strategies, targets and plans set to foster community relationships, while we act to develop a diverse, inclusive, socially and environmentally conscious workforce.



Social

#### Social

As a Group which engages with over 37,000 employees and an extensive network of business partners including customers, suppliers, and principals, the Groups is aptly positioned to drive positive impacts through propagating its social sustainability agenda. This section sets out the Group Social strategies, targets and plans for achieving the same.



#### **Responsible Work Place**



#### Engaged team



Developing a diverse, inclusive and socially and environmentally friendly workforce



#### Health, safety and well-being

#### Zero significant work-place injuries

• Ensure a safe workplace for all employees and a healthy workforcen



#### Partner progress



#### Supplier relationships

40% of suppliers to be screened on environmental and social criteria

 Standardise sustainability compliance across the value chain

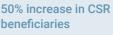
#### Customer relationships

**Customer satisfaction surveys** and grievance mechanisms covering 100% of operations

· Enhance the experience of every customer



#### Community relationships





Double the impact of community engagement initaitives





#### **Social Strategies, Targets and KPIs**

Responsible work place

#### **Engaged Team**

Table 1: People Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
	Developing a diverse,	Attrition rates Managerial: 12%	Attrition rates  Managerial: 16%	0.5% reduction in employee attrition rate	Definition of category-specific
•	engaged team	Executive: 19%	Executive: 22%		attrition targets
Employment policies  Refer the		Non-Executive: 22%	Non-Executive: 28%		Baseline changed to 2023/24 reflecting country- wide changes in
Employment Policies/Group HR Policy Manual in the Social			Baseline year 2023/24		employee retention levels due to exodus of talent
Policies booklet	Provide opportunities for continuous learning	Each employee to receive an average of 40 training hours per annum	5.31 hours of average training per employee	Sector-specific annual     KPIs	• None
	Create a performance- driven, conducive work culture	100% of selected employee categories to receive performance appraisals	98% of employees receive performance appraisals	Achieve 100% by 2025/26 and maintain thereafter	Definition refined to exclude employees covered by collective agreements
	Build talent pipelines and succession plans	Formulate clear succession plan for all GMC members immediate subordinate for all the business sectors	2 Sectors	Implement succession plans for immediate subordinate to MD for all sectors based on the Group's succession planning methodology	• None
	Leadership and supervisory development plans	10,000-man hours of leadership and supervisory development programmes covering all sectors by 2030	Target already achieved	Initiate leadership and supervisory development programs in all sectors	• None
	Building an inclusive and equitable organisational culture	All employees to undergo training and awareness on anti discrimination	Programme rolled out in 2023/24	Training and awareness on anti-discrimination for all employees	• None

#### Social

Health, safety, and well-being

Table 2: Health and Safety Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
Health and Safety Policy  Refer the Health and Safety Policy in the Social Policies booklet	Ensure the health, safety, and well- being of all employees	Safest workplace with zero significant workplace injuries/ occupational diseases	1,603 work related injuries resulting in 14,432 lost working man days No fatalities	Standardise and ensure complete reporting of accident-related data covering 100% of operations  Annual increase of 10% in the coverage of sectors complying with ISO 45001: 2018 Occupational Safety & Health Management System to achieve 100% implementation of Health & Safety Management system across entire group.	• None

#### **Procurement**

Table 3: Procurement Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN	REVISION TO ORIGINAL TARGET
Procurement Policy Refer the	Propagate good social and environmental practices across our supply chain	Achieve 40% screening of total supplier profile	Baseline to be established following roll out of Responsible Procurement Strategy in 2025/26	<ul> <li>Complete evaluation of large-scale suppliers in 2025/25</li> <li>Supplier base screened to be increased by 8% annually to achieve a target of 40% by 2030.</li> </ul>	Target maintained, revisions to annual KPI and action plan
Procurement Policy in the Social Policies booklet	Implementation of strategic supplier development programmes across key supply chains	All Sectors to establish at least one long term supplier development programme	3 sectors operate supplier development programmes (First Light / Haritha Angaara / Jeewadhara)	12 different strategic supplier development programmes by Hayleys group by 2030 (At least 01 long term programme by each business sector)	• None

# **Customer Management Policy**

Table 4: Customer Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASE LINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Customer Management	Exceed customer expectations through identifying and responding to customer needs	Customer satisfaction surveys covering 100% of operations	Currently 10 sectors conduct systematic satisfaction surveys	Formalised satisfaction survey processes will be established by all the business and gradually increased customer coverage
Refer Customer Management Policy in the Social Policies booklet		Customer grievance handling processes covering 100% of operations	Currently 12 sectors have established grievance handling procedures for customers	<ul> <li>Implement clearly defined customer grievance procedure covering 100% of operations.</li> <li>All customer grievances/ complaints to be acknowledged, responded to and resolved within 1 month of being presented.</li> </ul>
	Adopt responsible marketing practices	40% of all products and services to include relevant product information, which enables customers to make informed purchasing decisions.	Baseline to be established in 2025/26	Identify possible products and services that require product information to meet compliance requiremets, and annually increase products showcasing such requirements by 5% each year.

# **Community Relationships**

Table 5: Community Partnerships Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASE LINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Community Relationships	Uplifting livelihoods and empowering communities	Increase CSR beneficiaries by 50% by 2030	400,000 beneficiaries	Annual increase of 5% (of baseline performance) of Group-wide beneficiaries of CSR initiatives
Refer Community Relationships Policy in the Social Policies booklet				

Refer Annexure 4 Details relating to social sustainability KPI implementation



# Lifecode for Governance

The Lifecode we live by calls for responsible and responsive corporate citizenry, because we believe that integrity is the cornerstone of progress. As we manage a diverse business portfolio, we believe in adapting a sound corporate governance framework that facilitates effective entrepreneurial leadership and prudent management to deliver long term value to our shareholders.

Our Group's governance structures have evolved over time, keeping pace with legal and regulatory requirements and voluntary codes. This pillar is our action print for building sustainable progress, aligned with our values and principles.



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# Governance

Managing a diverse business portfolio requires a sound corporate governance framework that facilitates effective entrepreneurial leadership and prudent management to deliver long term value to shareholders. Balancing stakeholder interests, accountability, transparency and regulatory compliance underpin corporate governance, facilitating effective discharge of the Board's responsibilities to shareholders.





#### Structure and Oversight

# 100% compliance to relevant laws and regulations

 Implementation and maintenance of Group-wide Compliance Register

#### Stakeholder Engagement

# Meaningful and impactful stakeholder relationships

 Implementing closed-loop feedback mechanisms for all stakeholder groups

# Transparency and Accurate Reporting

# Internal and external reporting on ESG factors

 Driving accountability through accurate, comprehensive ESG reporting and external validation

#### **ESG Risk Management**

# Holistic process to identify, measure and mitigate ESG risks

 Implementing global ERM best practices and nurturing a culture of riskconscious decision making

#### **Ethics and Culture**

#### Full compliance to the Hayleys Way Zero-tolerance of Bribery and Corruption

 Cultivating an organisational culture built on ethical, sustainable business practices Hayleys' governance structures have evolved over time, keeping pace with legal and regulatory requirements and voluntary codes that reflect current international best practices.

### **Key Regulatory Requirements**

- Companies Act No.7 of 2007
- Continued Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE)
- Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance issued by CA Sri Lanka (2023)
- Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 36 of 1987 (as amended)
- Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act No.15 of 1995
- Shop and Office Employee Act No. 15 of 1954
- Industrial Disputes Act No. 43 of 1980
- Employees' Provident Fund Act No. 15
- Employees' Trust Fund Act No. 46 of 1980
- Payment of Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983
- Maternity Benefits Ordinance No. 32 of 1939
- Inland Revenue Act No.24 of 2017
- Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2023
- Environmental Protection License and other related environmental regulations

Entities within the Group will have additional legal enactments that apply to specific industries and all entities are expected to ensure they understand the legal framework within which they operate and comply with the same.

As stated above, Hayleys Group seeks to go beyond legal compliance to high standards of corporate citizenship, safeguarding its reputation as one of the oldest and respected conglomerates in Sri Lanka. Our reputation has been built on a combination of entrepreneurship and sound corporate

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governance and we are the beneficiaries of this legacy with a solemn duty to nurture it for the future as well. Accordingly, we have adopted the Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance issued by the

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka to support continuous evolution of best practice in this regard. All public listed entities and sector holding companies are expected to comply with the requirements

of this Code as well while other entities are expected to comply with the provisions relevant to their operations which should be determined by the relevant sector Board in consultation with the Sector Head.

#### **Ethics and Culture**

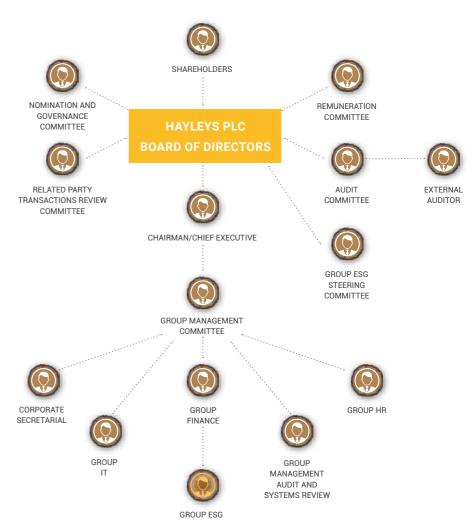
The Group Code of Conduct titled The Hayleys Way binds all employees and Directors to high standards of conduct. (Refer to Annexure 4: The Hayleys Way)

#### **Bribery and Anti-Corruption**

As set out in the Group's Bribery and Anti-Corruption policy, Hayleys has a zero tolerance to bribery and corruption. All companies within the Group and employees acting on behalf of the companies are explicitly prohibited from offering political contributions, donations to political parties and election candidates while facilitation payments to government officials or other persons to expedite an action process is also strictly prohibited. The Group's bribery and anti-corruption programme consists of a policy framework, compliance and governance structure, corruption risk assessment mechanisms, quidelines on training and awareness, third-party due diligence and whistle-blowing mechanisms (Refer to Annexure 11: Group Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy)

# Structure and Oversight

The Group Governance structure is set out alongside. This section outlines the roles of the Boards, Committees and Departments in facilitating sound corporate governance within the Hayleys Group.



#### **Shareholders**

Shareholders appoint the Directors at the Annual General Meeting and receive quarterly financial statements and an Annual Report to provide an account of how the respective public listed company has performed.

In private companies where we have Joint Venture Partners, Directors are appointed and information is provided in line with the terms of the relevant joint venture agreement.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors (BOD) is the highest decision making authority of the Group/Company and is responsible for setting the tone at the top. Their roles and responsibilities are clearly set out in the Board Charter given in Annexure 6.

#### **Committees of the Board**

The Board has appointed 05 board committees to assist in the discharge of its duties as summarised below.

BOARD COMMITTEE	AREAS OF OVERSIGHT	COMPOSITION	ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY
Audit Committee	<ul><li>Financial Reporting</li><li>Internal Controls</li><li>Internal Audit</li><li>External Audit</li></ul>	<ul><li>Independent Directors: 4</li><li>Non-Executive Directors: 2</li></ul>	Audit Committee Charter Refer to Annexure 5
Nominations & Governance Committee	<ul> <li>Appointment of Key Management Personnel</li> <li>Succession Planning</li> <li>Effectiveness of the Board and its Committees</li> <li>Code of Ethics</li> </ul>	Independent Directors:3     Non-Executive Directors: 2	Nominations Committee Charter
Remuneration Committee	Remuneration policy for Group with particular reference to Key Management Personnel Goals and targets for Key Management Personnel Performance evaluation HR Policy Organisation structure	<ul> <li>Independent Directors: 3</li> <li>Non-Executive Directors: 2</li> </ul>	Remuneration Committee Charter
Related Party Transaction Review Committee	Related party transaction policy     Disclosure of related party transactions	<ul><li>Independent Directors: 3</li><li>Non-Executive Directors: 2</li></ul>	Related Party Transactions Review Committee Charter
ESG Steering Committee	Oversight on the implementation of the Group's ESG strategy     Monitor progress against targets and strategy	<ul><li>Executive Directors: 3</li><li>GMC Members: 3</li></ul>	Terms of Reference

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### **Transparency and Accurate Reporting**

The Board of Hayleys PLC is committed to facilitating transparency and accurate reporting to its investors and other market participants.

"THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK SHOULD ENSURE THAT TIMELY AND ACCURATE **DISCLOSURE IS MADE ON ALL MATERIAL MATTERS REGARDING** THE CORPORATION, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL SITUATION, PERFORMANCE, OWNERSHIP, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE **COMPANY.**"

**OECD Guidelines 2015** 

#### Financial and operating results

Quarterly financial statements and the Annual Report serve as regular communication of our financial performance which is disseminated through the Colombo

Stock Exchange. Material developments that arise between these reporting dates are announced through the Colombo Stock Exchange to facilitate equal access to information by investors and market participants. Additionally, we also issue press releases on our quarterly financial performance and material developments that arise in the interim period to facilitate timely dissemination of information.

#### Related-party transactions

Related party transactions are reported in line with the requirements of the CSE Listing Rules. Each Group company is expected to ensure that effective processes are in place to comply with the requirements of the same and that all Board members and key management personnel of the company are aware of their roles, responsibilities, obligations and duties in this regard.

#### Other Information

The Annual Reports of the Group and listed companies of the Group should provide information on the following:

- Company objectives
- Value created for stakeholders
- Environmental, Social and Governance information
- Issues regarding employees and other stakeholders
- Foreseeable risk factors

Information provided in the Annual Reports must be accurate, reliable, comparable and consistent. The Annual Reports must also provide a balanced view of the performance and standing of the company, explaining both positive and negative aspects in a responsible manner. We encourage public listed companies within the Group to prepare Annual Reports adopting international best practice using reputed standards, codes and frameworks.

# Stakeholder Engagement

Hayleys Group's stakeholder universe is diverse and widespread reflecting the depth and breadth of the Group's operations. These stakeholders can play a vital role

in enabling the Group to identify, mitigate and manage ESG opportunities and risks before a problem arises. Feedback received also informs the Group's materiality

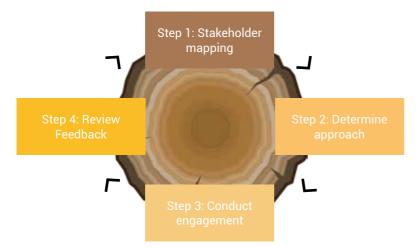
assessment, ESG strategy and reporting. This section sets out the Group's approach to stakeholder engagement.

#### Stakeholder Value

The value propositions for the Group's key stakeholders are set out below;

STAKEHOLDER	VALUE PROPOSITIONS
Shareholders	Deliver sustainable returns commensurate with the risk undertaken and long-term growth
Employees	Create an inclusive and dynamic work environment which values employee well-being and satisfaction
Customers	Consistently deliver high-quality, innovative solutions with excellent customer service
Business Partners	Create opportunities for long-term business growth and sustainable value creation
Community	Address the social and environmental impacts of our operations through responsible business practices and drive meaningful change in communities

#### Approach to Stakeholder Engagement



#### Step 1: Stakeholder mapping

Criteria for identifying and prioritising stakeholders

#### Step 2: Determine engagement approach and mechanisms

Determine the intensity, frequency, and logistics

#### Step 3: Conduct engagement

#### Step 4: Review feedback

Identify risks/opportunities from feedback and determine actions

#### Stakeholder Mapping

In the identification stage, all parties who currently have an interest in the Group's business or are likely to have an interest in the future should be considered (list set out alongside). Prioritise and select stakeholders to engage with based on the criteria set out below. The selected stakeholders do not remain static over time but evolve with changes in the internal and external operating environments.

- Influence: The level of influence the stakeholder has over the organisation directly or through other stakeholders
- Vulnerability: The degree to which the stakeholder will be impacted by the Group's activities
- Expertise: The expertise, level of information and guidance that can be given by the stakeholder
- Orientation: The nature of the relationship (i.e collaborative or combative)

#### **Determine Engagement Approach and** Mechanisms

The engagement approach is set based on the relative importance of the stakeholder (as prioritised above), expectations and nature of relationship. The approach can range from collaborative dialogue to monitoring stakeholders' positions through research. Engagement mechanisms should be determined based on the approach (as set out below) and should consider factors such as time, financial and human resource requirements.

#### **Stakeholder Groups**

- Capital/debt providers
  - (Shareholders, investors, banks, funding agencies analysts, rating agencies)
- Employees (Current and future employees)
- Customers (Direct and indirect customers)
- Suppliers (Direct suppliers, out-growers)
- Business partners (Principals, distributors, retailers)
- Government (Public authorities, regulators)
- · Civil society organisations (NGOs, opinion leaders, activists)
- Industry counterparts (Competitors, industry associations)
- Community

(Residents in operating areas, community organisations, resident associations, public)

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# **APPROACH MECHANISMS** Satisfaction surveys Meetings/workshops Consult/ Collaborate Stakeholder forums Projects/ development programs Corporate reporting Press releases Corporate website/social media platforms Marketing campaigns Newsletter/mass e-mail Online/social media monitoring Tracking relevant research/news reports

As a minimum requirement, all Sectors should conduct satisfaction surveys with employees and customers at least annually. Sectors which are reliant on critical supply chains should also conduct supplier surveys at least annually (refer to the Procument policy in the Social Policy booklet).

#### Action plan and review

Feedback and insights obtained from stakeholders should be documented. analysed and reviewed. This feedback will be a key input when conducting sectorlevel materiality assessments and setting strategy. Sectors should also develop action plans where necessary, to address specific concerns/grievances of stakeholders, which could give rise to material problems and/or opportunities in the future.

#### Conducting Engagement

The facilitator should consider factors such as channel (i.e face to face/ online), formality, expected level of participation and atmosphere when planning and conducting the engagement. To ensure effective engagement, the relevant facilitator will define roles and responsibilities, provide adequate time for participants to prepare, develop agenda and set rules of engagement.

# **ESG Risk Management**

The Group adopts a top-down approach in its ESG risk management which enables effective aggregation at Group-level while facilitating a holistic and high-level overview of the Group's ESG risk exposures. Risk identification and management applies to all sectors, geographies and operating locations across the Group as well as the Group's supply chains and customers. ESG risk assessment has been integrated into the overall enterprise risk management framework, enabling the integration of sustainability considerations into strategic-decision making.

# **1ST LINE OF DEFENSE:** SECTORS RISK OWNERS AND MANAGERS

- · Identification, assessment and prioritisation of ESG risks through a standard risk assessment template
- Implementing responses through defined policies, procedures and integration to strategy

#### 2ND LINE OF DEFENSE:

· Monitors risk exposures and compliance levels to ensure that Group-wide policies and procedures are applied consistently

# **3RD LINE OF DEFENSE:** INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE (AUDIT COMMITTEE)

Sector and Group-level Audit Committees have oversight on effective climate-risk management across the Group

#### The Group's ESG Risk Management comprises the following elements:

- Risk identification and prioritisation: ESG risks are identified on an ongoing basis through assessment of internal and external environments and emerging stakeholder requirements and strategic direction
- Data collection: Relevant quantitative metrics are collected and reported through the Group's Sustainability Information System on a quarterly basis
- Integration into decision-making: Quarterly reporting to Sector and Group ESG Committees, Audit Committees and Boards of Directors
- · Monitoring and reporting

# **Managing Our Intellectual Capital**

The Group's Intellectual Capital comprises organisational, knowledge-based intangibles, including:

- intellectual property, such as patents, copyrights, software, rights and licences
- "organisational capital" such as tacit knowledge, systems, procedures and protocols

As we grow, our intellectual capital provides an important source of differentiation in markets or pave the way for entry into new markets such as certifications of certain aspects of our systems such as green and quality certifications. In the case of operating licenses, these are necessary for our continued operations. Consequently, management of these key intellectual capital

needs systematic management to minimise risks to our operations and support our growth aspirations.

Although not monetised, they form an integral part of the assets of the Hayleys Group and safeguarding these assets are key functions of each business entity.

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#### **Our Commitment**

The Hayleys Group seeks to compile a comprehensive register of all its Intellectual Capital to facilitate periodical assessment, investment, divestment and other actions necessary to strategically manage this vital aspect of our operations.

Each entity is required to prepare a register in electronic format as specified by Group Finance Department     The register will be categorised as follows:         Operating licenses         Product registrations         Software licenses         Classified as Intangible Assets         Classified as Operational Expenses         Certifications         Entity certifications	Categories of Intellectual Capital	<ul> <li>The following information relating to these Intellectual Capitals will be recorded alongside to enable management of the same.</li> <li>Unique Identification No.</li> <li>License/Certification/Trademark/Patent</li> <li>Description</li> <li>Awarding Institution</li> <li>Date awarded</li> <li>Date of Expiry</li> <li>Value at Risk</li> </ul>	Information to be recorded
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stages is also captured in a similar manner, mirroring the information required for the register. The pipeline should be segregated into Renewals and New Developments to facilitate monitoring of investments and safeguarding of existing assets.		<ul> <li>Periodic cost benefit assessments should be made of this portfolio of assets to ensure that it continues to support the value creation processes of the Group, to identify assets for strategic divestment or discontinuing investments related to the asset.</li> </ul>	Periodic assessment of assets

#### Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors, along with the heads of each business units will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered to.

# **Annexure 1: Abbreviations**

BAC	Board Audit Committee
GMC	Group Management Committee
ESG	Environment, Social and Governance
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
MA&SRD	Group Management Audit & System Review Department
SBDU	Strategic Business Development Unit
CFO	Chief Financial Officer

# Annexure 2: Details of KPIs related to the implementation of environmental strategies

ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
RELIANCE ON SUSTAINABLE AND	90% sustainable and renewable energy applications by 2030	Direct energy applications for business operations / owned vehicle fuel / building energy consumptions.	All business sectors
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES		Non-renewable energy - Electricity / fossil fuel consumptions	
0001.020		Renewable energy - Solar power / biogas / wind / hydro / biomass	
		Companies can consume sustainable and renewable energy for their actual operations or they can separately generate sustainable and renewable energy for offsetting their existing non-renewable energy consumptions	
	100% Sustainable biomass / biomass residues for entire group	Biomass consumption as a fuel source for business operations / building energy.	Textile / Hand Protection / Plantations / Eco Solutions
		Each biomass source should be traceable / records should be available to prove the sustainability sourcing of biomass	
		Waste material from another industry can be considered as sustainable biomass source	

ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
REDUCTION IN ENERGY INTENSITY THROUGH IMPROVING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES	30% energy intensity reductions by 2030	Total renewable (Solar power / biogas / wind / hydro / biomass) and non-renewable (Electricity / fossil fuel consumptions) energy consumptions  Intensity calculation should be done based on the total Energy [MJ] per revenue generated [LKR million]) for the group level requirements (compulsory)  Additionally, individual sectors should their energy intensities against their actual business outputs (e.g. Energy per glove pair / energy per tea Kg etc.).  Individual sectors can use those sector specific intensities for their strategic target defining	<ul> <li>All business sectors.</li> <li>Hayleys HO related energy consumptions will be considered under Hayleys PLC (though it includes all the sector's office operations). We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant</li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>
REDUCE OUR ABSOLUTE CARBON FOOTPRINT (ALIGNING WITH 'NET ZERO BY 2050' JOURNEY)	30% reduction in absolute GHG emissions of scope 1 & 2 by 2030	Emissions relating to fossil fuel consumptions (including ships' fuel consumptions), electricity consumptions, any purchased energy consumptions (purchased steam), owned vehicle fuel consumption related emissions, direct fertilizer applications related emissions included  Fugitive emissions from refrigeration and air conditioning systems, fire suppression systems, and other direct process emissions are also considered	<ul> <li>All business sectors</li> <li>Hayleys HO related emissions will be considered under Hayleys PLC (though it generates due to the sector's office operations). We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant</li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>
	10% reduction in Scope 3 GHG emissions by 2030	Air travels, third party local transport, land filled or open dumped waste, related emissions include under scope 3  New categories added to the Scope 3 GHG emission computation will be considered as and when the reporting scope is improved	All business sectors     Hayleys HO waste generation related emissions will be considered under Hayleys PLC (though it generates due to the sector's office operations). We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant

ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
APPLICATION OF SUSTAINABLE WATER SOURCES	50% sustainable water sourcing (rain water / water recoveries / recycled water usage) across the group by 2030	Water consumptions for business processes and non-business processes should be calculated  Key purpose is reducing ground water consumptions  Sustainable sources are harvested rain water, re-using of recycled waste water, water recoveries through systems (AC condensate water), direct water reusing applications etc.	<ul> <li>All business sectors</li> <li>Hayleys HO related water consumptions will be considered under Hayleys PLC.         Though it includes all the sector's office operations, We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant.     </li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>
	75% total waste water recycled and reclaimed	Total waste water generations through process related and non-process related water consumptions of the organisation are included Treated waste water should comply with CEA set standard limits  Waste water treatment can be done internally or through external service provider.	<ul> <li>All business sectors</li> <li>Hayleys HO related waste water generations should be considered under Hayleys PLC. Though it includes all the sector's office operations, We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant.</li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>
REDUCTION IN WATER INTENSITY THROUGH EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS	30% water intensity reductions by 2030	Total water consumptions considered for intensity calculations.  Intensity calculation should be done based on the total revenue generated (Water [m3] per revenue generated [USD million]) for the group level requirements (compulsory)  Additionally, individual sectors can define their water intensities against their actual business outputs (e.g. water per glove pair / water per tea Kg etc.)  Individual sectors can use those sector specific intensities for strategic target defining	<ul> <li>All business sectors</li> <li>Hayleys HO related water consumptions will be considered under Hayleys PLC.         Though it includes all the sector's office operations, We can consider its impact to each business sector as insignificant.     </li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>

ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
VALUE ADDITIONS ON ALL WASTE GENERATION	Achieve traceability of all waste categories  25% reduction of waste intensity	Total waste including hazardous and non-hazardous waste should be considered  Ensuring traceability of responsible disposal mechanisms for all waste types  Maintain supporting documentation including end-disposal evaluations, waste collection and transfer records, etc. for all types of waste generated  N/A	<ul> <li>All business sectors</li> <li>Hayleys HO related waste generations will be considered under Hayleys PLC. Though it includes all the sector's office operations, the impact to each sector can be considered insigificant.</li> <li>All the business sectors should consider their entire business operations (excluding offices at Hayleys HO)</li> </ul>
ENSURE THE RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIONS ACROSS THE GROUP	20% recyclable, reusable or compostable packaging	This should cover the packaging materials that can be replaced with recycled reusable or compostable packaging	All the sectors
	Application of green production initiatives across products / services by 2030 (LCA / recyclable products / green ratings etc.)	Product certifications / process certifications / Project implementations based on the environmental sustainability aspects of the organisations	Hand Protection / Construction Materials / Plantations / Agriculture / Purifications / Textiles / Fentons (Facilities Management/ Projects) / Industry Inputs, Power & Energy (Haycolour) / Leisure / Transportations (Unisyst) / Eco Solutions
ENSURE BEST CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN	100% alignment with sfe chemical management practices	All the manufacturing operations and chemical intensive service providing operations  All the legal requirements and sustainability aspects of chemical purchasing, storing, applications and disposals to be covered  Chemical safety and environmental sustainability aspects of above stages to be monitored	Hand Protection / Construction Materials / Plantations / Agriculture / Purifications / Textiles / Fentons (Facilities Management) / Industry Inputs, Power & Energy (Haycolour) / Leisure (Housekeeping Operations) / Transportations (Warehousing Operations) / Eco Solutions
	20% reduction in chemical inputs per unit of production	All the manufacturing operation and chemical intensive service providing operations  Substitution of high-impact and hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives and reducing reliance on water-intensive chemical usage	Hand Protection / Construction Materials / Plantations / Agriculture / Purifications / Textiles / Fentons (Facilities Management) / Industry Inputs, Power & Energy (Haycolour) / Leisure (Housekeeping Operations) / Transportations (Warehousing Operations) / Eco Solutions

ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
	Zero-chemical related safety incidents	All the manufacturing operation and chemical intensive service providing operations  Chemical-related safety incidents to be monitored separately by all relevant sectors	Hand Protection / Construction Materials / Plantations / Agriculture / Purifications / Textiles / Fentons (Facilities Management) / Industry Inputs, Power & Energy (Haycolour) / Leisure (Housekeeping Operations) / Transportations (Warehousing Operations) / Eco Solutions
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RELATING TO OUR BUSINESS OPERATIONS	Increase the biodiversity enhancing program to cover 5 times the area occupied by company	This should consider the extent of the built environment occupied by the Group	All the sectors

# Annexure 3 : Details relating to Social Sustainability KPI implementation

SOCIAL PILLARS	ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
Human Resources		Considers all the EPF/ETF paid employees of the Hayleys group.	All sectors	
CONSCIOUS WOTINI O		100% coverage of anti- discriminatory training by 2030 to build an inclusive workforce	Considers all the EPF/ETF paid employees of the Hayleys group.	All sectors
		Each employee to receive an average of 40 training hours per annum	Considers all the EPF/ETF paid employees of the Hayleys group. All internal and external training programs including digital training should be considered under this KPI. Records should be available for all the training programs.	All sectors

SOCIAL PILLARS	ESG STRATEGY	TARGET	SCOPE DETAILS	RELEVANT SECTORS / COMPANIES
Suppliers and customers	STANDARDISE SUSTAINABILITY COMPLIANCES ACROSS THE VALUE STREAM (DOWNSTREAM)	100% implementation of customer satisfaction survey mechanisms covering all operations	Customer satisfaction surveys can be conduct manually or online basis. Sectors should get customised their surveys. Customer survey results, post evaluations and corrective actions should be available	All sectors
		Customer awareness program focusing on product/service environment and social impacts by all the business sectors	ESG related aspects (health and safety aspects / environmental aspects / waste management aspects) of products and services should be properly communicated to customers	All sectors
	UPLIFTING THE LIVELIHOOD AND EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITIES	Drive impactful community engagement initiatives supporting an additional 50% of beneficiaries from the existing base	Community engagement activities should be long term (more than one year) and impactful. Pre evaluations and post evaluations should be available for ensuring the positive social impacts through our programs. Outcomes should be monitored regularly. Proof records should be maintained for each programs	All sectors

# **Annexure 4: The Hayleys Way**



### **HAYLEYS GROUP**

# THE HAYLEYS WAY - CODE OF BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

#### 1. Purpose

The Hayleys Way is an ethical road map for all Hayleys employees and companies, and provides the guidelines by which the Hayleys Group conducts its businesses and operations in all the countries we operate in.

#### 2. Scope

The Hayleys group is committed to conducting its business operations with honesty, integrity and with respect to the human rights and interests of all stakeholders.

All Hayleys companies and employees are required to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries in which it operates.

Every employee shall be responsible for the implementation of and compliance with the Code in his / her environment. Failure to adhere to the Code could attract severe consequences, including termination of employment.

#### 3. Policy Statement

#### Competition

Hayleys believes in and supports the development of appropriate competition laws and will market the company's products and services in accordance with the principles of fair competition and all applicable regulations and laws and will not make any unfair and/or misleading statements about competitors' products and services.

#### **Employees**

The Hayleys Group is committed to providing equal opportunities to all its employees without regard to their race, caste, religion, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, age, nationality, ethnic origin or disability. We will comply with all local labour laws, while encouraging the adopting of international practices.

All employees will be treated with respect and dignity and the right to freedom of association. We will strive to provide all employees with a safe and healthy work environment and we will not use any form of child labour or forced or compulsory labour.

#### **Business Integrity**

The Hayleys Group and its employees shall neither receive nor offer or make, directly or indirectly, any illegal payments, remuneration, gifts, donations or comparable benefits that are intended, or perceived, to obtain uncompetitive favours for the conduct of its business. The company shall cooperate with governmental authorities in efforts to eliminate all forms of bribery, fraud and corruption.

However, a Hayleys company and its employees may, with full disclosure, accept and offer nominal gifts, provided such gifts are customarily given and / or are of a commemorative nature. Each company shall have a policy to clarify its rules and regulations on gifts and entertainment, to be used for the guidance of its employees.

#### **Environment**

The Hayleys Group shall strive to make continuous improvements in the management of environmental impacts and prevent the wasteful use of natural resources and be committed to improving the environment, particularly with regard to the emission of greenhouse gases, and shall endeavour to offset the effect of climate change in all spheres of its activities

#### Consumers

Hayleys is committed to providing world class quality products and services which consistently offer value in terms of price and quality and which are safe for their intended use. The quality standards of the company's goods and services shall meet applicable national and international standards. All products and services will be properly labelled and advertised and communicated.

#### **Corporate Responsibility**

The Hayleys Group is committed to good corporate citizenship, not only in the compliance of all relevant laws and regulations but also by fulfilling our responsibility to improve the quality of life of the people in the communities in which we operate with no harm to human rights and act in the best interest of all stakeholders.

#### **Public Activities**

Hayleys will co-operate with governments and other organisations, both directly and through bodies such as trade associations in the development of proposed legislation and other regulations which may affect legitimate business interests.

Hayleys does not support or favour any political party nor contribute to the funds to any party to promote party interests.

#### Shareholders

The Hayleys Group shall be committed to enhancing shareholder value and complying with all regulations and laws that govern shareholder rights.

The Board of Directors will provide timely, regular and reliable information on our activities, structure, financial situation and performance to shareholders in accordance with relevant regulations and agreements.

#### Conflict of interest

All Hayleys employees shall always act in the interest of the company, and ensure that any business or personal association which he / she may have does not involve a conflict of interest with the operations of the company and his / her role therein.

Hayleys employees must not seek gain for themselves or others through misuse or their positions.

#### Regulatory compliance

Employees of a Hayleys company, in their business conduct, shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in all the territories in which they operate. If the ethical and professional standards of applicable laws and regulations are below that of the Code. then the standards of the Code shall prevail.

Directors of a Hayleys company shall comply with applicable laws and regulations of all the relevant regulatory and other authorities. As good governance practice they shall safeguard the confidentiality of all information received by them by virtue of their position.

#### 4. Policy Administration Procedure

Any breaches to the Code must be reported in accordance with the procedures specified by the Head of Legal. The Board of Hayleys expects Hayleys employees to bring to their attention or to that of Senior Management, any breach of suspected breach of these principles. Provision has been made for employees to be able to report in the strictest of confidence and no employee will suffer as a consequence of doing so.

#### 5. Effective Date for implementation

This policy shall be effective and operative from Jan 1st, 2014.

#### **Annexure 5: Charter of the Audit Committee**



### **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Purpose**

The Audit Committee of Hayleys PLC will assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. It will review the financial reporting process, the integrity of financial statements, the systems of internal control, the audit process and the company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations, with the code of conduct that may be in force.

The committee will also review the checks and controls that are in place to ensure the assets of the company are adequately safeguarded and the values of such assets as reflected in the Balance sheet are in conformity with the accepted accounting principles and standards. The definition of assets among other things will include fixed assets, inventories, receivables, and intangible assets.

#### Composition

The Audit Committee will consist of a minimum of 3 members of the Board of Directors out of which a minimum of two (02) or a majority of the members, whichever higher, shall be Independent Directors. All members of the committee shall be non executive directors. The chairman of the committee shall preferably be an independent non-executive director. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall be a Member of a recognized professional accounting body. The Board will appoint committee members and committee chairman

#### **Authority**

- a. Recommend appointment, dismissal, service period and audit fee of the external auditors.
- b. The audit committee shall establish and maintain a direct communication channel with the external auditors.
- c. Resolve any issues regarding financial reporting between the management and the external auditor.
- d. Pre-approve all auditing and non audit services performed by the external audit firm and internal audit service providers.
- e. Seek any information it requires from employees or external parties relating to investigations.
- f. Meet with the management, external auditors as necessary to carry out the assigned duties.

#### Meetings

The audit committee shall meet at least every guarter, with authority to convene additional meetings where necessary. Group Secretarial division will function as Secretary to the Audit Committee and shall record and keep detailed minutes of the committee meetings.

The Group Finance Director, Head of Internal Audit and Chairman/ Managing Director will attend the meetings by invitation. Audit committee shall meet with external auditors before commencement of the Audit and after the conclusion of the Audit without the presence of the Management.

#### **Quorum**

The quorum for a meeting of the Audit Committee shall require that the majority of those in attendance to be independent directors.

#### Responsibilities

The committee will carry out the following responsibilities.

#### **Financial Statements**

Review the financial reporting process of Hayleys PLC, in order to monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the company, its annual report, accounts, and quarterly reports prepared for disclosure and the significant financial reporting judgments contained therein.

The committee shall focus particularly on;

- a. Major judgmental areas
- b. Any changes in the accounting policies and practices
- c. Significant matters highlighted including financial reporting issues, significant judgments made by management, significant and unusual events or transactions, and how these matters are addressed:
- a. Any related party transaction and conflict of interest situation that may arise within the Listed Entity or group including any transaction, procedure or course of conduct that raises questions of management integrity;

- b. The going concern assumption
- c. The compliance with relevant accounting standards and other legal requirements
- d. Contingent liabilities
- e. Disclosures.

#### Internal Control

- a. Review the effectiveness of the company's internal control system, including information technology security and control.
- b. Discuss the scope of internal and external auditor's review of internal control systems.
- c. Review the significant findings and recommendations of external/internal auditors, together with the management responses.
- d. Review the internal controls in place to prevent the leakage of material information to unauthorized persons.
- d. Review systems and controls and service level agreements of Hayleys Business Solutions International (Pvt) Ltd, which offers shared services to the group companies.

#### **Internal Audit**

- a. Review the adequacy of the scope, functions and resources of the internal audit department in relation to the functions to be performed.
- b. Review the internal audit programs proposed for the ensuing year, together with any intermediate or long-term audit plans.
- c. Recommend appointment or termination of Head of Internal Audit and out-sourced service providers to the internal audit functions.
- d. Review the conflict-of-interest program.

- e. Ensure that the internal audit function is independent of the activities it audits and that it is performed with impartiality, proficiency and with due professional
- f. The committee shall consider the major findings of internal investigations and management's response thereto.

#### **External Audit**

- a. Recommend to the Board the appointment or continuing engagement of the external auditors.
- b. Approve the terms of engagement of the external auditors, and review the scope and procedures to be used in their audit.
- c. Review the independence of the external auditors.
- d. Review their report of the company's financial position, and their management
- e. Review and discuss for possible corrective action any discrepancies or recommendations noted in their report, and management's response to them.
- f. Develop and implement policy on the engagement of the external auditor to supply non-audit services, at minimum taking into account relevant ethical guidance regarding the provision of nonaudit services by an external audit firm; and to report to the Board identifying any matters in respect of which it considers that action or improvement is needed and making recommendations as to the steps ought to be taken.
- a. Inquire as to the Company environment (cooperation, limitations, restrictions etc) within which their audit was conducted
- b. Consider the views of the external auditor concerning the adequacy of the company's internal controls and internal audit function and discuss the scope of, and plans for, future internal audits.

- c. Review the fees paid to the external auditors
- d. Meet privately with the external auditors at least annually.

#### **Risk Management**

- a. Review and assess the company's risk management process, including the adequacy of the overall control environment and controls in areas of significant risks.
- b. Review and assess the company's system of internal controls for detecting accounting and financial reporting errors and misappropriation of assets, legal violations, and non-compliance with the corporate code of conduct. In this regard, review the related findings and recommendations of the external and internal auditors, together with management responses.
- c. Review with legal counsel and regulatory matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements ensuring that at least once in every three years a review of the board's risk management, internal controls, business continuity planning and information security systems are carried out and appropriate remedial actions recommended to the board
- d. Review the risk policies adopted by the Entity on an annual basis.
- e. Take prompt corrective action to mitigate the effects of specific risks in the case such risks are at levels beyond the prudent levels decided by the committee on the basis of the Listed Entity's policies and regulatory requirements.

#### Compliance

a. Review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and results of management's investigation and follow-up of any instances of non-compliance.

- Review arrangements by which employees of the Hayleys Group may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible irregularities in financial reporting, internal control weaknesses, misappropriations or any other matters.
- c. Obtain and review assurance received from:
  - (a) the CEO and the CFO that the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Entity's operations and finances; and
  - (b) the CEO and other key management personnel who are responsible, regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the Entity's risk management and internal control systems.

#### **Reporting Responsibilities**

- Report to the Board its findings based on the reports of the external auditor, the internal auditor, and members of management, together with any recommendations for action, which it may consider appropriate.
- Provide a communication link between internal audit, external auditors, and the Board of Directors.
- c. Report annually to shareholders, as to how the responsibilities of the audit committee were discharged.
- d. Where the Audit Committee is of the view that a matter reported by it to the Board of Directors of a Listed Entity has not

been satisfactorily resolved resulting in a breach of these Requirements, the Audit Committee shall promptly report such matter to the Exchange.

#### Other Responsibilities

- Discuss with the management the major policies in place with respect to risk assessment and risk management.
- b. Discuss with the management and assign task masters who can be held responsible for different aspects.
- c. Review as appropriate with the external auditor, the internal auditor and the Managing Director or his delegates, the overall adequacy of the company's programs, systems and procedures for compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and for assurance that the management and affairs of the company are conducted with all due regard for ethical and legal norms and standards.
- d. Review summaries of executive expense reports, review closed and pending litigation, and review retirement benefit funding.
- e. Perform other activities as directed by the Board of Directors.
- f. Review the adequacy of the committee charter periodically, requesting Board approval for proposed changes.

# Annexure 6: Policy on Matters relating to the Board



#### **HAYLEYS PLC**

# POLICY ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### A. PURPOSE

The Purpose of the policy on matters relating to the Board of Directors ('this Policy') is to establish a comprehensive internal governance structure within which the Board of Directors of the Company is expected to carry out their duties in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act No of 2007, the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Articles of Association of the Company.

This Policy is adopted to ensure effective execution of the Directors' responsibilities and will be reviewed by the Nominations and Governance Committee of the Board as appropriate.

#### B. SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to Hayleys PLC.

#### C. DEFINITIONS

The Company – refers to Hayleys PLC

The Listing Rules – refers to the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Echange The Board – refers to the Board of Directors of Hayleys PLC

The Companies Act – refers to the Companies Act No 7 of 2007

#### D. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors ('the Board') in performing their duties shall act in good faith and in the best interest of the Company. The Directors in overseeing the management of the Company's business and affairs must consider the interests of the shareholders of the Company.

#### **Overall Responsibilities**

- Ensure formulation and implementation of business strategy
- · Appointment of Chairman, Co-Chairman and Senior Independent Director
- Ensuring that Key Management Personnel have the required skills, experience and knowledge to implement strategy
- Succession planning
- Approval of budgets and major capital expenditure
- Ensuring effective systems to secure integrity of information, internal controls, business continuity and risk management
- Ensuring compliance with all laws, regulations and ethical requirements
- Ensuring that key stakeholder interests are considered in corporate decisions

- Ensuring the development, approval and update of strategies, policies and targets related to sustainable development
- Ensuring adoption of appropriate accounting policies and fostering compliance with financial regulations
- Establishing a process for monitoring and evaluation of progress on implementation of strategy, budgets, plans and risks
- Overseeing the processes to identify and manage the organisation's impacts on the economy, environment and people

In discharging their obligations, directors are expected to rely on the honesty, integrity and expertise of the Company's senior executives and its outside advisors and auditors. Board members are expected to review meeting materials in advance, to attend and actively participate in all Board meetings and meetings of Board committees on which they serve, either physically or via audio visual communication. Directors who ioin via audio visual communication shall be counted for the quorum.

Directors are expected to devote adequate time to discharge their responsibilities appropriately. Directors are required to abide by the internal Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for all Directors and employees including policies on trading in the entity's listed securities.

The Nominations and Governance Committee will oversee an annual selfevaluation of the Board to determine whether the Board and its committees are functioning effectively.

#### E. BOARD COMPOSITION

#### Size of the Board

The Board shall have a minimum of Nine (09) and maximum of Fourteen (14) Directors. The number of Directors can only be changed by a special resolution of the shareholders.

# Positions of Chairman and Chief Executive

The function of Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC are vested in one person due to the diversity and scale of operation of the Group and it is the most appropriate arrangement for the Company.

The Chairman of the Board of Hayleys PLC shall be the Chairman of the subsidiary companies in the Group unless otherwise stated in the Articles of Association or Joint Venture Agreements.

#### Role of the Chairman

The Chairman's role is to preserve good corporate governance, and be responsible to preserve order and facilitate the effective discharge of Board functions.

#### Senior Independent Director

The Board shall appoint a Senior Independent Director since the role of the Chairman and Chief Executive are combined.

Duties of the Senior Independent Director include:

 Set corporate values facilitating an equitable balance between key stakeholder interests

- Uphold high standards of ethics, integrity and probity
- Support executive leadership whilst monitoring their conduct
- Preside over the meetings of independent directors, without the presence of the executive directors, at least once a year or as often as deemed necessary to discuss matters relating to the Company and the operation of the Board.
- Preside at meetings of the Non Executive Directors without the presence of the executive directors at least once a year, to appraise the Chairman's performance and on such other occasions as are deemed appropriate.
- The SID shall have a casting vote at these meetings.
- Report the results of the meetings to the Chairman
- Provide feedback as required to the other directors on the issues discussed with the Chairman.
- Serve as a liaison with the Chairman and independent directors,
- Call for meetings of the non executive directors and independent directors as and when necessary,
- Ensure that he or she is available for consultation and direct communications with major shareholders as appropriate.
- Be available to shareholders in case they have concerns which cannot, or should not, be addressed by the Chairman or Executive Directors
- Act on the results of any performance evaluation of the Chairman
- Maintain sufficient contact with major, significant and minority shareholders, assisting the Board to develop a balanced understanding of their issues

#### Non Executive Directors

Since the role of Chairman and the Chief Executive are vested in the same person, majority of the Directors shall be Non Executive Directors.

#### **Independent Directors**

One Third (1/3rd) of the total number of directors shall be Independent in terms of Rule 9.8.2 of the Listing Rules. The criteria for independence are set out in Rule 9.8.3 of the Listing Rules and in Appendix A.

#### F. DIRECTOR SELECTION

The Nominations and Governance Committee is responsible to recommend candidates for Board membership. General criteria for nomination of Director candidates include, but are not limited to the strategic demands of the Company, the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior, the ability to provide wise and informed guidance to management, a willingness to pursue thoughtful, objective inquiry on important issues before the Company, and a range of experience and knowledge commensurate with the Company's needs as well as the expectations of investors and other relevant stakeholders. The Nominations and Governance Committee must also consider whether the candidate enhances the diversity of the Board. Such diversity includes professional backgrounds, competencies, skills, knowledge of specific industries and geographic experience, age and gender.

The Nominations and Governance Committee must consider the following criteria in relation to fitness and proprietary when recommending candidates for Board membership;

- Honesty, integrity and reputation
- Competence and capability
- Financial soundness

The Directors shall confirm on an annual basis that they have continuously satisfied the Fit and Proper Assessment Criteria as set out in Rule 9.7.3 of the Listing Rules during the financial year and at the date of such declaration

The Nominations and Governance Committee must consider whether candidates recommended for Board membership are employed or on the boards of competing companies and determine whether or not such a candidate can be recommended.

#### Retirement and Re- Election of Directors

Any Director who is over seventy (70) years shall retire in terms of Section 210 of the Companies Act and subject to the recommendation of the Nominations and Governance Committee, stand to be reappointed by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in terms of Section 211 of the Companies Act.

In terms of the Articles of Association of the Company, at every Annual General Meeting one third (1/3rd) of the Directors, or if their number is not three (3) or a multiple of three (03), the number nearest to but not exceeding one third (1/3rd), shall retire from office, provided however that the Chief Executive or the Managing Director whilst holding that office shall not be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the retirement by rotation.

#### **Director Orientation**

The Company will conduct an orientation program for new Directors that includes presentations by senior management. Additionally, management will provide opportunities for all Directors to obtain an understanding of the Company's strategic plans, business and operations, significant financial, accounting and risk management issues, material ESG matters and impacts and other matters of importance to the Company. This will include visits to the Company's significant facilities.

#### **Continuing Education and Awareness**

The Board shall be kept abreast of any new laws that impact boards, changes to Listing Rules, Policies of the Company and any legislation that is relevant for the Board to perform their duties diligently.

Where necessary the Company will send Directors to the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, for training on corporate governance and other relevant matters.

#### G. CHANGES IN PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Where there is a change in a Director's board position or business affiliation which may result in a conflict with the business of the Company, the Director shall promptly inform the Chairman.

#### Additional Board Service.

The Chairman of the Group shall serve as Chairman of all companies within the Group. He shall not serve on the Boards of more than Twenty Five (25) listed companies.

The maximum number of directorships in listed companies that may be held by a Director is

### Twenty Five (25).

Each Director must annually declare to the Board all the directorships held by him/her in listed companies, unlisted public companies and private companies

#### H. DIRECTOR REMUNERATION

Non Executive Directors receive a fee for serving on the Board and serving on Sub Committees. Proposed changes shall be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee and any changes shall require the approval of the Board. The Remuneration Committee periodically shall review the status of directors' fees in relation to other comparable companies and other factors the Committee deems appropriate, and shall discuss the results of its review with the Board

#### I. BOARD MEETINGS

#### Agendas

The Chairman will establish the schedule and agendas for meetings of the Board. Any suggestion by Directors may be taken into account. Board papers will be provided to the Directors at least 7 days before each meeting by the Company Secretaries.

#### Information

Directors may request for additional information at the meeting to make informed decisions.

Board decisions may be taken by way of written resolutions circulated to directors as provided in the Articles of Association.

Directors shall maintain strict confidentiality of Board discussions and all information received in their capacity as Directors and Committee members.

#### Meeting Schedule

By 31st December, the schedule of the meetings for the ensuing year will be distributed to the directors.

#### **Number of Meetings**

- The Company shall hold Board meetings on a monthly basis. A minimum number of Twelve (12) Board meetings per year must be held.
- The Company shall hold Audit Committee and Related Party Transactions Review Committee meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Remuneration Committee meetings shall be held at least once a year.
- Nominations and Governance Committee meetings shall be held twice a year or more frequently as and when the need

Committee meetings may be held via audio visual communication

#### Attendance at Meetings.

Any Director who is unable to attend the meetings physically may participate via audio visual communication and shall be marked as present and be counted for the quorum.

A Director is required to attend at least six (06) Board meetings (if twelve Board meetings are held) or 50% of the Board meetings held during the Financial Year.

A Director who is absent for more than fifty percent (50%) of the Board meetings during the year, shall be considered as having vacated the post and is required to forward a letter of resignation, conditional upon acceptance by the Board.

#### **Presentations**

Senior management, officers and other key associates maybe invited to Board meetings to provide additional insight into items being discussed, or whom senior management believe should be given exposure to the Board.

#### J. BOARD INTERACTION WITH INVESTORS, MEDIA AND OTHERS.

The Board believes that the Chairman and Chief Executive speaks for the Company. The Directors shall not discuss matters relating to the business of the Company without prior approval of the Chairman.

The Directors shall not disclose to any third party or the media any price sensitive or material information about the business, which has not been disclosed by the Company to the Colombo Stock Exchange.

#### K. TRADING IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY AND GROUP COMPANIES

The Directors shall adhere to Rule 8.6 of the Listing Rules of the CSE and Section 200 of the Companies Act.

Connected persons are prohibited from trading in securities on the basis of price sensitive or privileged information which has not been disclosed to the public. It is the policy of the Company that connected persons shall not trade up to three (03) market days after the information is released to the CSE, excluding the date on which the information was disclosed the CSE.

Connected persons include:

- Directors of the Company or Directors of a related company, or a spouse of a Director and children under 18 years,
- A person holding the position of an officer of the Company (other than a Director) or employees of the Company or a related company, or a position involving a professional business relationship which can reasonably be expected to give him access to unpublished price sensitive information.

Where a Director or a connected person or a company in which he is a Director (relevant interest) buys or sells securities of the Company in which he serves as a

Director, the Director has an obligation to inform the Board forthwith, through the Company Secretary, about the connected parties dealing in shares of the Company and this shall be disclosed to the CSE within 5 market days.

For the purpose of Section 200 of the Companies Act, a person has a relevant interest in shares if:

- he is the beneficial owner of the share.
- has the power to exercise any right to vote attached to the share.
- has the power to acquire or dispose the share.
- has power to control the acquisition or disposal of the share by another person
- under or by virtue of any trust or agreement, arrangement or understanding relating to the share, has the power to control the right to vote, buy or sell, or control the buying or selling by another person.

In addition to the above. Directors of the Company are required to refrain from dealing in the securities of the Company or group companies before the publication of price sensitive information.

#### L. BOARD COMMITTEES

The Company shall at all times have an Audit Committee, a Nominations and Governance Committee, a Related Party Transactions Review Committee and a Remuneration Committee. The Chairman of all the committees shall be an Independent Director. The Senior Independent Director shall be the Chairman of the Nominations and Governance Committee.

Majority of the members of these committees will be independent directors. The Committees shall not comprise any executive directors except the Related Party

Transactions Review Committee. These Committees shall be governed by the Listing Rules

Each of the committee shall have a Charter and the Nomination and Governance Committee will review the charters of the committees on an annual basis.

Appointment of Committee Members. The Nomination and Governance Committee will recommend to the Board for its approval Directors to serve as members and chairs of each committee.

Committee Meetings. Committee chairs, in consultation with other committee members and appropriate management personnel, will determine the frequency, length and agendas of meetings consistent with the Committee's charter, and will communicate agendas and meeting dates to the other members as far in advance of the meetings as practicable. The chair of each committee will report on committee matters to the full Board.

The Board may appoint and any other committee such as ESG Committee. Risk Committee etc. as deemed appropriate, which will have their own policies and procedures.

#### M. APPRAISAL OF BOARD PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Board and Committees shall appraise their own performance annually to ensure that board responsibilities are satisfactorily discharged.

An annual self evaluation shall be carried out by the members of the Board on the performance of the Board, its committees and the Chairman, non executive directors and executive directors.

The collective outcome shall be compiled and evaluated by the Nominations and Governance Committee which shall consider the results of the evaluation and make recommendations to the Board on initiatives, actions required to improve the balance of skills, experience, independence, industry knowledge and training and other relevant factors.

The performance of the Chief Executive shall be evaluated by the Board in line with the short, medium and long term objectives of the Company, financial and non financial targets that should be met by the Chief Executive during the year.

Succession Planning and Management Development.

There will be an annual report to the Board on succession planning and development of the Management of the Heads of Department and above, which will be reviewed and approved by the Board.

#### Publication

The Company's website will disclose the existence of the Policy on matters relating to the Board of Directors and a summary may be shared with the shareholders of the Company upon request made to the Company Secretary.

#### Review and Update

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

#### Effective date of implementation

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

# **Annexure 7: Corporate Governance Policy**



### **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICY**

#### 1. Purpose

The Purpose of this policy is to establish a comprehensive and structured framework which ensures that the organisation is governed with integrity and transparency while safeguarding the interest of all stakeholders. The provisions included in this policy are complementary to the requirements regarding the Board and Board members contained in the legislation, regulations, and the Articles of Association of the Company.

#### 2. Scope

This policy is applicable to Hayleys PLC. and entities in the Group as relevant.

#### 3. Board of Directors

#### 3.1 Board Composition

- a. The Board, in consultation with the **Group Nominations and Governance** Committee, shall prepare a profile of its size and composition, considering the nature of the Company's business and its subsidiaries, and the desired expertise and experience of the Board members (the "Board Profile").
- b. The Board shall have a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 14 members.
- c. Non-Executive Directors should comprise the majority of the Board while no less than 1/3rd of the Directors shall be independent in accordance with the criteria set out in the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange.

- d. At least one Board member shall be a member of a professional accounting body having expertise in financial administration and accounting.
- e. Board members will have sufficient expertise to perform his/her role within the determined profile
- f. Board shall be diverse in terms of skills. gender, age and experience encouraging diverse points of view
- g. All Directors shall at all times fulfill the Fit and Proper criteria set out in Section 9.7.3 of the Listing Rules
- h. The Chairman of Hayleys PLC will be the Chairman of all Group companies.

#### 3.2 Appointment and Removal

Appointment of Directors will be carried out in accordance with Section 27 of the Articles in line with the formal procedure set out by the Company's Nominations and Governance Committee. The following additional guidance is provided regarding the appointment and removal of directors to ensure compliance with best practice:

- a. Profiles of directors being nominated for appointment shall state the following
  - i. the candidate's name, age and his or her profession,
  - ii. the amount and nature of any shares held in the Company,
  - iii. the nature of his expertise in relevant functional areas

- iv. Whether Executive, Non-Executive or Independent
- v. the number and names of companies in which the Director holds directorships/ serves as Key Management Personnel indicating whether such companies are listed or unlisted
- vi. Any other information relevant to assess his or her suitability as a member of the Board.
- b. The recommendation or nomination for appointment or reappointment shall state the reasons for the nomination or recommendation.
- c. Past performance of Board members must be considered prior to recommending a member of the Board for reappointment.
- d. The appointment of Board members to the Company, must be informed to the Colombo Stock Exchange within 24 hours of such appointment together with a brief resume of the director as set out in Section 1,3 (a) above and any shareholding in the Company held by the Director.

#### 3.3 Board Independence

Independence of Directors will be determined annually in accordance with the criteria set out in the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange, the currently applicable Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance issued by the

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (' the Code'), subject to any additional requirements that may be imposed by relevant regulators. In case of ambiguity or conflict, regulatory requirements will prevail over the Code

#### 3.4 Roles and Responsibilities

Powers and duties of Directors are set out in Section 30 of the Articles of Association and Section 187 of the Companies Act No.7 of 2007 and Section A.1.2 of the Code.

- a. General Responsibilities- The Board oversees the general business of the Company. The entire Board is responsible for such supervision and oversight.
- b. The Board Acts in the Interest of the Company- The Board shall act in the best interests of the Company and its business, taking into consideration the interests of the Company's shareholders and other stakeholders. Board members shall perform their duties independent of any particular interest in the Company. Members should not support one interest without regard to the other interests involved.
- c. Responsibility for Securing Information: The Board and its individual members each have responsibility for obtaining all information from the management and the internal and external auditors needed to carry out their duties and make informed decisions
- d. Supervision of Management: The Board should consider the achievement of strategic objectives, strategy and risks, structure and operation of internal risk management and audit systems, financial reporting process, sustainability impacts and compliance among others.

- e. Supervision of Financial Reporting: The Board, in consultation with the Audit Committee, supervises compliance with written procedures for the preparation and publication of the annual report and accounts, the quarterly financial reports and any other financial information prepared for regulators or shareholders. The Board, through the Audit Committee, also supervises the internal control and audit mechanisms for external financial reporting
- f. Duties regarding the Board and performance of the Board which includes nomination of Board members, establishment of committees, conduct board self-assessments among others
- g. Duties regarding and nomination and supervision of external auditor

#### 3.5 Other Positions

- a. No Excess Memberships Members of the Board shall limit their Directorships in other Listed Companies so as to ensure they can perform their duties as members of the Board. Maximum number of directorships in Listed Companies that may be held by a Director is capped at Twenty Five (25).
- b. Notice of Additional Directorships Board members must inform the Chairman of the Board and the Company secretary of their other positions which may be of importance to the Company or the performance of their duties before accepting such positions. If the Chairman determines that there is a risk of a conflict of interest, the matter shall be discussed by the Board in accordance with Section 1.13.1 of this charter. The Company secretary shall keep a list of the outside positions held by each Board member

#### 4. Chairman

The functions of Chairman and Chief Executive are vested in one person due to the diversity and scale of operations of the Group and the Board is of the view that this is the most appropriate arrangement for Hayleys PLC. The Chairman of Hayleys PLC shall be the Chairman of the Subsidiary Companies in the Group unless otherwise stated in the Articles of Association or Joint Venture Agreement.

#### 4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

- a. The Chairman of the Board is primarily responsible for the activities of the Board and its committees. He/ she shall act as the spokesman for the Board and the Company. The Chairman of the Board presides over the general assembly.
- b. The Chairman ensures that:
  - i. Board members, when appointed, participate in an induction program and, as needed, additional education or training programs;
  - ii. The Board members receive all information necessary to perform their duties effectively;
  - iii. The Board has sufficient time for consultation and decision-making;
  - iv. The Committees function properly;
  - v. The Board has proper contact with the executive committee
- c. In addition, the Chairman is primarily responsible for:
  - i. Ensuring the Board satisfies its duties;
  - ii. Determining the agenda of Board meetings, chairing such meetings and ensuring that minutes are kept of such meetings;

- iii. Consulting with external advisors appointed by the Board;
- iv. Addressing problems related to the performance of individual Board members; and.
- Addressing internal disputes and conflicts of interest concerning individual Board members and the possible resignation of such members as a result.

# 5. Appointment of Senior Independent Director

- a. The Board shall appoint a Senior Independent Director since the role of the Chairman and the Chief Executive are combined and the appointment shall be disclosed in the Annual Report.
- b. The Senior Independent Director should make himself available for confidential discussions with other Directors who may have concerns which they believe have not been adequately considered by the Board as a whole and which pertain to significant issues that are detrimental to the Company.
- c. The Senior Independent Director should participate in all meetings with majority, significant, and minority shareholders and be made aware of their concerns by the Company Secretary.
- d. The Senior Independent Director shall have a meeting with the Independent Directors without the presence of the other Directors to discuss matters and concerns relating to the Company and the operation of the Board SID shall provide feedback to the Chairman and the Board.

#### 6. Board Committees

- a. Establishment of Committees- The Board shall appoint the following committees from among its members to perform specific tasks.
  - i. Audit Committee
  - ii. Remuneration Committee,
  - iii. Nominations and Governance Committee
  - iv. Related Party Transactions Review Committee

The Company may establish the following Committees

- v. Finance & Investment Committee
- vi. Risk Management Committee
- vii. ESG Committee
- b. Charters of Committees Each
   Committee of the Board will have a Board
   approved Charter setting out the scope of
   work and responsibilities.
- c. Board Responsibility for Committee
  Action- The Board remains collectively
  responsible for the decisions and actions
  taken by any Committee. A Committee
  may only perform the tasks delegated
  to it by the Board and may not exceed
  the authority or powers of the Board as
  a whole. Decisions that, by law, must be
  taken by the Board may not be delegated
  to a Committee.
- d. Committee Reporting- Each Committee must promptly inform the Board of the actions it has taken and major developments of which it becomes aware. Each Board member has unrestricted access to all Committee meetings and records. The Board shall, as set forth in the Charter of the Committee concerned, receive a report from the Committee describing the Committee's actions and findings.

### 7 Board meetings

#### 7.1 Frequency, notice, agenda and venue

- a. Frequency The Board shall meet as often as necessary, but not less than 12 times a year. Meetings shall be scheduled annually in advance according to an annual Board calendar. The Board shall meet earlier than scheduled if deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Board.
- b. Notice and Agenda
  - i. Meetings of the Board are called by the Chairman. Save in urgent cases, as determined by the Chairman, the agenda for a meeting and Board papers shall be sent to all Board members at least seven calendar days before the meeting. Board members may request for additional information at the meeting to make informed decisions.
  - ii. Board members who have taken part in a meeting may not object against resolutions adopted at the meeting. A Director may dissent to a resolution and can request his dissent to be minuted accordingly.

#### 7.2 Attendance

- Undue Absence If a Board member is frequently absent from Board meetings, she/he shall be required to explain such absences to the Chairman
- Attendance by Non-Members shall be through invitation by the Chairman or GCFO of the Company.
- c. Directors are required to attend a minimum of 50% of the meetings. A Director may attend meeting via audio visual communication and he/ she shall be marked as present and be counted for the Quorum.

#### 7.3 Chairman of meetings

- a. Chairman Board meetings are presided over by the Chairman of the Board or, in his or her absence, a nominee Director recommended by the Chairman. If both are absent, one of the other Board members, designated by majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting, shall preside.
- b. Minutes The Company secretary (or any other person designated for such purpose by the Chairman of the meeting) shall prepare the Minutes of the meeting which shall describe the decisions made at the meeting. The Minutes shall be adopted by the Board at the next meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

#### 8. Ethics and Integrity

Directors are bound by the Internal Code of Conduct- the Hayleys Way, which serves as the Group's Ethical Roadmap. The Board is collectively responsible for setting the tone at the top and upholding ethical principles throughout the organisation. The organisation's ethics framework is also supported by its Whistleblower Policy, Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy and Commitment to the United Nations Global Compact's 10 principles.

#### 9. Performance Evaluation

a. At least once a year, the Board and Sub-Committees shall discuss and appraise its own performance and those of its individual members (including Executive and Non-Executive Directors), the effectiveness of Board activities, and the composition and competence of the Board.

b. The findings of such evaluations should be made available to the Nominations and Governance Committee, which should make recommendations to the Board on actions required to improve factors relevant to the effectiveness of the Board and Sub-Committees.

#### 10. Director Remuneration

- a. Remuneration Committee The Board shall determine the compensation of the executive and non-executive Board members on a proposal by the remuneration committee and based on a formal and transparent procedure formulated by the Remuneration Committee
- b. Reporting on Remuneration The Annual Report of the Company shall include the following disclosures on remuneration:
  - i. A Statement of Remuneration Policy;
  - ii. Details of remuneration of the Board as a whole:
  - iii. Names of Directors (or persons in the parent company's committee in the case of a group company) comprising the remuneration committee, contain a statement of remuneration policy and set out the aggregate remuneration paid to Executive and Non-Executive Directors
- c. Extraordinary Compensation. If a Board member or former Board member is paid special compensation during any financial year, an explanation of this compensation shall be included in the remuneration report. The remuneration report shall detail and explain any compensation paid or promised as severance pay to a Board member.

#### 11. Director training and Induction

- a. Induction Program Upon his or her election, each Board member shall participate in an induction program that covers the Company's strategy, general financial and legal affairs, financial reporting by the Company, any specific aspects unique to the Company and its business activities, and the responsibilities of a Board member.
- b. Directors must be kept abreast of any new laws that impact the Board, changes to Listing Rules, Policies of the Company and ongoing compliance/noncompliances if any.
- c. Annual Review of Training The Board shall conduct a periodic review to identify areas where the Board members require further training or education.
- d. Costs of training The costs of the induction course and any training or education shall be paid for by the Company.

#### 12. Holding and trading of Securities

- a. Long-Term Investment Any shareholding in the Company by Board members is for the purpose of long-term investment.
- b. Trades in Company Securities A Director shall not trade in any shares of the Company or any company within the Hayleys Group based on price sensitive information received by him by virtue of his directorship, which is not known by the general public. Directors should also refrain from trading in the company's listed securities after a board/ sub-committee meeting. A Director shall not trade in shares of the Company for Three (03) market days after the

- release of the quarterly financial results, announcement of dividends or any other price sensitive information. Directors are also encouraged to seek the counsel of the Company Secretary or the Group Chief Financial Officer prior to trading in the Company's/ Group company's listed securities.
- c. A Director has an obligation to inform the Company Secretary in the event the Director or a connected person buys or sells shares in Hayleys PLC. The Company Secretary shall inform the Board and the Colombo Stock Exchange within the stipulated timelines of the Listing Rules. Where the Director has a relevant interest in shares of the Company, he shall inform of any purchase or divestment of the Company's shares.

#### 13. Confidentiality

a. Duty to Keep Information Confidential

 Unless required to do so by law, no
 Board member shall, during his or her membership on the Board or afterwards, disclose any information of a confidential nature regarding the business of the Company and/or any companies in which it holds a stake, that came to his or her knowledge in the capacity of his or her work for the Company and which s/he knows or should know to be of a confidential nature. A Board member shall not use such confidential information for his or her personal benefit.

b. Return of Confidential Information At the end of each Board member's term of office, s/he shall return all confidential documents in his or her possession to the Company or guarantee their disposal in a manner that ensures confidentiality is preserved.

### 14. Policy Review and Amendments

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

### **Annexure 8: Policy on Board Committees**



### **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **POLICY ON BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Purpose of the policy on Board Committees ('this Policy') is to establish a comprehensive and structured framework within which the Board Sub Committees Company are expected to be established and to function in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange

This Policy is adopted to ensure effective execution of the Sub Committees' responsibilities and will be reviewed by the Nominations and Governance Committee of the Board as appropriate.

#### SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to Hayleys PLC.

The Company shall establish the following Board Sub Committees from among its Board of Directors to perform specific tasks:

- I. Audit Committee
- II. Related Party Transactions Review Committee
- III. Remuneration committee
- IV Nominations and Governance Committee

Each Committee shall have its own Terms of Reference, approved by the Board, setting out the scope of work and its responsibilities,

· The Chairperson of each Committee shall be an Independent Non Executive Director.

- Majority of the members shall be Independent Directors
- Except the Related Party Transactions Review Committee, non of the other Committees shall have executive directors on the Committee
- The Audit Committee and the Related Party Transactions Review Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis or more often if the need arises.
- The Nominations and Governance Committee shall meet at least twice a vear or more often if the need arises.
- The Remuneration Committee shall meet at least once a year or more often if the need arises.
- Committee Meetings may be held via audio visual communication
- · Minutes of committee meetings must be tabled at the board meetings.
- Decisions of the Committees may be taken by resolutions in writing circulated to all the members and signed by all the members.
- · A dissenting member may note his dissent in the resolution or in a meeting of the Committee.
- Consent of the majority of the members is required to pass a resolution.

The Minutes of all Committee meetings must be maintained in written form, signed by the Chairperson of the meeting or the Chairperson of the subsequent meeting and circulated to the Board of Directors.

The Company Secretaries may act as the Secretaries to the Committees

The Company may also establish the following committees

- I. Finance & Investment Committee
- II. Risk Management Committee
- III FSG Committee

#### **Board Responsibility for Committee**

**Action -** The Board remains collectively responsible for the decisions and actions taken by any Committee. A Committee may only perform the tasks delegated to it by the Board and may not exceed the authority or powers of the Board as a whole. Decisions that, by law, must be taken by the Board may not be delegated to a committee.

Committee Reporting - Each committee must promptly inform the Board of the actions it has taken and major developments of which it becomes aware. Each Board member has unrestricted access to all committee meetings and records. The Board shall, as set forth in the Charter of the committee concerned, receive a report from the committee describing the committee's actions and findings.

#### Effective date of implementation

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

# **Annexure 9: Rewards and Remuneration Policy**



### **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **REWARDS AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

#### 1. Objectives

This policy details how the organisation's total rewards should be managed with the aim of aligning rewards and remuneration with the organisation's business strategy, objectives, risk tolerance levels, values and long-term interests. The policy drives high performance while precluding excessive risk-taking. Key objectives of the policy are,

- Drive the achievement of the organisation's strategic aspirations
- Attract, motivate and retain highperforming employees with the right experience and skills
- Promote internal equity through fair and transparent remuneration schemes
- Promote the optimum allocation of resources driving positive outcomes
- Nurture ethical, responsive and responsible corporate citizenry

#### 2. Scope

The policy applies to Hayleys PLC, including in overseas locations, except where it conflicts with either local statues or regulations, in which case such directions would apply. Furthermore, if there are other agreements entered to with specific categories of employees regarding compensation and benefits the provisions of such agreements would supersede the provisions in this policy.

#### 3. Remuneration Governance

The Board Remuneration Committee is mandated to govern and provide oversight on all aspects of remuneration and operates in line with defined Terms of Reference, which includes the following:

- Determining the compensation of the Chairman & Chief Executive, Executive Directors and the Members of the Group Management Committee.
- Laying down guidelines and parameters for the compensation structures of all management staff within the Group taking into consideration industry norms.
- Formulating guidelines, policies and parameters for the compensation structures for all Executive staff of the Company.
- Reviewing information related to executive pay from time to time to ensure same is in par with the market/industry rates.
- Evaluating the performance of the Chairman & Chief Executive and Group Management Committee against the predetermined targets and goals.
- Recommending annual salary increments and bonuses.

#### 4. Remuneration Principles

- Transparency: The policy is accessible to all employees and each individual should have an understanding on the criteria that will be used to determine their remuneration. The performance management process should be documented and available to all employees
- Fair and free from discrimination: Reward and remuneration structures should encourage equity and ethical outcomes, based on objective, job-related criteria
- Strategic alignment and performance orientation: Reward and remuneration structures should motivate employees to deliver high levels of performance and drive the execution of the organisation's strategy while being cognisant of the risk exposures
- Market competitiveness: The guaranteed elements of pay should be positioned at comparable levels established by the peer group of companies while talent dynamics and affordability should be considered in determining if the organisation positions particular roles in upper quartiles. The variable elements of remuneration are positioned at par with the peer group.

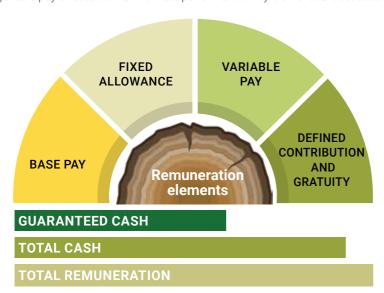
#### 5. Performance Management

The performance management framework aims to align individual and team performance objectives with the organisation's strategic objectives, enabling the translation of our strategic priorities into individual and departmental action plans. Key principles of the organisation's performance management framework is as follows:

- Performance management is a key input in determining remuneration, thereby ensuring appropriate differentiation in remuneration based on performance
- · Performance objectives comprising a combination of financial, non-financial and competency-based metrics are used to evaluate performance
- The framework is applied consistently to all employees across the Group

#### 6. Remuneration Framework

The organisation's remuneration comprises guaranteed and variable elements, which ensure fair, equitable pay structures that motivate performance. Key elements are set out below:



#### 6.1 Base Pay

Base pay, generally terms as 'salary' reflects the prevailing 'rate for the role' within a job grade/level depending on the competencies and experience of the employee. Jobs with similar duties, responsibilities and requirements are classified under a grade/ level, creating a transparent framework for managing roles and determining pay scales. Market comparability also place a key role in determining base pay and

benchmarking is conducted against comparable organisations to assess market competitiveness.

#### 6.2 Fixed Allowances

Employees are entitled to a range of allowances including vehicle, fuel and travelling depending on the category of employment.

#### 6.3 Variable Pay

Variable pay comprises periodic or lumpsum pay-outs linked to organisational and individual performance, to drive the achievement of strategic goals. The Annual Bonus is designed to reward and recognize the successful execution of our business strategy each year. Financial and business targets are established during the budgeting process, and bonus levels are determined by the Remuneration Committee based on performance against these targets. There is no guaranteed bonus or performance incentive in any given year and variable remuneration is determined primarily based on performance.

#### 6.4 Defined contribution and gratuity

Defined contributions-The organisation has in place a defined contribution plan under which the entity contributes 12% and 3% of gross emoluments to employees as Provident Fund and Trust Fund contribution respectively.

Gratuity- Gratuity payments are aligned to the requirements of the Payment of Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983 with the proportion of monthly salary dependent on the length of service, as given below.

LENGTH OF EACH SERVICE (YEARS)	NO. OF MONTHS SALARY FOR COMPLETED YEARS OF SERVICE	
Up to 20	⅓2	
20 up to 25	3/4	
25 up to 30	1	
30 up to 35	1 1/4	
Over 35	1 ½	

#### 7. Rewards

#### 7.1 Annual package increase

Annual increases in remuneration are primarily guided by market competitiveness. Subsequently, adjustments are also influenced by collective and individual performance. Individual performance evaluations take into consideration performance against defined objectives, competencies and values. This dual approach enables the organisation to align with market standards while recognising and rewarding employee contributions.

# 7.2 Salary increases in case of Promotions/ Upgrading

Individuals moving to a higher Job Grade as a result of promotions/ upgrade can be given a salary increment in line with market competitiveness in line with the respective role following the approval of the Human Resources Manager/ Business Partner, relevant GMC Member and Chairman.

#### 7.3 Salary corrections

The relevant GMC member is entitled to recommend any salary corrections for the purpose of rectifying any reward anomalies that may prevail.

#### 7.4 Annual bonus

Overall Sector performance metrics (ROE (Return on Net Assets), CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate- Revenue & PAT) & Previous Year Budget Achievement) are used to ascertain the affordability of the annual bonus.

# 8. Non-Executive Director's Remuneration

All Non-Executive Directors (other than Directors who are employed by Hayleys PLC) receive a fee for serving on the Board and serving on sub committees. They do not receive any performance related remuneration or employee benefits. The fees of Non-Executive Directors are reviewed annually.

#### 9. Review and revision to this Policy

This policy shall be reviewed and updated at least once every two (2) years by the Group HR Division. The required updates and modifications shall be recommended to the Chairman & Chief Executive and to the Board for approval. All stakeholders shall be informed of any revisions made to this Policy. Hayleys PLC reserves the right to modify/amend the policy at any time.

#### Effective date of implementation

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

## Annexure 10: Policy on Risk Management and Internal Controls



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **POLICY ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND** INTERNAL CONTROLS

#### 1. Objectives

Hayleys PLC operates in a dynamic and rapidly evolving landscape, underscoring the critical importance of proactive risk management practices in building a resilient business model.

Key objectives of the Company's Risk Management Policy are set out below:

- Optimise risk-return dynamics and ensure sustainable business growth through effective management of all risks
- Establish consistent and systematic procedures to effectively identify, measure, manage and mitigate risk exposures
- Enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the entity's operations, which in turn leads to improvements in resource allocation and decision-making
- Promote prudent risk-based decisions through nurturing a risk conscious culture
- Fulfill all relevant reporting requirements including financial and non-financial internal and external reporting
- Ensure compliance to all laws and regulations the Company is subject to

#### 2. Scope

This Policy applies to all locations of Hayleys PLC including all support functions

#### 3. Risk Classifications

The Company is exposed to a wide array of risks under both the internal and external dimensions. These risks are classified as follows:

- · Market risk- Potential for financial losses or adverse outcomes resulting from fluctuations in market variables, such as prices, interest rates, exchange rates, and other market conditions
- Strategic risks: Risks that arise from the misalignment of the organisation's strategy with business opportunities and developments in the external environment
- Operational risks: Risks arising from activities carried out by the organisation, stemming from structure, systems, products or processes
- Financial risks: Risks arising from financial operations and include credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and currency risk among others
- Information technology risks: Risk of technological obsolescence and ISS risks which arise from aspects such as external and internal vulnerabilities to the information systems, lack of disaster recovery and back-up procedures
- Sustainability-related risks: Environmental and social risks that arise from an entity's lack of recognition of environmental and social sustainability factors affecting society and the entity

Governance risks: Risks arising from the failure to manage other risks due to a lack of robust governance system

#### 4. Approach to Risk Management

Hayleys' approach to risk management is based on the COSO Enterprise Risk Management model, which enables integration with strategy and planning through embedding risk management across all departments and functions. This approach enables the organisation to position risk in the context of the organisation's performance allowing it to anticipate risks in a more proactive manner. The components of the Group's Risk Management Framework are described below:

#### 4.1 Governance and Culture

The Board holds apex responsibility for the management of risk and is assisted by the Audit Committee in discharge of this duty.

#### 4.1.1 Roles & Responsibilities

## Responsibility of the Board

- Approval and review of the Risk Management Policy
- Define the organisation's risk appetite and tolerance levels

- Delegate monitoring and reviewing of risk management to the Audit Committee or any other functions as it may deem fit
- Oversee the development of the risk management framework and ensure adequate monitoring and reporting
- Conduct a robust assessment of principal risks facing the organisation (as defined in Section 3 of this Policy), including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity
- Set the tone at the top for nurturing a risk management culture, ensuring that it aligns with the organisation's strategy and objectives
- Ensure effective systems are in place to secure the integrity of information, internal controls, cyber security and business continuity

#### Responsibility of the Audit Committee

- Obtain and review assurance from the Chief Executive and management team on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's risk management and internal control systems
- Oversee the processes to ensure that the organisation's internal controls and risk management are adequate to meet the requirements of the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards
- Review and assess the organisation's risk management process, including the adequacy of the overall control environment and controls in areas of significant risks
- Conduct a review of internal controls covering financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management

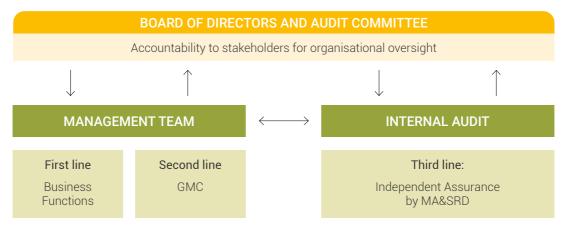
 Take corrective action to mitigate the effects of specific risks in the case such risks are at levels beyond the risk appetite and tolerance levels determined by the Board

#### Responsibility of the ESG Committee

- Identify ESG related risks, opportunities and impacts and recommend the implementation of appropriate measures to effectively address these dynamics
- Review emerging trends and issues in the ESG areas and assess potential impact on the Group
- Receive updates at least quarterly or as and when required, on ESG matters including progress against targets, key KPIs and strategy implementation.

#### 4.1.2 Risk management structures

Roles and responsibility allocation for risk management is based on the Three Lines of Defense model which ensures transparency and accountability across the organisation.



#### 4.1.3 Risk Culture

The Hayleys Way serves as the Internal Code of Conduct and functions as the ethical roadmap in nurturing a culture of compliance and risk awareness. It is reinforced through regular training, including a session for new recruits at the Group's induction programme.

#### 4.2 Strategy and Objective

Risk appetite is defined as the type and amount of risk the organisation is willing to accept in the pursuit of its strategic aspirations. Given the diversity of the operations, risk appetite is defined at Sector-level and articulated through a range of tolerance limits and risk KPIs. These targets/KPIs are reviewed at monthly review meetings and GMC meetings. Performance

against defined risk KPIs are monitored at quarterly Sector-level Audit Committee meetings while the relationship between key sector-specific risks and the achievement of business objectives are also assessed. Targets and KPIs are reviewed and revised on an annual basis.

#### 4.3 Performance

#### 4.3.1 Risk Identification

Risks are identified at Business Unit level, with the inputs of key employees across all functional areas. Risk identification occurs through leadership meetings, assessment of the external operating landscape, materiality analysis, strategic performance updates and engagement with both internal and external stakeholders among others. A risk inventory, cataloging potential risk

exposures (including sustainability-related risks) that could impact the organisation has been formulated at Hayleys PLC level and is applicable across the Group

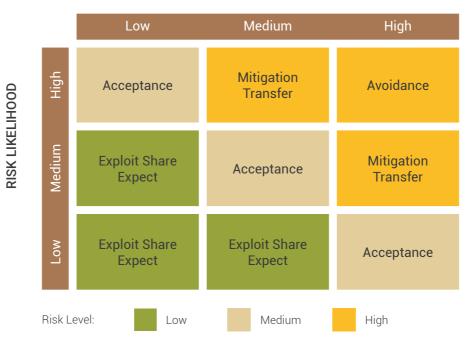
#### 4.3.2 Risk Assessment and Prioritisation

Risks are assessed in terms of severity and likelihood: the former ranges from 1 to 3 (low, medium and high impact) and factors to be considered include financial impact, customer/reputational impact, employee, social and environmental implications among others. Likelihood of risks are assessed from 1 to 3 (low, medium and high impact). Risks assessment and prioritisation is done through a standardised Risk Register, which is administered to all Sectors. Risks are assessed on the three time periods of short, medium and long-term.

#### 4.3.3 Risk Response

Risk response is defined as the action taken to address identified risks in order to mitigate their impact or likelihood.

#### **RISK SEVERITY**



#### 4.4 Review and Revision

Substantial changes in the risk landscape are continuously assessed through periodic re-evaluation. Potential drivers of change include organisational strategies and objectives, changes to processes, people and technology, emerging stakeholder requirements, changes in regulations and societal expectations among others. The review of risks is an organisation-wide discipline, with dedicated departments discharged with the responsibility for the review of specific risks as listed below:

AREA OF FOCUS	DIVISION
Group financial performance and resilience	Corporate Affairs Unit
Formulation and negotiation of the Group's insurance programme	Group Risk and Insurance
Review PESTEL risk from a portfolio perspective Strategic Business Developm	
Liquidity and foreign exchange risks Funding risks	Group Treasury
Supply chain risks Group Sourcing	
Safeguarding the digital infrastructure and information assets  Group IT	
Environmental, social and governance risks Group ESG	

The monitoring of performance against defined risk metrics and assessing the adequacy of the organisation's internal control frameworks is carried out by the Group Internal Audit Function, which conducts comprehensive audits based on the annual audit plan. Risk performance is assessed is the context of industry dynamics and peers. A direct line of communication between the Head of Internal Audit and the Chairman of the Audit Committee ensures that concerns are escalated to the Board of Directors as required.

#### 4.5 Communication and Reporting

Risk Registers are updated quarterly and submitted to the Audit Committee for Sector Audit Committees for review while a consolidated risk register is presented to the Hayleys PLC Audit Committee. Meanwhile, ESG risks are tabled by Sector ESG Divisions to the Sector ESG Committees prior to being submitted to Sector Audit Committees. Meanwhile, key findings from the audits conducted by the Internal Audit Division are escalated to the Sector and Hayleys PLC Audit Committee for corrective action.

#### 5. Review and update

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

#### Effective date of implementation

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

## **Annexure 11: Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy**



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# **BRIBERY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY**

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- · Define core principles: It outlines the group's stance on bribery and corruption.
- · Assign responsibilities: It clarifies the duties of stakeholders (including employees, suppliers, and customers) in adhering to the policy.
- Ensure compliance and provide guidance: The policy ensures adherence to all relevant anti-bribery and corruption laws and regulations and assists employees and other Company stakeholders in understanding and addressing related challenges.

#### 2. Policy Statement

The Hayleys Group which comprises Hayleys PLC and all its subsidiary companies are committed to conducting its business activities with integrity and in an ethical manner.

The Hayleys Group recognises the importance of zero tolerance for bribery and corruption which has become a serious global issue;

The Hayleys Group recognises the damage caused to societies and individuals globally due to bribery and corruption;

The Hayleys Group recognises that bribery and corruption undermine the rule of law, leads to violation of human rights, distorts

markets, and allows organised crime, terrorism and other threats to human security thrive and flourish;

Having a global footprint, the Hayleys Group continues to strengthen its overseas businesses and recognises the need to be aware of international compliance standards. Therefore, the following information is regarded as important:

- There is a significant increase of legislation around the world intended to create, or extend the reach and enforcement of anti-corruption laws
- · It is critical for Hayleys Group to implement strong compliance measures in order to
  - · Protect themselves from liability
  - Preserve interests of stakeholders
  - · Minimise disruption to business
  - · Protect corporate reputation

The Hayleys Group Bribery and Anticorruption Policy is implemented with the objective of:

- Setting out the Hayleys Group's core principles on bribery and anti-corruption;
- Setting out the duties and responsibilities of the Hayleys Group's Chairman, Directors, direct and indirect employees, suppliers, customers and other similar persons with regard to complying with this Policy;

- Ensuring compliance to all applicable laws and regulations relating to antibribery and corruption;
- Providing guidance and assistance to stakeholders on how to face challenges and issues that they may face due to bribery and corruption relating to any business and other matters relating to the Hayleys Group;

#### Commitments

The Hayleys Group is committed to:

- Upholding the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2023 as amended from time to time
- Upholding laws relating to bribery and anti -corruption in all the countries in which the Group Companies operate
- Upholding the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)

This Policy has been adopted by the Hayleys PLC Board.

#### 3. Definitions

Bribery is the direct or indirect offering, promising, giving, accepting or soliciting of an advantage as an inducement for an action which is illegal, unethical or a breach of trust. Advantages includes money (in digital or virtual form) or any gift, loan, fee, reward, commission, valuable security or other property, interest in property or sexual favour. The intention of a bribe is to influence a person's actions or decisions

in order to obtain an undue advantage or refraining from acting in the exercise of his or her official duties.

Corruption is defined as the abuse of entrusted power for private gain.

#### 4. Applicability of this Policy

The Hayleys Group Bribery and Anticorruption Policy (This Policy) is applicable to the Chairman and Board of Directors of Hayleys PLC and all its subsidiary companies including all its employees and agents, residing or operating in Sri Lanka and in overseas locations.

This Policy is applicable to all Hayleys Group business operations whether in Sri Lanka or in any other overseas locations on sea or land.

This Policy will be made available to our contractors, indirect employees if any, suppliers, distributors, advisers, contractors, consultants and all third-party service providers (Partners) through the Hayleys companies' websites. Directors and Employees shall ensure that all contractual agreements and arrangements with our Partners shall include reference to this Policy with the objective of complying with the provisions of this Policy.

Reference to the terms 'You' and 'Your' in this Policy will be applicable to all those individuals or organisations to whom a part or the entirety of this Policy is applicable to.

Reference to a 'Third Party' in this Policy means any individual or organisation that You come into contact with or deal with during the course of Your role, including but not limited to potential customers, competitors and organisations in the public sector, such as governments, public agencies and government-owned or controlled commercial enterprises.

# 5. Policy Governance and Maintenance

# Responsibilities, and monitoring compliance of this Policy

The Directors of Hayleys PLC and subsidiaries, and where applicable associate director boards, will have the overall responsibility for the promulgation of this Policy in support of its bribery and anticorruption commitments and in compliance with its legal and ethical duties.

The Group Chief Financial Officer, together with subsidiary companies and where applicable associate companies' Chief Financial Officers will be responsible to ensure that necessary procedures are in place to monitor compliance with this Policy and shall so monitor.

The Group Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for drawing up operating procedures required for compliance with this Policy.

#### Monitoring and reviewing of this Policy

The Group Chief Financial Officer in conjunction with relevant personnel, will at least once a year monitor and review the implementation of and compliance with this Policy . This review will take account of any changes in laws, changes in the Hayleys Group organisations and businesses and new areas of risk.

The Group will periodically undertake internal/external appraisals including independent audits relating to this Policy and the procedures drawn and implemented under this Policy in order to provide assurance that they are being complied with and remain effective in countering bribery and as necessary enhance their effectiveness.

#### 6. Compliance with this Policy

The prevention, detection and reporting of bribery and corruption in any form is the responsibility of all Directors and Employees. The Hayleys PLC Whistleblowing policy shall also facilitate any reporting under this Policy.

Where any Director or Employee violates this Policy, such individual may face disciplinary action which may result in termination.

Where Our Partners violate this Policy all companies of the Hayleys Group having contractual relationships with such Partners, will seek to terminate the contractual relationship in accordance with the terms of the relevant contract. The same will apply to any Third Party with whom any contractual relationships exist.

Non-compliance of this policy should be raised /communicated immediately through defined reporting channels and subsequent investigations will be conducted confidentially.

# Gifts, hospitality and other promotional expenses may be a breach of this Policy.

Gifts, hospitality related invitations, events and other promotional expenses offered or accepted by Directors and Employees may not always be a form of bribery.

The Group recognises that the occasional acceptance of nominal gifts which are customarily given and/or are of a commemorative nature, may be required in maintaining good business relationships.

However, You are requested to be cautious and take steps to identify any potential or imminent breach of this Policy in such circumstances. Such gifts, hospitality related invitations, events and other promotional

expenses having regard to the monetary value and even if the monetary value is not significant if they are offered with the intention of gaining an improper business and commercial advantage then there may be a breach of this Policy.

If in doubt contact Your manager, supervisor or relevant Director of Your organisation. The final decision will lie with the Group Chief Financial Officer.

#### Facilitating payments may be a breach of this Policy.

This Policy prohibits the payment or offering of gifts to public officials in order to expedite or facilitate an action or process, such as issue of licenses or permits, which may be commercially advantageous to the Hayleys Group. You may be criminally liable under Sri Lankan Bribery and Anti-corruption laws as well as similar laws of other countries in which the Hayleys Group operates.

This excludes legitimate payments made to fast-track a process; for example legitimate fast-track processes for visa or customs clearance which is authorised by law.

This Policy prohibits payment or offering gifts to any person where the intention is to gain an illegal commercial advantage to You personally or to the Hayleys Group.

#### Political contributions and donations to politically connected persons are a breach of this Policy.

This Policy prohibits political contributions or donation to political parties and election candidates as such contributions and donations are viewed as bribes made with the intention of influencing business and official decisions relating to Your organisation with the intention of obtaining commercial gain or similar advantage.

The Hayleys Group companies represent that they strictly do not participate in party politics as has been the ethos of the Group since inception.

This Policy expressly prohibits making any political contributions or donations or incurring political expenditure on behalf of political persons or politically connected persons. The Term 'politically connected persons' will mean the term as is currently used in current legislation or any legislation that defines such term in the future in the country where such offence took place or where such jurisdiction applies.

#### Charitable Donations may be a violation of this Policy.

You are permitted to make a charitable donation on behalf of the Group/Group company where such donation can be made legally and ethically under the laws of that country where the donation is made with all budgetary considerations followed. However, where a charitable donation is made with the intention of gaining an improper business advantage then it is a breach of this Policy. All donations and CSR activities must be carefully assessed for legitimacy and credibility ensuring that it is not being carried out to derive an undue business advantage.

#### Due diligence of Partners

There may be a risk that Partners may engage in bribery or corruption related activities.

The relevant Business Development Head will determine the level of due diligence required of our Partners. Such due diligence must be completed before the contract with the Business Partner is signed. The Group Chief Financial Officer together with the Group Head of Legal will decide on any

anti-bribery clauses that will be required in relation to entering into any agreement or contract with Partners.

#### Payment of commissions to third parties

All fees, expenses, and commissions paid to any third party engaged to represent or provide a service to the Group must be appropriate, justifiable and proportionate under the circumstances and will only be for legitimate services rendered.

#### Your responsibilities under the Policy

- 1. Read, understand and comply with this Policy
- 2. Avoid any activity that might lead to or suggest a breach of this Policy
- 3. Notify Your Manager or a Director as soon as possible if you believe or suspect that a breach or conflict with this Policy has occurred or may occur.

#### What is not acceptable?

It is not acceptable for You or someone on behalf of You to:

- Give, promise to give, or offer a payment gift or hospitality with the expectation or hope that a business advantage will be received or to reward a business advantage already given or
- Give, promise to give or offer a payment gift or hospitality to a government official agent or representative to facilitate or expedite a routine procure or
- Accept payment from a third party that You know or suspect that is offered with expectation that it will obtain a business advantage for them or
- Threaten or retaliate against another employee or individual who has refused to commit a bribery offence or who has raised concerns under this Policy

#### 7. Record keeping

Many serious bribery and corruption offences often involve some degree of inaccurate record keeping.

All Hayleys Group Company Directors recognise that the Group's records, and financial reporting must be transparent and accurately reflect each of the underlying transactions.

The Group Chief Financial Officer together with all subsidiary /associate company Chief Financial Officers are responsible for the integrity of the Group's books, records and accounts.

The Hayleys Group companies must maintain accurate and proper books of record and financial reporting. In accordance with the Group or subsidiary/ associate companies' accounting manual and defined procedures, all expenditure and expense claims must be supported by documentation that accurately and properly describe such expenditure. The reason for the expenditure must be specifically recorded

No accounts must be kept off book to facilitate or conceal payments.

The Hayleys Group must maintain a register of gifts with specific guidelines drawn up on the quantum of the value of the gifts that should be maintained where You are responsible to declare such gifts. Such register of gifts will be subject to Board review.

#### 8. Communication and training

This Policy is readily accessible for employees and external parties through the Group intranet and its website.

Adequate communication of this Policy and dissemination of this Policy is the responsibility of the Group Chief Financial Officer.

The Group Chief Financial Officer and subsidiary/associate companies' Chief Financial Officers are responsible for this Policy and its procedures are embedded through its business and understood by all employees and Business Partners.

Any questions concerning any aspect of this Policy should be referred first to the respective Group business's management who may if relevant refer the matter to the Group Chief Financial Officer.

The Group Chief Financial Officer is responsible for identifying employees who may face a risk of exposure to bribery. All employees must complete training programmes on anti-corruption and bribery implemented by the Hayleys Group. Such training has to be recorded and such training is required to be regularly refreshed to take account of changes in the risks faced by the Hayleys Group and any changes in relevant legislation.

#### Whistle blowing

The Hayleys Group will not allow retaliation against anyone refusing to take part in bribery and corruption.

The Hayleys Group will not commence disciplinary action against any employee who reports bribery related actions of another where such reporting is done in good faith even if they turn out to be mistaken.

Refer to the Hayleys PLC Whistleblowing policy.

#### Effective date of implementation

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

# Annexure 12: Whistleblowing policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

# **GROUP HR POLICY** / MANUAL

#### 1. Purpose

Hayleys Group is committed to the highest standards of ethical, moral and legal conduct in operating

its businesses. In line with this commitment. this Whistleblower Policy is primarily to provide a mechanism for employees to raise concerns where the interest of the organisation is at risk and is expected to provide an assurance that employees raising such concerns will be protected from reprisals and victimisation. This Policy applies to all individuals working at all levels (both permanent and contract) within Hayleys Group.

#### 2. Definitions

The following words and terms as used in this Policy shall unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the respective meaning set below;

2.1 'Affiliate' shall mean any legal entity which is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under common control of Hayleys PLC, the term "control" in relation to an entity, being the legal or beneficial ownership directly or indirectly of more than 50% of the voting securities or rights of such entity or controlling the majority of the composition of the board of directors or power to direct the management or policies of such entity by contract or otherwise. The term "controlling" and "controlled" shall be construed accordingly

- 2.2 'Committee' shall mean the committee constituted under this Whistle-blowers Policy to consider and redress concerns raised by a Whistleblower.
- 2.3 'Company' shall mean a legal entity within Hayleys Group to which the concern raised under this Policy is related.
- 2.4 'Hayleys Group' shall mean Hayleys PLC and its Affiliates
- 2.5 'Management' shall mean those persons that are in a managerial position in a Company who can reasonably be regarded as having the authority to make an initial assessment of the concern/ allegation made by a Whistleblower.
- 2.6 'Policy' shall mean this Whistleblowers' Policy
- 2.7 'Whistleblower' or 'Complainant' shall mean a person who raises a concern and/or allegation under this Policy

#### 3. Scope

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to cover concerns raised by staff on matters such as;

- Incorrect financial reporting;
- Financial fraud;
- Unlawful or improper conduct;

- Breach of the Code of Business Conduct. Values and other Policies of the Company;
- Any other improper activity that may have a negative impact upon the ability of the Company to achieve its corporate objectives and which may cause damage to its image and reputation

This Policy does not require the Whistleblower to prove the truth of the allegations made. Whistleblowers are required to raise such allegations in good faith and in an independent and unbiased manner. The Whistleblower may also need to provide sufficient information for the Management to take appropriate steps.

Where a genuine concern is raised under this Policy, the Whistleblower shall not be at risk of suffering any form of victimisation or retribution from the Company. However allegations in bad faith may result in disciplinary action.

A Whistleblower is able to lodge concerns confidentially and/or anonymously.

Management would take all possible measures to ensure that the complainant would not be penalised for making a complaint. Further if such an event occurs, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against the parties involved in making the complainants' life difficult. Accused will be treated

as genuine until the proceedings are concluded and a decision is made. The management will take appropriate actions if needed in the event any harassment is levelled against the accused.

#### 4. Procedure to raise a concern

- 4.1. Concerns may be raised face to face, by telephone, via a dedicated e-mail address or in writing by both named and anonymous persons. A written report will require the background and history of the issue at hand, in chronological order together with the reasons pertaining to the concerns expressed.
- 4.1. These concerns shall be raised with the Chairman and Chief Executive. Hayleys PLC or the Managing Director of the respective company to which the concern is related.
- 4.2. Advice or guidance with regard to the manner in which concerns as coming within this Policy should be raised can be obtained from the Head of Group Human Resources.

#### 5. Management Response

Once a concern is raised, the following steps will be taken:

- a. Receipt will be acknowledged where identity is disclosed
- b. Management will proceed to make an initial assessment and decide on one of the following actions as appropriate.
  - To be investigated internally by an internal inquiring committee
  - appointed in the manner described herein under:
  - To be referred to the Police or any other legal authority where such concerns discloses information of a criminal nature:

- To be referred to the internal or the external auditors:
- · To be the subject of an independent inquiry
- c. In the event the Management decides to conduct an internal investigation through the internal inquiring committee as laid down in this policy, a decision would be taken and communicated to the relevant parties within 3 month time from the date the inquiry commenced.
- d. The Whistleblower will be provided with feedback on actions taken if s/he has so requested. However, it must be noted that the Management may not be able to make full disclosure where an infringement of a duty of confidentiality to another person could occur, or where the information is sensitive so as not to be able to make full disclosure which otherwise would have been made

#### 6. The Internal Inquiry Process

- 6.1. Where an initial concern/allegation is made, the Management will discuss the matter with the Complainant. If s/ he has a personal interest in the matter, s/ he will be required to disclose this at the onset. Where the concern/allegation falls more appropriately within the Grievance Procedure s/he will be advised accordingly.
- 6.2. The Committee appointed in terms of clause 7 herein, shall immediately proceed with the enquiry and communicate the same to the Complainant where necessary and to the person/s against whom the concern/ allegation is made.
- 6.3. The Committee shall prepare and hand over the statement of allegations to the person against whom the allegation(s) is/are made and give him / her an opportunity to submit a written explanation if s/he so desires within 7 days of receipt of the same.

- 6.4 If the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made desires any witness/es to be called, s/he shall communicate in writing to the Committee the names of witness/es whom s/he proposes to call.
- 6.5. The Committee shall call upon all witnesses mentioned by the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made and any other persons that the Committee may wish to obtain statements or evidence from.
- 6.6. The Committee shall provide every reasonable opportunity to the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made, to defend his/her case.
- 6.7. The Committee shall complete the "Enquiry" within a reasonable period but not beyond three months and communicate its findings and its recommendations for action to the Group Human Resources Department of Hayleys PLC.
- 6.8. The decision of the Committee will be conveyed to the Complainant and the person/s against whom the concern/ allegation is made
- 6.9. Group Human Resources will direct appropriate action in accordance with the recommendations proposed by the Committee.

## 7. Internal Inquiring Committee

7.1. The Committee shall constitute of the Managing Director of the respective company/sector, Group Chief Financial Officer, Head of Group Human Resources, Head of Legal and Head of Internal Audit of Hayleys PLC. The Committee would include at least 2 male/2 female members to ensure fair gender representation. In the event the require gender representation is

not consistent in the internal inquiring committee, the Head of Group HR to discuss with other committee members and identify suitable person/persons and include in the committee with the approval of Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC. In this event, the number of committee members will be increased.

7.2. A guorum of 3 members is required to be present for the proceedings to take place.

The guorum should at least consist of one male/ one female member to ensure fair gender representation.

- 7.3.A committee member shall cease to be a member of the Committee forthwith on the occurrence of any of the following events:
- · Resignation from the Committee by written notice to the Company
- · Removal by notice in writing by the Chairman and Chief Executive of, Hayleys PLC for just and reasonable cause
- · Ceasing to be an employee of the company
- On death or any legal incapacity
- 7.4. Any vacancy can be filled by the Committee on the recommendation of the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC.
- 7.5. The Committee at its discretion may from time to time review and propose amendments to this Policy which will take effect after concurrence is received by the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC

7.6. If the complaint is against a committee member or if there is a conflict of interest that shall be known before or at any time during the inquiry with any committee member s/he

will immediately step down from the Committee and the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC will appoint

a suitable temporary replacement committee member. In the event the member is cleared of all charges, he/she will be immediately reinstated and the temporary member will step down.

#### 8. Confidentiality

Where the Complainant wishes to raise a concern in confidence under this Policy and requests the Company to protect his/ her identity, the Company will make its best efforts to do so unless the matters raised requires investigation by law enforcement agencies or is required to be taken up in a court of law where

it may not be possible to resolve the matter without the disclosure of identity. In such a situation the Management will discuss with the Complainant on how best to proceed.

This Policy while encouraging the Whistleblowers to identify themselves, allows Whistleblowers to raise their concerns anonymously. However, this may result in the Company facing difficulties and taking more time in its investigations with no avenue for follow- up questions and feedback from the Whistleblower. Where a Whistleblower wishes to raise a concern anonymously, s/he will need to provide sufficient facts and data to enable the Management look into the matter without the person's assistance.

#### 9. Right of Appeal

If the Whistleblower or the party against whom the concern/allegation is made is not satisfied with the decision of

the Committee, the unsatisfied party may appeal to the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC in writing within 10 days of the decision of the Committee who will respond within 14 days. If no appeal is made within 10 days, the decision of the Committee shall be final and conclusive.

## 10. Effective Date for implementation

This Policy shall be effective and operative from Jan 1st, 2014.

# **Annexure 13: Investor and Shareholder Communication Policy**



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# INVESTOR AND SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATION POLICY

#### 1. Overview

- Hayleys PLC, a public listed conglomerate, recognizes the importance of effective communication and responsiveness to shareholders for fostering trust, transparency, and good corporate governance.
- The purpose of this document is to ensure that all shareholders and investors have equal and timely access to accurate and publicly available information about the Company.
- This policy establishes a framework to enhance transparency, promote effective communication, and engage with shareholders and investors.

# 2. Communication with Shareholders and Investors

#### 2.1 Annual General Meetings

- Annual General Meetings serve as the primary mode of communication between shareholders and the company.
- Shareholders are encouraged to participate in Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and are given an opportunity to raise queries related to the financial statements in the Annual Report.
- Shareholders who cannot attend are encouraged to appoint proxies or submit voting instructions.
- Annual General Meetings will be held either in a physical location, OR

- on an online meeting platform and shareholders are encouraged to join the meetings.
- Notices of Annual General Meetings and accompanying documents are provided within the prescribed period before the meeting, and published as announcements on the website of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Company's website.
- The process of Annual General Meetings is regularly reviewed and monitored, and if necessary, changes will be made to meet shareholders' needs.
- Board Members, including the Chairperson/ Chief Executive and Executive, Independent and Non-Executive Directors and relevant members of the Group Management Committee are made available to answer queries raised by shareholders.

#### 2.2 Hayleys Website

- The company's website (https://www. hayleys.com/) is one of our primary communication and informationsharing channels with shareholders and investors.
- Annual reports, interim reports, investor presentations, circulars to shareholders, links to annual reports of listed subsidiaries, and investor FAQs are available on the corporate website. There is a dedicated section for investor relations.

- In addition to investor-related information, the website provides background information about the business activities of different sectors, ESG practices, career opportunities, and press releases.
- A dedicated section on the website contains contact information for various departments where shareholders can raise their issues, concerns, and comments with the company.

#### 2.3 Social Media Presence

 In addition to the corporate website, information related to Hayleys PLC is shared through various social media platforms, including LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X (formerly known as Twitter).

#### 2.4 Shareholder Enquiries

- Shareholders with questions related to shareholding and dividends should direct their inquiries to the Company Secretary.
- For other inquiries, designated contacts from each division are available on the website, including their names, email addresses, and contact numbers.
- Matters and concerns raised by shareholders and investors will be routed to the Board through the relevant Group Management Committee member.

- Public notices to shareholders are published in all three languages: Sinhalese, English, and Tamil.
- Shareholder correspondence is primarily in the English language.

#### 2.5 Financial Reporting

 Hayleys PLC is committed to the timely publication of financial results and aims to provide a fair, balanced, and understandable disclosure. This allows shareholders to assess the company's financial position, performance, business model, and strategy.

# 2.6 Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Reporting

- Hayleys PLC outlines its approach to ESG in annual reports and accounts, addressing climate ambitions, customers, employees, communities, and governance matters.
- Stakeholder feedback is used to identify and address issues important to shareholders and the operation of the business.

#### 2.7 Review of the Policy

This policy will undergo regular review by the Board to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with current best practices.

#### 2.8 Shareholder Privacy

Hayleys PLC acknowledges the importance of shareholder privacy and will not disclose shareholder information without their consent, except when required by law.

#### 3. Conclusion

Hayleys PLC is committed to maintaining strong communication and relations with shareholders and investors. The Company will continuously strive to meet their needs for information, transparency, and engagement, while adhering to the highest standards of corporate governance and regulatory requirements.

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# **Annexure 14: Policy on Corporate Disclosures**



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## CORPORATE DISCLOSURE POLICY

#### 1. Objectives

This Corporate Disclosure Policy is designed to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in meeting the information requirements of stakeholders. It aims to ensure that Hayleys PLC complies with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding the disclosure of material information.

Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions of investors. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Financial results and projections
- · Changes in senior management
- Mergers, acquisitions, or divestitures
- · Legal proceedings and regulatory actions

Material information must be disclosed in compliance with the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, the CSE Listing Rules, and any relevant SEC regulations. All material disclosures must be approved by the Disclosure Committee and, where required, by the Board of Directors before being made public. Once approved, disclosures will be disseminated through appropriate channels, including the Colombo Stock Exchange, the company's website, and other relevant media.

Hayleys Group is committed to full compliance with the following local regulations:

- Companies Act No. 7 of 2007: Hayleys will prepare and disclose audited financial statements, annual reports, and other required documentation as mandated by this Act.
- Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Listing Rules: Hayleys will adhere to continuous disclosure obligations, including the timely submission of quarterly financial statements and immediate disclosure of any price-sensitive information.
- Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC): The Group will follow SEC regulations regarding market conduct, insider trading, and disclosure of significant shareholdings.
- Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) Regulations (if applicable): For financial services operations, Hayleys will comply with CBSL's disclosure requirements regarding capital adequacy, risk management, and other relevant areas.

Hayleys Group will comply with all continuous disclosure obligations under Sri Lankan law and the rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange. This includes promptly disclosing any material changes in the company's financial condition or operations, as required by the CSE and SEC.

#### 2. Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of the Hayleys Group. It covers all forms of external communication, including financial reports, press releases, presentations, regulatory filings, and social media posts.

#### 3. Our Commitment

The Hayleys Group is committed to the following principles.

Ensuring that all material information related to Hayleys Group is disclosed promptly and accurately to the market, in a way that is clear and understandable to all stakeholders	Accurate and timely reporting
Ensuring information is disclosed consistently across all communication channels.	Consistent reporting
Compliance with local regulatory requirements, including the Companies Act, Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) Listing Rules, and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) regulations.	Compliance
Protection of confidentiality of sensitive information where necessary. All non-public information must be treated as confidential.	Confidentiality
Protection of the integrity and reputation of the Hayleys Group in the eyes of its stakeholders.	Brand equity / Goodwill

#### 4. Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to. To ensure effective implementation of this Disclosure Policy, specific roles and responsibilities are assigned as follows:

#### **Board of Directors:**

- · Ultimately responsible for ensuring the company's compliance with disclosure requirements.
- Approves key disclosures, including financial statements, major corporate announcements, and changes in corporate governance practices.
- Reviews and approves the Disclosure Policy and any significant updates to it.

#### Disclosure Committee:

- · Comprises Hayleys GMC members, including the Group Chief Financial Officer (GCFO), and Company Secretary.
- Oversees the implementation of the Disclosure Policy and ensures that all disclosures are made in compliance with applicable regulations.
- Reviews and approves all material disclosures before they are made public.
- Provides guidance to employees on disclosure obligations and ensures that disclosure controls and procedures are in place.
- Monitors compliance with the policy and reports any breaches to the Board of Directors.

#### Group Chief Financial Officer (GCFO):

- Ensures the accuracy and completeness of financial disclosures, including quarterly and annual financial statements.
- Works closely with the Disclosure Committee to identify and assess material financial information that needs to be disclosed.
- Ensures that financial disclosures are made in a timely manner and comply with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS).

#### General Manager - Group Corporate Communications:

- · Manages the dissemination of approved disclosures through appropriate channels, including the company website, press releases, and official social media channels
- Coordinates with the Disclosure Committee to ensure that all public communications align with the company's disclosure obligations.

#### Head - Group Legal:

- Provides legal advice on disclosure obligations and ensures that all disclosures comply with relevant local and international laws, including the Companies Act, CSE Listing Rules, and SEC regulations.
- · Advises on matters related to confidentiality and insider trading to prevent unauthorized disclosure of material non-public information.

#### Company Secretary:

- Manages the dissemination of approved disclosures through the Colombo Stock Exchange.
- Ensures that the company's disclosures follow corporate governance requirements, including those outlined in the Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance.

#### **Employees and Representatives:**

- All employees and representatives of Hayleys Group are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of nonpublic information and for reporting any potential material information to their immediate supervisor or the Disclosure Committee.
- Employees must avoid sharing or trading on material non-public information.
   Insider trading laws prohibit trading in Hayleys' securities by anyone in possession of material non-public information.
- Employees and representatives are prohibited from disclosing confidential information to any third party unless required by law or authorised by the Disclosure Committee.

#### 5. Compliance and Training

Compliance with this policy is mandatory. Any violations of this policy must be reported to the Disclosure Committee or through the Hayleys Whistleblowing mechanism. The Disclosure Committee will monitor adherence to the policy and report any breaches to the Board of Directors. All reports will be investigated promptly and thoroughly. Disciplinary action may be taken against individuals who fail to comply with the policy.

Regular training will be provided to ensure understanding and adherence to disclosure requirements.

#### **Review and Updates**

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

#### Effective date of implementation

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







# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES



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## 1.1 Energy and Emissions Policy



# **HAYLEYS GROUP**

# **ENERGY & EMISSION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**POLICY / MANUAL** 

**GROUP ESG** 

The Hayleys Group is deeply committed towards conducting business in an environmentally responsible manner. The Energy and Emission Management Policy has been formulated to ensure all our businesses align to a consistent set of guidelines on environmental stewardship (responsible use and protection of natural resources through conservation and sustainable practices). All the companies of Hayleys Group operate within the framework of an Energy and Emission Management Framework that is aimed towards minimising adverse environmental impacts caused by natural resource depletion and greenhouse gas emissions

This framework encourages the optimisation of energy usage by driving increased energy efficiency and increasing reliance on clean energy sources.

Group ESG strategies relating to management of energy consumption, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 1: Energy & Emission Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs which forms an integral part of this framework.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group.

#### **Our Commitment**

As an environmentally responsible organisation, the Hayleys Group is committed to the following energy and emission management programmes;

<ul> <li>Compliance with all relevant laws and guidelines, national and international standards and all other requirements on energy and emission management practices (Sustainable energy Authority / Sustainable Development Goals / UNGC / Responsible Care Council etc.)</li> </ul>	Compliance
Identifying and appointing competent teams to effectively implement energy and emission management programs aligned with the operating model and business requirements of each sector	Assign competent teams
<ul> <li>Ensuring 100% complete and accurate reporting of relevant energy and emission data to Hayleys Group ESG on a timely basis following the set reporting frameworks based on GHG Protocol, ISO 14064 (1)- 2018: Greenhouse Gases, national guidelines and Hayleys' Cube reporting formats. Gradually increase the coverage of Scope 3 GHG reporting in line with the guidelines set out by Hayleys Group ESG. Obtain external verification of the GHG inventory from an accredited organisation</li> </ul>	Accurate and timely reporting

Implemen holistic energy and emissior managemen programmes at al entities	• Implementation of customised energy and emission management programmess focusing on the materiality of relevant energy / emission aspects. In driving these programs, identify all energy and emission related processes and applications, evaluate the significance, set targets and objectives, continuously monitor performance and drive the program based on defined KPIs in line with Table 1: Energy & Emission Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs.
Availability o resources	<ul> <li>Ensure the availability of relevant information, documents, training tools and guidance to drive the defined energy and emission management programs</li> </ul>
Shift to renewable energy	<ul> <li>Gradually shift from non-renewable energy sources and increase reliance on renewable and sustainable energy such as solar, wind, greener fuel and biomass energy etc. Ensure that purchased biofuel is sustainably sourced and does not result in deforestation. Drive investments towards environmentally-friendly technology and alternative fuels.</li> </ul>
Minimise energy related impact or environmen	<ul> <li>Minimising energy related environmental impact and enhance the Group's competitiveness through energy costs savings by embracing lean management practices, application of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) concept, carbon neutral operations and many other recognised green concepts</li> </ul>
Energy and emissior managemen	<ul> <li>Adopting energy and emission conscious procurement procedure on all relevant operations and propagate our energy and emission management practices across supplychains. Effective operation and maintenance programs to ensure energy efficient operations while minimizing emissions for significant energy consuming applications (machines / processes)</li> </ul>
Energy and emission conscious cultures	<ul> <li>Nurturing culture of energy and emission consciousness across all the relevant stakeholder groups (e.g. employees, communities, non-profit organisations, government etc.). When practically and reasonably possible observe the energy practices of supply chain partners and encourage the use of clean energy across the supply chain.</li> </ul>
Climate adaptation	<ul> <li>Proactively identify exposure to climate-related physical and transitional risks and formulate strategies for climate resilience and adaptation.</li> </ul>
Align to Group	Aligning with the Hayleys Group ESG Roadmap

This policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness on sustainable practices.

# Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

# Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI	
7	<b>7.2</b> By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix	GRI 302 -1	
- <b>:</b> @∈	7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency		
8 DECOM WORK AND STREET, STREE	8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and	GRI 302 -1	
<b>61</b>	production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and	GRI 302-1	
Contract of	production, with developed countries taking the lead	GRI 302-3	
		GRI 302-4	
		GRI 302-5	
12 month	12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources	GRI 303 – 1	
00	<b>12.4</b> By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all	GRI 303 – 2	
	wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and		
	significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment	GRI 303 – 4	
	12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt	GRI 303 – 6	
	sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle	GRI 303 – 7	
13 ==	13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning	GRI 306-1	
	13.2.2 Total greenhouse gas emissions per year	GRI 306-2	

Table 1: Energy & Emission Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Energy and Emission Management Policy	Reliance on sustainable and renewable energy sources	90% sustainable and renewable energy applications (including renewable energy generated and supplied to the national grid)	64% of renewable energy (total renewable energy consumption and generation over the total energy consumption and generations)  Based on 2018/19 performance	3% increase in renewable and sustainable energy applications

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Energy and		100% Sustainable biomass sourcing for entire group	25% of sustainable biomass (rubber wood, saw dust, briquettes	Map existing biomass sourcing within Group and implement a holistic biomass sourcing programme
Emission Management Policy		are considered as sustainable biomass sources)  Based on 2018/19 performance	Implement mechanisms for Sectors to source sustainable biomass from the Group's regional plantation companies and agriculture Sector out-growers	
	Reduction in energy intensity through improving operational efficiencies	30% energy intensity reductions	Group energy intensity for 2018/19: 2,934 GJ per USD Million	3% annual decrease in total energy intensity of the Group
	Reduction in absolute GHG emissions	GHG emissions in absolute GHG	Scope 1 emissions: 46,472 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	Conduct annual external verification of the Group's
	emissions of scope 1 & 2 by 2030	Scope 2 emissions: 55,347 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	GHG inventory	
		2018/19 baseline recalculated in line with improvements to the computation methodology and emission factors		
		10% reduction in absolute carbon emissions of scope 3	Scope 3 emissions: 5,548 tCO <sub>2</sub> e Based on 2018/19 performance	Widen scope of Scope     3 emission to include all     material categories
				6% annual reduction in Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions for entities within the financial and operational boundary in the baseline year of 2018/19
		4% y-o-y reduction in annual Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions of all new acquisitions	Horana Plantations: 5,089 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	
			South Asia Textiles: 11,838 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	

#### 1.2 Water



# **HAYLEYS GROUP**

# WATER MANAGEMENT **POLICY**

**GROUP ESG POLICY / MANUAL** 

The Group's Water Management Policy seeks to conserve and optimise water obtained from various sources, seek avenues of recycling and reusing waste water and responsible disposal of waste water generations in its operations. Environmental, social and governance aspects of water management have been adequately addressed through this policy.

Group ESG strategies relating to management of water, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 2: Water Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs which forms

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group.

#### **Our Commitment**

As the issue of water scarcity gains global attention, water conservation has been identified as a key priority in the Group's environmental agenda. Following are the key aspects relating to water applications;

<ul> <li>Compliance with all relevant laws and guidelines, national and international standards and all other requirements on water management</li> </ul>	Compliance
<ul> <li>Implementation of a water management strategy aligning with the CEO's Water Mandate by UNGC (six elements of the mandate – Direct Operations, Supply Chain and Watershed Management, Collective Action, Public Policy, Community Engagement, Transparency – through individual and collective efforts) and all other relevant requirements</li> </ul>	Implement water management strategy
Periodically review the quantity and quality of water required, thereby ensuring that all water requirements are met in the short, medium and long-term	Monitoring water requirements
<ul> <li>Identify, clearly map and measure all water withdrawals (classified by source), water applications (process and non-process water), water distribution plans and waste water generation (hazardous and non-hazardous) within the defined boundaries</li> </ul>	Mapping of water sources, applications, distribution and wastewater generation
Identifying and appointing competent teams to effectively implement water management programmes aligned with the operating model and business requirements of each sector	Identify and assign individual and functional roles and responsibilities

ng the 100% complete and accurate reporting of all reless Group ESG (Metering should be available for main w rmore, it is recommended that sub metering processes consumption and wastewater generation)	ater inputs and wastewater outputs.	Accurate and timely reporting with reliable metering at source
management targets and objectives should be set and be driven in line with the aspirations of the Hayleys Li ive and preventing actions, auditing and reviews on w	fecode (focusing on monitoring,	Set water management targets and objectives
the availability of relevant information, documents, trad d water management programs	aining tools and guidance to drive the	Availability of resources
ncing sustainable sourcing of water (including rainwate unities, recycling practices and any other innovative so withdrawal and footprint of the companies		Sustainable sourcing, reuse, recycling of water and innovation to minimise consumption
the appropriate and adequate treatment of raw water it meets the quality parameters for its designated usa rge into the environment or further treatments)		Water quality controls
ly track and manage the quantity and quality of all the ns while ensuring environmental compliance.	waste water discharges and	Manage discharge of wastewater
ve operation and maintenance programs to ensure wa ons	ter efficiency of all the relevant	Water efficiency
a water-conscious culture focusing on conserving and s technologies, process improvements and through sti h awareness campaigns	9	Water conscious culture
oute towards protecting, conserving and ensuring the ces in line with the country's national policy on conser	9	Water management related CSR activities
g with the Hayleys Group ESG Roadmap		Align to Group

This policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness on sustainable practices.

Protection, conservation and sustainable existence of water sources, their reservations and catchments grant a great support not only to the country's soc

#### Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

## Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI
6 CLEAN WATER	<b>6.3</b> By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimising release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater	
¥	and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally	303-1
	<b>6.4</b> By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure	303-2
	sustainable withdrawals and supply of fresh water to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity	303-3
	reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity	303-4
	<b>6.5</b> By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate	303-5
	<b>6.6</b> By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes	306-1 306-2
12 minorial	<b>12.4</b> By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment	306-3

Table 2: Water Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Water Management Policy	Application of sustainable water sources	50% sustainable water sourcing across the group by 2030 (rainwater / water recoveries / recycled water use)	10% of sustainable sourcing of water (process and non-process related, includes rain water / recycled water / waste water reuses)  Based on 2018/19 performance	6% increase in sustainable water sourcing annually till 2029/2030
		75% total wastewater recycled and reclaimed	11% waste water recycled / reclaimed (considered only the internally recycled or reclaimed waste water quantities)	10% increase in the Group's waste water recycling annually

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Water Management Policy	Reduction in water intensity through efficiency improvements	30% water intensity reductions by 2030	Group water intensity for 2018/19: 3,620 m3/ USD Mn	3% reduction in Group's total water intensity

#### 1.3 Material and Waste



# **HAYLEYS GROUP**

# MATERIAL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

# GROUP ESG POLICY / MANUAL

#### Standard

As an environmentally responsible corporate, Hayleys Group places priority on optimising and managing material consumptions through sustainable business practices while minimising waste generation and effectively managing the waste generated through responsible disposal methods. This guideline will ensure the implementation of effective material and waste management practices across all the companies irrespective of their operations.

Group ESG strategies relating to management of material and waste management, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 3: Materials and Waste Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs which forms an integral part of this standard.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group.

#### **Our Commitment**

This policy relates to all types of materials (that are used to produce and package the organisation's primary products and services) and relevant waste generated within our operations in both manufacturing and service sectors. The following guidelines are aimed towards the implementation of sustainable material and waste management practices across the Group.

# Compliance with all relevant laws and guidelines, national and international standards and all other requirements on material and waste management Ensuring 100% complete and accurate reporting of all relevant material and waste generation data on a timely basis to Hayleys Group ESG Compliance Accurate and timely reporting

Identifying and appointing competent teams to effectively implement material and waste management programs aligned with the operating model and business requirements of each sector	Identify and assign individual and functional roles and responsibilities
Promoting waste management through identified corporate responsibility programs	Waste management- related CSR activities
Establishing suitable environmental grievance handling mechanism to handle all possible environmental and social issues from stakeholders	Environmental grievance handling mechanism
Aligning with the Hayleys Group ESG strategy	Align with Group Sustainability strategy
<ul> <li>Introducing possible waste minimisation practices while improving resource efficiencies through application of LCA concepts, lean manufacturing practices, innovation &amp; technology applications and application of any other material and waste management related concepts</li> </ul>	Innovation to drive resource efficiency
<ul> <li>Actively seek opportunities in green production initaitives through embedding concepts of circularity, utilisation of renewable input materials and application of LCA concepts among others</li> </ul>	Sustainable products
Materials	
• Establish a comprehensive system to capture all quantitative information pertaining to renewable and non-renewable material consumptions relevant to the organisation's operations (raw material / semi-manufactured goods / associate process materials / packaging materials etc)	Capture quantitative information in sufficient detail
<ul> <li>Establish a material management program to prioritise sustainable material sourcing while increasing the use of recycled and reclaimed material inputs where ever possible, including in packaging material</li> </ul>	Prioritise sustainable sourcing
Sustainable material sourcing, green procurement practices, sustainable supplier evaluations and safe material handling should be practiced across the Group.	Comprehensive sustainable sourcing practices to be adopted by Group
Waste	
Defining the solid / semi solid waste categories within operating boundaries, map them accordingly and implementing mechanisms to quantify waste generation	Quantifying waste generation by appropriate categories
• Establishing waste management programs focusing on minimising, reducing and controlling waste generation. (Program should be developed based on 7R [Reject, Reduce, Reuse, Reclaim, Replace, Repair, Recycle] concept applications over significant operations identified)	Waste management programmes based on the 7R concept for significant applications
Proper segregation practices should be implemented across all the categories of waste generation (process and non-process)	Segregation of waste

Segregated waste should be stored separately complying with all relevant legal and other requirements     (availability of separate waste storage for hazardous and non-hazardous waste, following defined     colour code and labelling mechanism, zero contamination to the environment, application of emergency     preparedness programs, health and safety requirements on waste handling etc.)	Compliance over safe storage of waste
Ensure the sustainable disposal of all types of waste by entering into agreements with legally accepted waste collectors and disposers, ensuring responsible disposal through audits and proof documentations and maintaining records of all the waste disposals)	Sustainable disposal of waste
Establishing material and waste management targets, objectives and drive continuous improvement programs (focusing on monitoring, corrective and preventive actions, auditing and reviews on waste management)	Establishing targets and objectives to drive continuous improvement
Ensure the availability of relevant information, documents, training tools and guidance to drive the defined waste management programs	Training and tools to enable performance

This policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness on sustainable practices.

#### Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

#### Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL	TARGET	GRI
6 CLIA HITE	8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and	301-1
	production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and	301-2
	production, with developed countries taking the lead	301-3

GOAL	TARGET	GRI
12 money	12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources	301-1
$\infty$	12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all	301-2
	wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and	301-3
	significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment	301-4
	impacts on numan health and the environment	301-5
	12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling	
	and reuse	306-2
	10.6 Farance and accompanies and accompanies to adout	306-3
	12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle	306-4
14 mm cm	<b>14.1</b> By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution	

Table 3: Materials & Waste Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
	Value additions over, all the waste generations	Achieve traceability of all waste categories	Baseline to be established based on 24/25 performance	Complete 100% tracking and reporting of waste generation across the Group by 2024/25
Material and Waste Management				Launch of Group- level sustainable waste management road map by 2025/26
Policy		25% reduction of waste intensity	60.30 MT/USD revenue million	4% reduction in total waste intensity of the group
		40% waste recycled	17% waste recycled in 2023/24	5% increase in the waste recycled annually from 2024/25

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
	Ensure the responsible consumption of natural resources and sustainable productions across the group	Application of green production initiatives across 30% of products / services volumes by 2030 (LCA / recyclable products / green ratings, eco labelling etc.)	Baseline to be established on 2024/25 performance	<ul> <li>Map all possible green initiatives based on sector-level business operations</li> <li>Develop roadmap for implementing sustainable manufacturing &amp; service practices across the Group</li> </ul>
		20% recyclable, reusable or compostable packaging	Baseline to be established based on 2024/25 performance	4% annual reduction in single-use plastics

# 1.4 Chemical Management



# **HAYLEYS GROUP**

# **CHEMICAL** MANAGEMENT POLICY

# **GROUP ESG POLICY / MANUAL**

#### Standard

As an environmentally responsible corporate, Hayleys Group places priority on sustainable chemical management practices ensuring the safety of our employees, customers and all other relevant stakeholders while minimising and eliminating the environmental negative impacts. This guideline will ensure the implementation of effective chemical management practices across all the companies irrespective of their operations. Group ESG strategies relating to management of chemical

applications, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 4: Chemical Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs which forms an integral part of this standard.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group. This will ensure the best chemical management practices from chemical purchasing, chemical handling and storing to chemical disposals.

#### **Our Commitment**

This policy relates to all types of process (e.g. raw materials) and non-process (e.g. cleaning chemicals / engineering chemicals) chemical applications within our operations in relevant manufacturing and service sectors. The following guidelines are aimed towards the implementation of sustainable chemical management practices across the Group.

<ul> <li>Compliance with all relevant laws and guidelines, national and international standards and all other requirements on chemical management</li> </ul>	Compliance
<ul> <li>Identifying and appointing competent teams to effectively implement sustainable chemical management programs aligned with the operating model and business requirements of each sector</li> </ul>	Identify and assign individual and functional roles and responsibilities
<ul> <li>Maintaining up to date complete and accurate chemical inventory for all relevant chemicals (process and non-process). At a minimum, the basic information of each chemical should be included in the inventory.</li> </ul>	Maintaining an inventory of information
<ul> <li>Aligning with the chemical inventory, maintain up to date (maximum 3 years old) MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) / SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for all the list of chemicals. MSDS should be available with the organisation safety officers and / or appointed representative for chemical management</li> </ul>	Maintaining material safety data sheets
<ul> <li>Proper chemical labelling practices should be available for all the chemicals. It is recommended to follow any internationally accepted chemical labelling standard [E.g. Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS), Globally Harmonized System (GHS) are internationally recognised chemical labelling standards that can be followed by sectors] fulfilling the minimum requirements for labels.</li> </ul>	Chemical labelling practices

Chemicals should be stored separately complying with all the relevant legal and other requirements (following the chemical storing compatibility guidelines to ensure the environmental and occupational safety)	Storage of chemicals
Adequate spill control mechanism and safety precautions should be available for any emergencies relating to chemical related operations	Safety precautions
Availability of a training and awareness plan to ensure the safe and environmentally sustainable chemical management for all the relevant employees and any other stakeholder groups	Training and awareness
Continually conducting projects for improving the efficiencies of related business operations with the intention of minimising the overall chemical consumptions	Efficiency improvements
Extending the best chemical management practices to the relevant supply chains and customers	Supply chain practices
Establishing a proper environmental grievance handling mechanism to handle all possible environmental and social issues relating to chemical management	Grievance mechanisms
Aligning with the Hayleys Group ESG strategy	Alignment with Group Strategy

This policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness on sustainable practices.

#### Responsibility

The Heads of all Business Sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

Table 4: Chemical Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN
Chemical Management Policy Refer the Chemical Management Policy in the Environmental Policies booklet	Ensure best chemical management practices across the supply chain	100% Alignment with safe chemical management practices across the group operations	Chemical-intensive manufacturing sectors have implemented stringent chemical management guidelines	<ul> <li>Improve and standardise chemical storage, transportation consumption and disposal related practices focusing on environmental and safety aspects</li> <li>Sectors which are significant users of chemicals to obtain third party certification on best chemical management practices</li> <li>Propagation of best chemical management practices across supply chain</li> </ul>

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ACTION PLAN
		20% reduction in chemical inputs per unit	Chemical intensities computed at Sector-	Reduce reliance on water- intensive chemicals usage
Chemical Management	<b>ical</b> pro	level due to diversity in product range	Substitution of high-impact and hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives	
Policy Refer the				Improving process yields to reduce excess chemical consumption
Chemical Management Policy in the Environmental Policies booklet				Engage in chemical leasing operations
		Zero chemical related safety incidents	Baseline to be established in 2024/25	Integration of chemical safety into the overall safety guidelines
				Establish mechanisms for spill and waste management
				Comprehensive training on handling, storage and disposal of chemicals
				Conduct regular risk assessments

## **Environmental Policies**

## 1.5 Biodiversity



## **HAYLEYS GROUP**

## **BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION POLICY**

## **GROUP ESG POLICY / MANUAL**

## Standard

As a highly diversified organization operating in various ecosystems, the Hayleys Group is deeply committed to preserving biodiversity and natural habitats. We are mainstreaming the concept of biodiversity across valuechains and adopting the precautionary approach for sustainable management

of biodiversity in all decision making processes. Diversity of ecosystems, species and genes and the ecological processes that support them are prevalent in and around the Hayleys business operations.

Group ESG strategies relating to management of material and waste management, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 5: Biodiversity Conservation Strategies, Targets & KPIs which forms an integral part of this standard.

## Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys PLC

## **Our Commitment**

We seek to avoid and minimise any significant impacts our operations may have on sensitive species, habitats and ecosystems. This means that we:

• Ensure legal compliance with respect to biodiversity by complying with rules and regulations related to all environmental aspects (e.g. forest, wildlife, coastal zone, green cover, water bodies etc.) during the organisational operations	Compliance
<ul> <li>Map existing biodiversity aspects, identifying significant impacts and develop sector level customised biodiversity conservation strategies aligning to the Group Sustainable Business Framework</li> </ul>	Align to ESG Framework and develop sector level strategies
<ul> <li>Identifying and appointing competent teams to drive effective implementation and ensure the availability of relevant information, documents, training tools and guidance to effectively drive the biodiversity conservation strategy aligned with the operating model and business requirements of each sector</li> </ul>	Identify and assign individual and functional roles and responsibilities
Accountability for all operations and creating systems to respond to any aberration with the aim of preserving biodiversity resources	Accountability
Define best quantification mechanism for biodiversity impacts and ensure the 100% complete and accurate reporting, tracking and record keeping of all relevant progress / impacts on timely basis	Complete and accurate reporting on time

This policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating work with them to establish and aware sustainable practices.

## Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors, along with the heads of each business units will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered to.

## **Environmental Policies**

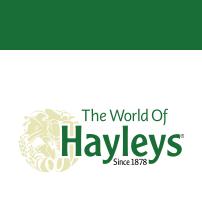
## Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI	
12 MONTH	<ul> <li>12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimise their adverse impacts on human health and the environment</li> <li>12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</li> </ul>	306-1 306-2 306-3 306-4	
14 #mmm	<b>14.1</b> By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution	306-5 304-1 304-2	
15 🖦	<b>15.1</b> By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements	304-3	

Table 5: Biodiversity Conservation Strategies, Targets & KPIs

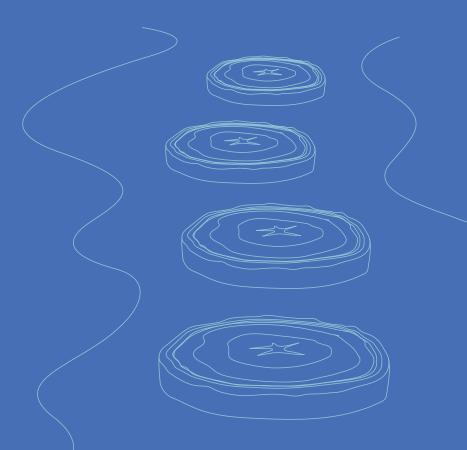
POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Biodiversity Conservation Policy	Biodiversity conservation and preservation relating to our business operations	Increase the biodiversity enhancing programme to cover 5 times the built area occupied by the Group	Group-wide built environment	Annual increment of 50% of baseline operational area

Notes





# SOCIAL POLICIES



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## **Engaged Team**

The Hayleys team represents the Group's most valuable asset and the Group is committed to creating a conducive and rewarding environment in which employees can thrive. The Employment Policies have been formulated to ensure that all businesses align to a consistent set of guidelines which provide a foundation for effective

human resource management across the Group.

The suite of HR policies addresses key people management aspects such as recruitment, performance management. training and development and grievance handling, among others and provides

guidelines for the equitable treatment of all employees across the Group.

Group ESG strategies relating to the management of our people, targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 1: People Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs form an integral part of this standard.

## 2.1 Industrial Relations Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS POLICY**

## **GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL**

### 1. Purpose

This policy provides guidance to all those who are involved with Industrial Relations to ensure cordial relations. social dialogue and a productive work environment. The intention is that through joint problem solving mutually beneficial results could be achieved for the greater benefit of all stakeholders.

### **Definitions**

Industrial Dispute – "Any dispute or difference between an employer and a workman or between employers and workmen or between workmen and workmen connected with the employment or non-employment or the terms of employment or with the conditions of labour or the termination. of the services or the reinstatement in services of any person.

"Workmen" include a trade union consisting of workmen.

## 2. Scope

Given the large number of employees in the group in the various categories, employees are the most valuable asset in the group that needs to be managed in a mutually beneficial manner.

Many of the employees are members of unions and collective bargaining and problem solving is an integral part of the smooth functioning of work places.

## Methods for settlement.

- i. Discussion and Consensus
- ii. Conciliation
- iii. Arbitration Compulsory or Voluntary
- iv. Industrial Courts

## 3.1 Discussion and Consensus

Collective agreements and check off agreements set out the procedure that needs to be followed in the event an industrial dispute arises.

In the event of a dispute arising parties should endeavour to resolve such dispute in the following manner:

- i. Firstly, efforts should be made at the location level. The employee and/or the Branch union and the Management should attempt to settle such issue/ dispute at the location level.
- ii. In the event of non-resolution of the dispute at stage (i) above attempts should be made with the involvement of the Group Human Resources Division to resolve the dispute.
- iii. In the event of non-resolution of the dispute at Stage (ii) above, parties agree to meet at the Employers Federation of Ceylon (EFC) in order to resolve such dispute.

### 3.2 Conciliation

iv. In the event of non-resolution of the dispute at Stage (iii) above, parties should endeavour to resolve the relevant dispute in accordance with the conciliation proceedings in terms of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act

### 3.3 Arbitration

Arbitration may take two forms:

Voluntary arbitration – where the parties' consent to a reference of an industrial dispute by the Commissioner General of Labour to an Arbitrator chosen by the parties or chosen by the Commissioner General, if the parties cannot agree on a common nominee.

Compulsory arbitration – where the Minister of Labour refers such dispute for settlement to an Arbitrator appointed by him or to a Labour Tribunal notwithstanding that the parties do not consent to such a reference

## 3.4 Industrial Court

The members of an Industrial Court are selected from a panel appointed by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from time to time. A matter comes before an Industrial Court only where the Minister of Labour refers an industrial dispute to it.

## 4. Trade Unions

No employer shall require an employee to join or refrain from joining, any trade union, or to withdraw from, or to refrain from withdrawing from, his membership of a trade union which s/he is a member.

An employer will bargain with a trade union which has in its membership not less forty per centum (40%) of the workmen in the particular category of workers on whose behalf such trade union seeks to bargain.

Where one employer had two or more work places and the general demand in respect of one may be applicable to the other work places, the necessary representation required will be not less than forty per centum (40%) of the total workforce in that category of employees in all work places.

### 4.1 Check Off

The deduction of Union subscriptions from the salaries of employees and a remittance of same by the employer to the Union "check-off" is granted at the discretion of the employer.

It is recommended that prior to granting "check off" a check off agreement containing a dispute resolution procedure be entered into with the trade Union. Collective Agreements too could contain provisions with regard to the granting off check off facilities and the conditions relating to same.

## Meetings with Branch Unions/ **Employee Councils**

It is recommended that meetings are held at regular intervals with branch unions/employee councils. It is further recommended that a predetermined agenda is used for such meetings and that minutes are maintained and shared.

## 6. Correspondence with Unions

In the event any correspondence is received from a Parent Union/ Branch Union it is recommended that the Management respond to same as expeditiously as possible. Where required the matter should be brought to the attention of Group HR and advice sought with regard to same.

If a response is provided in writing, the said response should be provided in a clear and unambiguous language. A Sinhala/Tamil version of the written correspondence should be provided where appropriate/practicable.

## Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors. along with the heads of each business units and heads of HR will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered.

## 2.2 Disciplinary Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## **DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

## 1. Purpose

This policy provides guidance to all employees who may be concerned or involved, either directly or indirectly in whatever capacity with disciplinary issues within the Hayleys Group. It is intended to ensure fair and just implementation of the disciplinary procedure and to ensure that full and speedy consideration is given to all relevant facts.

### **Definitions**

- 1.1 Misconduct "An act which is inconsistent with the fulfilment of express or implied conditions of service or if it has a material bearing on the smooth and efficient working of the concern"
- 1.2 An "Act" where relevant would include an "omission"
- 1.3 Group HR (GHR) Group Human Resources Division of Hayleys PLC

Types of acts or omissions which would amount to misconduct are set out in Annexure I. This list is not exhaustive or exclusive

Holding a disciplinary inquiry improperly is almost as objectionable as an inquiry not being held.

## 2. Scope

The disciplinary procedure set out herein is to apply to all categories of employees' subject to the condition that some employees could be governed by Collective Agreements which stipulate certain procedures that need to be adhered to and restrictions that need to be complied with. The nature of the particular business or the position held or occupied by the employee concerned maybe relevant to consider in deciding whether an act or omission amounts to misconduct. The types of punishments that could be imposed are set out in Annexure II (the list of punishments is not exhaustive or exclusive).

## 3. Preliminary Investigation

Where an act of misconduct is committed by an employee that warrants disciplinary action:

- 3.1 Obtain written statements
- 3.1.1 Witnesses to furnish their own statements (preferred) or
- 3.1.2 A person in authority recording their statements and having them signed by the witness in question
- 3.1.3 The "accused" to be asked to furnish his statement (preferred) or

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- 3.1.4 A person in authority recording the statement and having it signed by the "accused"
- 3.2 If the charges relate to goods or articles they should be carefully preserved, marked and sealed (where possible).
- 3.3 Sketches and photographs to be made or taken where relevant
- 3.4 CCTV & other relevant recordings relating to the incident to be provided.

## 4. Suspension Pending Inquiry

- 4.1 Instances when suspensions should be considered
- 4.1.1 Where the charges if proved would normally result in the termination of employment and/or
- 4.1.2 Where the presence of the accused would cause a breach of the peace or damage to property or disturbance to the business and/or
- 4.1.3 Where his/her presence for some other reason is deemed undesirable
- 4.2 If the employee being suspended is governed by the terms of a collective agreement the time frames and provisions set out therein should be adhered

4.3 Where there is no collective agreement, when an employee is being suspended, at the time of suspension or within a reasonable time thereof the employee should be informed in writing the reason for such suspension. The suspension letter should be signed by the head of the location or by someone authorised to do so on their behalf. (A sample suspension letter pending inquiry is given in Annexure III)

### 5. Show Cause Letter

- 5.1 The show cause letter would be issued in English and where relevant a Sinhala/Tamil version would be provided.
- 5.2 The show cause letter should specify the charge or charges against the employee.
- 5.3 In certain circumstances a show cause letter may take the form of recounting of all the incidents relating to the charge/s, followed by the formulation of specific charges based on those incidents.
- 5.4 Wherever possible it is advisable to avoid the use of criminal law terms e.g. Theft, Misappropriation etc. (as these offences have specific connotations in criminal law and there is no need for the employer to assume the burden of proving the ingredients of those criminal law offences).
- 5.5 The show cause letter should also contain
- 5.5.1 The date, time, and place of commission of the act/s of misconducts where relevant
- 5.5.2 The time limit within which an explanation in writing should be tendered (if there is a collective

- agreement the period set out in same or at least three (3) full working days where no collective agreement is applicable – (If a reasonable extension of time is requested it should be allowed unless there are compelling reasons to refuse the request)
- 5.5.3 An intimation to the employee that should s/he fail to submit his/her explanation in writing by the specified date it would be presumed that s/he has no cause to show and action will be taken on that basis.
- 5.6 Where an employee is suspended the show cause letter should specify that s/ he is suspended from work without pay (if such is the case) until further notice.
- 5.7 Where possible the show cause letter should be handed over to the accused employee in person and his/her signature obtained on the duplicate as evidence of receipt.
- 5.8 Where 5.7 is not possible the show cause letter should be transmitted by registered post/courier to his/her address. However, to expedite delivery the show cause letter could be scanned and sent via email / WhatsApp where sending by registered post/courier is not practically possible. GHR to be kept informed if this mode of communication is used and outcome of same.
- 5.9 Where a letter sent by post / courier is returned undelivered GHR should be consulted immediately.

## 6. Letter of Explanation

6.1 On receipt of the letter of explanation the employer must decide whether the explanation is acceptable or not. If acceptable and the employee is

- suspended s/he should be reinstated in service with full pay for the period of suspension.
- 6.2 If the explanation is not acceptable where an employee denies the charges, s/he should be informed in writing that his/her explanation is unsatisfactory and unacceptable and that an inquiry will be held on a specified date and time and that s/he should be present at the inquiry with his/her evidence and witnesses, if any.
- 6.3 Where an employee admits to the charges unconditionally there is no necessity to hold a domestic inquiry. However, if the admission is made in qualified terms it is advisable to hold a domestic inquiry. It is also advisable to hold a domestic inquiry where it appears that there could be extenuating or mitigating circumstances.
- 6.4 Where the accused employee fails to tender his/her explanation within the stipulated time action can be taken on the basis that s/he has no cause to show. However, it is prudent to afford a reasonable time to him/her to submit his/her explanation before taking such action.
- 6.5 If an accused employee requests to examine the documents prior to furnishing his/her explanation, which could arise where an employee cannot be reasonably expected to answer the charges without reference to documents in the employer's possession, a date and time may be fixed for the employee to examine the documents in the presence of an Executive. Copies of documents should not be given, and the employee should not be permitted to peruse the statements of witnesses.

- 7. Domestic Inquiry
- 7.1 When to hold a domestic inquiry
- 7.1.1 When the explanation given is unsatisfactory
- 7.1.2 Even where the employee does not furnish an explanation it could be useful to hold an inquiry to have the advantage of recorded statements of witnesses for use at a later stage before labour fora and also bona fides of the employer are strengthened.
- 7.2 Who should hold the domestic inquiry
- 7.2.1 Official of the Company not below the rank of Executive
- 7.2.2 Inquiring Officer should hold a position above the rank of the accused employee
- 7.2.3 Should not be a witness to the charges
- 7.2.4 In exceptional circumstances it may be prudent to get the services of an external inquiring officer.
- 7.3 Representation at domestic inquiries
- 7.3.1 Under no circumstances should the accused employee be represented by any person from within or outside the company.
- 7.3.2 The accused employee is entitled to have present at the inquiry an observer (who must be an employee of the company in a similar grade/rank) The observer cannot make statements or cross examine witnesses but can take down notes of the proceedings.

- 7.4 Holding of the Inquiry
- 7.4.1 The inquiry should be conducted in a language that the accused employee is conversant in. A translator's services may be used where such services are necessary to proceed with the inquiry.
- 7.4.2 The inquiry will commence with the accused employee being asked whether s/he is guilty or not of the charges preferred against him/her.
- 7.4.3 If s/he pleads guilty s/he should be afforded an opportunity to make a statement in that connection as s/he could show extenuating or mitigating circumstances.
- 7.4.4 If the accused employee pleads not guilty the recording of the evidence on behalf of the employer should be done.
- 7.4.5 If an accused employee has been informed of the date and time of the inquiry but is absent but has made a request for a postponement such request should usually be complied with.
- 7.4.6 Where the accused employee is absent without explanation or request, one further opportunity should be given to attend the inquiry but, in the letter informing him/her of the new date it must be stated that if s/he persists in his/her absence without explanation the inquiry will be held ex parte.
- 7.4.7 If a witness is unable to give evidence in the language in which the inquiry is being conducted and if the accused employee is not conversant with the language in which the witness is able to give evidence the evidence should be translated and explained to the accused employee.

- 7.4.8 Evidence should be recorded in direct speech or as questions and answers.
- 7.4.9 The accused employee should be given the opportunity to question any witness and if s/he declines or once s/he finishes questioning it should be recorded that s/he has no further questions for the witness.
- 7.4.10 The accused employee can call witnesses on his/her behalf only after s/ he himself/herself has given evidence.
- 7.4.11 Witnesses can be recalled, where it is deemed necessary.
- 7.4.12 Documents and productions should be kept in the possession of the inquiring officer during an inquiry.
- 7.5 Findings
- 7.5.1 A written report should be submitted by the inquiring officer to the General Manager - Group HR / Head -Group HR
- 7.5.2 The conclusion in respect of each of the charges as to whether the inquiring officer finds the accused employee guilty or not guilty should be stated.
- 7.5.3 Inquiring officer can find an accused employee guilty of a lesser charge
- 7.5.4 Inquiring officer can draw attention to extenuating and aggravating circumstances where such exist.
- 7.5.5 The General Manager Group HR /Head of HR will share his/her views on the report so submitted with the HR Head of the employee's company and the GMC member where applicable to decide on a punishment (if any).

7.5.6 Within a reasonable time or within the time stipulated by the collective agreement the accused employee should be informed of whether s/he has been found guilty or not guilty of the charges preferred against him/her and the punishment if s/he has been found quilty.

### 8. Punishment

- 8.1 Punishment for acts of misconduct would vary on the gravity of the misconduct committed, length of service of the employee, his/her past record and the position occupied by the employee.
- 8.2 The possible attitude of the labour courts should also be considered in deciding the punishment.
- 8.3 When the punishment is short of dismissal the accused employee's signature should be obtained on the duplicate of the letter communicating the punishment.

## 9. Post Inquiry

- 9.1 If an employee's services are terminated a signed copy of the termination letter, inquiry report, inquiry proceedings, preliminary investigation documents and documents produced and marked at the inquiry, show cause letter, reply and other correspondence relating to the inquiry should be placed in the personal file and the personal file together with other objects produced at the inquiry (if any) should be kept in the custody of GHR to be used if needed at labour fora.
- 9.2 If the punishment is less than dismissal the acknowledgement copies of the letter of punishment, inquiry report, inquiry proceedings,

preliminary investigation documents and documents produced and marked at the inquiry, show cause letter, reply and other correspondence relating to the inquiry should be placed in the personal file. If there are other objects they should be returned to the company or to the relevant party.

9.3 Even where an employee is found not quilty the letter informing him/her that s/ he is not guilty, and the other documents connected with the inquiry should be placed in the personal file.

## 10. Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of HR will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

## **ANNEXURE I: Types of Misconduct**

- Dishonest conduct
- Failure to account for company funds
- Violating the company's rules and regulations
- Neglect of duty
- Failure to carry out lawful instructions of the superior officer
- Insubordination
- Misuse of company property
- False or incorrect information in applications for employment
- Sleeping whilst on duty
- Being rude and abusive to a superior officer
- · Being rude and abusive to a colleague or subordinate
- Keeping away from work without authority
- Keeping away from work in excess of leave entitlement

- · Late Attendance
- Acting in a manner unbecoming of an employee of the company
- Intoxication during working hours
- Malingering
- False or misleading statements
- Smoking in a prohibited area
- Chewing betel in a prohibited area
- Taking mobile phones into a prohibited area without authority
- Assaulting a superior/colleague or subordinate

## **ANNEXURE II: Types of Punishments**

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Deferment of an increment
- Stoppage of an increment
- Reduction of bonus
- Stoppage of bonus
- Suspending from work without pay
- Dismissal

## **ANNEXURE III: Suspension Letter Pending Inquiry**

It is reported that on at at
a.m./p.m. you have (acted in the
following manner)
You are hereby suspended without par

pending inquiry. A show cause letter will be sent to you in due course. You are prohibited from entering the premises of this company or any of its subsidiary or associate companies or the premises of Hayleys PLC or any of its subsidiary or associate companies without the written permission of the undersigned or the GM - Group Human Resources Management or the Head of Group HR.

## 2.3 Grievance handling Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# GRIEVANCE HANDLING POLICY

## GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy and associated procedure is to provide a structured grievance handling framework for the complainants as well as complaint recipients, and to provide guidelines on how to lodge a grievance and how that grievance will be resolved to ensure fair and equitable treatment to all our employees.

## 2. Definition

A grievance may be defined as a state of mind and dissatisfaction arising out of a course of action or decision made by a supervisor. Hence from the employee point of view such actions or decisions would be unfair, unjust or inequitable. Therefore, the employee naturally seeks relief and solutions

## 3. Scope

This policy and procedure sets out the essential elements for the management of grievances of all employees across the Group from inception to final outcome.

## 4. Responsibility

NO.	JOB TITLE	
1	Sector GMC member	
2	Immediate Superior	
3	Sector HR Manager	

## 5. Policy Administration Procedure

## 5.1 Informal Procedure

Wherever possible, employees (or a representative from the respective union) are encouraged to discuss with the immediate Supervisor or Line Manager. However, if the grievance cannot be resolved through an informal discussion the following formal procedure would apply.

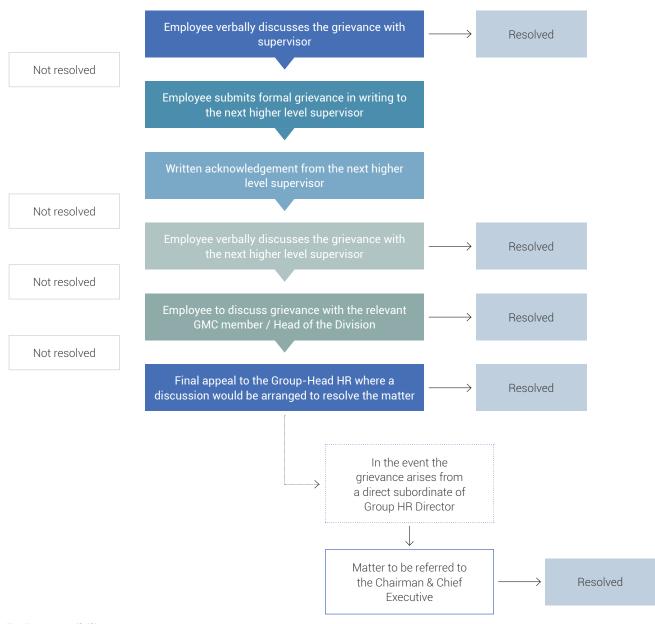
## 5.2 Formal Procedure

- 5.2.1 If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved with the immediate supervisor, the employee may submit a formal grievance in writing to the next higher-level supervisor/ department head.
- 5.2.2 The next higher-level supervisor/ department head will analyse the facts and arrive at a satisfactory solution in respect to the grievance.

- 5.2.3 In the event of the grievance not being resolved at the level of the next higher-level supervisor/ department head, the grievance will then be discussed with the relevant GMC member, company head and /or a representative from HR.
- 5.2.4 The grievance review request form with the comments of the line manager should be referred to the GMC member. Such discussion will be arranged within 3-5 days of request made by the employee to the GMC member.
- 5.2.5 Further discussions will be conducted with the initiative of the GMC member and the respective supervisors and line managers will be called upon with the concerned employee with adequate notice.
- 5.2.6 The GMC member at his/her discretion refer any unresolved employee grievances to the Head-Group HR

In the event the grievance arises from a direct subordinate of the Head of Group HR then the matter will be referred to the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC or a senior Non-Executive Director of Hayleys PLC.

## 6. Employee Grievance Process



## 7. Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of HR will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

## 2.4 Recruitment Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## RECRUITMENT POLICY

## **GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL**

### 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Philosophy

At Hayleys, we believe that people make the difference between a good organisation and an excellent one. The aspirations, competencies and commitment of our people are at the heart of all our achievements.

Our Work environment facilitates:

- Recognition and rewards for performance
- Learning, development and empowerment
- Sharing of managerial experience, exposure and expertise
- · Personal, Professional and Career arowth
- Creativity and Innovation
- Equality and Fair play
- Social responsibility in all that we do

What we offer our employees is the opportunity to enhance their potential, perform and achieve their career ambition.

## 1.2 Objective

This Recruitment policy is developed with a view.

- 1.2.1 to provide a clear understanding of the recruitment process at Hayleys Group.
- 1.2.2 to hire the right persons at the right time for vacant positions.
- 1.2.3 to ensure that they possess the required competencies at the required level to perform their jobs in an effective and an efficient manner

## 1.3 Scope

1.3.1 This process applies throughout the Hayleys Group for which candidates shall be sourced internally and externally.

## 1.3.2 Employment Categories

Employees are categorised in the following grades of the Company.

- Managing Director
- CEO
- General Manager
- Senior Manager
- Manager
- Assistant Manager
- Senior Executive
- Executive
- Junior Executive
- Officer
- Clerical
- Manual Staff

## 2. Position Request

### 2.1 Vacancies

Sector HR Heads are required to provide details of current head count as well proposed head count at the time of manpower planning for the budgeting process in respect of each financial year.

A Position Request may occur due to the following:

- a. Creation of a new position
- b. Replacement of an existing position.

Suspension or No-pay leave of an employee does not create a vacancy. In case of such 'Temporary Vacancy,' another employee may be assigned to cover the work of the position or based on business needs an incumbent could be hired on a temporary contract basis.

## 2.2 The Position

A vacancy in the approved cadre is always for a specific position and has a specific evaluated Job Description (JD). A JD will include the Job Title as indicated in the Organisation chart, the job purpose, responsibilities, qualifications and experience required.

### 2.3 Employment Vacancy Request

All vacancies at Hayleys Group shall be filled through internal recruitment; if no suitable person is found within the company, external recruitment will take place.

### 2.3.1 The Position Request Form

2.3.1.1 The PRF shall contain the following details:

- · Company Department
- Job Title Category
- Number of Vacancies to be filled
- Reason for vacancy (e.g. replacement for person x)
- Cadre Budgeted/Unbudgeted
- Advertising Method
- Approval for recruitment

2.3.1.2 The specific evaluated Job Description needs to be attached at the time of forwarding the PRF to the recruitment section in Hayleys Group HR (GHR).

## 2.3.2 Role of Sector/Sector Human Resources

2.3.2.1 Sector/SBU HR Managers should raise a PRF for all vacancies in their Companies:

All Replacements should be approved by the Head of the respective Company

All New positions (budgeted and unbudgeted) should be approved by the GMC member for that sector

2.3.2.2 The Line Manager will also be required to justify the need for the new positions (budgeted and unbudgeted) to the SBU/Sector Head at the time of raising the PRF

## 3. Sourcing

### 3.1 Internal Recruitment

Will be done by way of Internal Vacancy Notice (IVN) or identified employees from the succession pool.

### 3.2 External Recruitment

If external hiring is approved, candidates for such positions would be sourced through press advertisements, Hayleys Careers website, CV Data Bank, Online Advertising, Head hunting, Recruitment Agencies, employee referrals, participation at job fairs etc.

## 3.2.1 Advertising

The closing date for all press advertisements will be 07 days from the date of publication. Candidates can apply for position through:

Hayleys Careers website: (www.hayleys.com/careers)

Hayleys Careers email: (careers@hayleys.com)

No late applications shall be entertained

## 3.2.3 Internships

An Intern would be a student/ undergraduate, participating in a program of temporary, supervised work in a particular field where the Company grants an opportunity for the potential intern to gain practical experience. Internship opportunities are granted solely for the benefit of the students/undergraduate in order to provide exposure to a professional work environment and sharpen the desired skills and competencies needed for the corporate world.

The placement of such students to any Company/SBU should have approval from the respective Head of the Company.

## 3.2.4 Local and Expatriate Recruitment (for Senior Management of the Group)

The Management reserves the right to use its discretion to identify and appoint candidates to identified positions in the Company.

## 3.3 Initial Evaluation and Short Listing of Applications

All applications received shall go through an initial evaluation and shortlisting as per the requirements of the advertisement and as detailed in the qualification matrix by the Company HR Division. The applications shall be forwarded to the Line Managers thereafter for further evaluation.

## 4. Interview Process

Interviewing is considered to be one of the most important stages in the selection process and shall be conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

## 4.1 Preliminary Interviews

The Company/SBU will facilitate the preliminary interview process within 05 working days of finalising the initial shortlist of candidates.

## 4.1.1 Panelists

Panelists for the preliminary Interview will consist of

- · SBU Head
- Immediate Supervisor
- Location HR Executive/Manager / Hayleys Group HR (if required)

## 4.2 Second/Final Interviews

### 4.2.1 Panelists

Panelists for the second/final Interview will consist of:

- · Assistant Manager and Executive -Immediate Supervisor +Company HR Head + SBU Head
- Manager and DGM SBU Head + Company HR Head + GMC Member
- · GM and above SBU Head + Company HR Head + GMC Member + Head Hayleys Group HR

### 5. Testing Candidates

## 5.1 Aptitude Tests

Aptitude test will be administered as and when required considering the role.

## 5.1.1 Aptitude tests will be as follows:

- General Aptitude Test
- Management Trainee Aptitude Test

### 5.2 Psychometric Tests

A psychometric test is a series of written or practical tasks which assess a clearly defined area of human behaviour. It measures less tangible or hidden qualities that cannot be directly experienced through our senses.

Psychometric testing would be administered as and when required considering the role.

### 6. Pre-Recruitment Formalities

## 6.1 Approval to Hire (ATH) Form

The ATH form is the source document to generate the letter of appointment. The ATH form will have to be approved by the respective Company/SBU Head of the respective sector.

The signed ATF form along with the CV, Personal Information sheet, Interview summary will be handed over to HR services by the Recruitment team to proceed with onboarding formalities.

## X-1 GRADE

A candidate (who at present is in a grade lower than the evaluated grade of the job for which the interview is held) identified as not meeting the expected level (grade) to perform the job for which he/she was interviewed, a job offer may be made as a X-1 or X-2 situation. This means that the job offer is for a grade lower than the evaluated grade of the job and a fixed period of time up to 2 years shall be allowed for improvement. The decision to confirm in the evaluated grade is then based on performance where an appraisal is done in order to confirm staff in the evaluated position. The decision to offer an X-1 or 2 positions must be communicated to the candidate and agreed at the final interview.

## X+1 GRADE

In instances where sourcing of candidates has been difficult, and the required competencies are identified in a person who has applied for a higher position, the Chief Executive Officer has the discretion to offer a higher grade than the evaluated grade of the job. In such instances a person is given the job on a "Personal to Holder" basis where the person is placed at a grade higher than the job and the job continues to be in the lower grade.

## 6.2 Reference and Credential Verification

A minimum of 2 reference checks inclusive of two former employers (if employed previously) should be completed. Reference checks will be done on the telephone and would be documented. References are confidential and must be maintained in the personal file of the employee.

## 6.3 Communicating Salary and other **Benefits**

Once the candidate has been selected for the position the salary and other benefits will be communicated to the hired employee by the respective HR Head.

### 6.4 Medical Fitness Test

The appointment is subject to being classified as fit for service by the Group Medical Officer. It is also a condition of the employment that the Company shall be entitled to have the employee medically examined at any stage by the Group Medical Officer or a Doctor or Doctors of the Company's choice.

## 7. Engagement Formalities

### 7.1 Permanent Staff

### 7.1.1 Probation

The period of probation for all employees will be 6 months.

If an employee's performance is below the expected standards in relation to the JD or those who do not observe the staff regulations or other company policies must be terminated within the period of probation. However, in such instances it is necessary to keep a record of such incidents.

A probation period can be extended for a further period of 6 months. If this is done, it must be brought to the notice of the relevant staff member in writing, before the expiry of the initial probation period.

### 7.2 Contract & Other Staff

### 7.2.1 Contract staff

Employees will be hired on Fixed Term Contracts only for job roles that have a specific time duration defined for the completion of the job scope such as job roles involved in Projects and/or specific assignments.

### 7.2.2 Interns

Interns to be provided, a monthly allowance which will be paid to them during their internship. At the end of the internship a letter indicating the areas and training they received would be given to them. Duration of internship should not reach or exceed 12 months.

## 7.2.3. Hiring through Service providers

Hiring from service providers to the organisation will only be with the consent of the relevant service provider and with CEO/MD approval.

## 7.3 Rejoining of Resigned Employees

Employees who have had their employment terminated by reason of a disciplinary process shall not be considered for recruitment.

Employees who have left the company through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) shall also not be eligible to rejoin any Company of the Hayleys Group. Such employees can be considered for rehire only upon the completion of a reasonable time frame since the

acceptance of the VRS as decided by the relevant Hayleys GMC member of the Sector and with the approval of the Chairman/Chief Executive of the group.

In the event of recruiting a previous employee to any Company within the Hayleys Group, the previous service period of that employee shall not be counted for any purposes.

### 8. Post Recruitment Documents

Once a local candidate is identified and selected a series of post recruitment formalities are carried out by the recruitment section

Following are the documents that would be required in order to complete the above-mentioned formalities.

- 1. Birth certificate of the Employee
- 2. Birth certificate of Children (If any)
- 3. Marriage certificate (If any)
- 4. National Identity Card
- 5. Educational Certificates
- 6. Professional Certificates
- 7. Passport Size Photograph
- 8. Bank Account Details
- 9. Grama Sevaka Certificate (Non-Executive Grades only)
- 10. Police Report (Non-Executive Grades only)

## 9. On-boarding

## 9.1 Personnel Administration matters including letters of appointment

It is encouraged for Sectors of the Group to obtain the shared services of the Group Human Resources Department for the administration of both executive and non-executive personnel files and related administration matters so that the Sector's Human Resources department could devote its time on strategic human resource interventions for its Sector. However in the event that the Sector Human Resources Department were to manage the above mentioned personnel administration matters, such has to be in accordance with this policy and other applicable standard operating procedures that the sectors abide or which have been advised by the Group Human Resources Department.

## 9.2 Acceptance of Offer

On candidate request a Letter of Offer can be issued specifying details of remuneration and position. The candidate will be required to confirm the acceptance of the offer by returning the signed duplicate of the copy. Subsequent to other onboarding formalities the comprehensive Letter of Appointment will be issued. The selected candidate shall be required to confirm acceptance of appointment by signing and returning the duplicate copy of the letter of appointment together with terms and conditions of employment as applicable to the relevant position.

## 9.3 Non-Acceptance of Offer

On non-acceptance of offer or silence of the candidate, The Company shall treat the offer of employment as rejected.

### 9.4 Unfilled Positions

All unfilled positions as a result of inability to find suitable candidates shall be reconsidered by the Company. It is Group policy that any such unfilled positions shall be kept open until a suitable individual with the required job specification is found.

## Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors, along with the heads of each business units will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered to.

## 2.5 Learning and Development Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT POLICY

## GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL

## Purpose:

The policy is established with the objective of setting a framework of guidelines on Learning & Development of our employees pertaining to the following:

- To provide enhanced direction related to learning and development at Hayleys Group.
- As Learning and growth is an integral part of life at the World of Hayleys, our values are manifested through the philosophy of learning and growth of its people.
- Committed to ensure development and execution of learning initiatives that are aligned with continuous Learning and development of our people as a organisational strategy.
- Entrust individual responsibility to employees on their personal and professional growth.
- Leaders at all levels in the organisation are accountable for the growth and development of their people. Thereby, to provide opportunities for continuous learning and adapting capabilities

### Scope:

Invest on a continuous basis in developing competencies of employees, whilst focusing on:

- Priority given for technical, professional, functional skills and leadership aspects.
- All learning & development aspects of Management and senior leadership of Hayleys Group
- Personal development of all employees at Hayleys Group (Hayleys PLC, its subsidiaries and associate companies managed by Hayleys), hereinafter is referred to as "Hayleys" in this document.)

## **Core Content:**

Learning & Development policy comprehensively covers guidelines pertaining to:

- · Training needs identification
- Designing and delivery of required training programs
- Nominations & program participation
- Post training evaluation -Throughout the above stages of the learning & development cycle, vigorous involvement of senior management together with the Group HR- Learning

& Development is mandatory for successful implementation of the complete learning process. References to the term "Management" in this policy shall always include the departments concerned unless expressly excluded for a specific reason, which shall be stated

## Learning & Development Procedure:

### 1. Training needs Identification

- Training needs identification of employees will be carried out on annual basis by respective sector HR teams.
- Main mechanism of identification of training needs will be through annual performance appraisal discussions.
- Through discussions with respective GMC members, CEOs and Directors of the respective Sector / company.
- Development needs will also be identified based on specific requirements of any special projects/ assignments.
- Talent and succession pool development is the responsibility of the Sector GMC member, in collaboration with sector HR team and Group HR.

## 2. Prioritising training and development needs

Respective cluster HR Head is responsible:

- To define and identify critical training needs of respective sector employees
- For compiling and validating critical training needs for their sectors.
- · For identifying and compiling programme objectives and expected performance standards.
- For communicating collated & prioritised trainings needs of its employees in a structured format to the Group HR division on an annual basis.

## 3. Designing and delivery of Training **Programmes**

Group HR division will:

- Review, design and facilitate relevant training programmes to cater to identified specific training needs that are common for all clusters.
- Designing of training programs will be predominantly based on the identified specific development needs of employee including:
  - i) Expertise and recognition of selected trainers/ training institutes,
  - ii) A database of pre-approved Trainers/ Training partner institutions will be maintained by Group HR division.

- iii) Discussions with identified parties will be held prior to making the decision to customise the programme, in order to meet expected training objectives of nominated participants.
- iv) HR Cluster members may also forward to Group HR the details of suitable training partners' details that are recommended.
- v) Respective sector HR teams will be responsible to handle any other sector specific training programs.

## 4. Cost Allocation and Training Investments

- HR Cluster members are responsible in preparation of the budget and defining of other constraints for identifying potential development opportunities for their respective sectors.
- Respective sector HR teams are required to keep the GHR team informed at the beginning of the financial year, on their specific budget allocations for overall learning & development upon completion of budgeting cycle.

## 5. Post Training Evaluations

Feedback from participants will be gathered, reviewed and evaluated by the Group HR for necessary action.

- In the event of any non-conformity, the respective trainer/ training institute will be called for a discussion, to ensure quality and standards of the programs are maintained.
- Knowledge sharing should be done amongst peers within own dept. /company within a month of completing the training by the respective employee.

## 6. Group-wide training is categorised as follows:

- Specific programs which are sponsored by Group HR
- Repetitive Group wide programs where the cost is borne by respective Sectors (Based on nominations)
- All requests have to be in line with the published training catalogues. If any other programme which is outside the catalogue is required, Group Talent Development Team to be consulted directly.
- Sector-specific Training

## Responsibility

The heads of each Business Sectors. along with the heads of each business units will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered to.

## 2.6 Talent Management and Succession Planning Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## **TALENT MANAGEMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING POLICY**

## **GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL**

### Overview

The Hayleys Talent Management and Succession planning will be an ongoing group wide process which identifies the competencies, assesses said competencies in order to develop and retain a talent pool of employees.

The process is conducted in order to ensure the continuity of business. immaterial of the changes in leadership, across all critical positions.

## Objective

The Hayleys Talent Management and Succession planning is designed to be a focused and proactive process, which will enable Hayleys to determine the competent talent pool in order to ensure the continuity of business, immaterial of the changes in leadership across all critical positions, across the Group.

A process to preserve the information and knowledge within the organisation; in case of retirement, promotion or attrition.

- · A tool for high performing individuals, at various designation levels will be able to take up the responsibility whenever necessary.
- To support the growth of Employee Engagement
- · To reduce the recruitment cost

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Identified talent must have completed at least two Appraisal cycles.

## **Succession Planning Process**

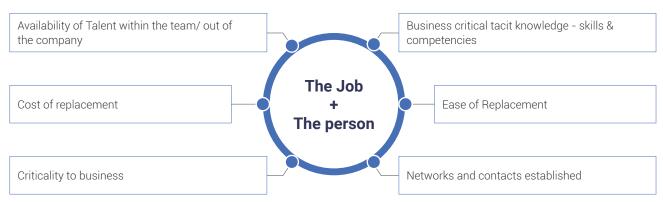
1	Critical Role Identification
2	Pre Talent Review Meeting
3	Talent Review Meeting and Successor Identification & Mapping
4	Finalisation of Successors with Hayleys GMC Member/Sector HR Head/Head GHR/ Head - GTD
5	Assessment Centre
6	Personal Development Plan (PDP)
7	Begin PDP
8	PDP Completion

## 1

### Critical Role Identification

The accountability lies between the BU Head and Relevant GMC member

The immediate Supervisor and BU Head will conduct the initial stage of identifying critical role(s). Sector HR Head is required to overlook the process. Following which the Sector HR Head will need to overlook the process and research the availability of Talent for each identified Critical Role.



## 2

## Pre Talent Review Meeting

Once the Talent Review meeting request has been sent by HR, the supervisor will receive a notification to complete a potential questionnaire for those who fall within the criteria of 3 & above for the Performance rating, by the Human Resources department. This questionnaire is required to be completed prior to the Review meeting, as it collates information for the 9-box grid for those within the identified criteria. It is rated using a 1 - 5 Likert scale.

The questions in the system are as below:

- 1) The person is a strategic thinker
- 2) The person has the ability to lead others through influence, not just authority

- 3) The person is a creative problem solver
- 4) This person thrives on new challenges and delivers results
- 5) This person is a good fit within our culture
- 6) This person has an effective network; both internally and externally
- This person is self-aware, and strives for both personal and professional development
- 8) This person recognises and leverages the potential in others

Based on the scoring the potential rating will be decided as shown below:

8 to 20 - Low

21 to 34 - Medium

35 to 40 - High

In addition to the Potential, Risk of Loss (likelihood of employee leaving – flight risk) and Impact of loss (impact to organisation if the employee leaves) ratings will also have to be provided on a High, Medium and Low rating scale. These will be direct inputs by the supervisor and further ratified at the Talent review committee.

Parallel to this, a 'best fit analysis' will need to be completed for those identified critical roles. This task is to be carried out by the BU Head, following the initial discussion of Critical Roles and Jobs at Risk identified with GMC member

For each Critical Role identified, an expected benchmark will need to be filled in for the below seven criteria - model profiling. This is also the commencement point of the Succession Management module.

- 1) Competencies
- 2) Languages
- 3) Licenses and Certifications

- 4) Honours and Awards
- 5) Memberships
- 6) Degrees
- 7) Work Requirements

This will generate the 'best fit analysis' for each identified critical role. The 'fitting profiles' can be filtered to a percentage number the sector decides on.

The identified talent considered will be from two levels below the Identified critical role

i.e. If the Critical role identified is of a General Manager level, those from Manager level upwards can be considered.



## Talent Review Meeting and Successor Identification & Mapping

Talent Review Meetings must include BU Head/ COM member (as applicable), Immediate Supervisor, Sector HR Head and any other invitees.

The employees are also slotted into the 9-box grid with Performance and Potential as the two axis where the top talent (mainly those who fall into the three quadrants of High Potential, High Performance; Medium Potential, High Performance; High Potential, Medium Performance) is identified.

Employees who fall into other categories such as low performance, high potential; Medium Performance, Medium Potential also need to be considered

It is recommended that an average performance rating be utilised over the last 2 or 3 years for the performance axis. However, this is subject to the discretion of the respective Management team of the division/sector where a decision could be also taken to only consider the performance of the last year.

At this stage, successor identification and mapping occur.

In the case of other identified talents, which will not fall into Succession Planning, the Talent Profile need to be re-visited, reviewed and plans discussed to ensure these profiles are continuously developed and engaged.



The accountability of the process lies with the Sector HR, and the coordination of the Succession Planning Team is required.

- Generally finalising of the successors will be with the involvement of the respective sector GMC member, Sector HR Head / Head GHR/ Head - GTD. However, depending on the seniority of the potential successor this can vary. For senior positions, the Hayleys Chairman and Chief Executive will also participate.
- All potential successors at senior level in order to be confirmed will need to be forwarded to Hayleys Chairman and Chief Executive and approval obtained.

The Sector HR Head is required to be present at this meeting, along with the below:

- 1) The jobs at risk
- 2) A snapshot of the dashboard of each identified talent

This discussion will be the decisive step taken prior to moving to the Assessment Centre. This step will also ensure that the process is conducted consistently across the group while facilitating crosssector transfers



SECTOR HR MUST DISCUSS THIS WITH THE IDENTIFIED TALENT PRIOR TO NOMINATING THEM FOR THE ASSESSMENT CENTRES. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO NOT SHARE THE DETAILS OF A SUCCESSOR - ONLY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE "LEADERSHIP PIPELINE" PROGRAMME.

The readiness level or the number of years required to reach the desired role needs to be indicated for each identified successor. The development plan (s) formulated have to be aligned to the readiness level timeframe.



Conducting Assessment centers while optional is recommended as it helps sharpen the development of the identified successor

The type of Assessments conducted will differ from those identified for Managerial Levels, and General Manager and above levels.

Following the Assessment process results, the GMC member of each respective sector will need to be updated on the outcome and the progression of the final Talent pool.



## Personal Development Plan

A customised PDP will be developed based on the assessment center feedback and discussions, as well as input from the supervisor and the GMC member for the selected candidates. This PDP should be reviewed at least once a quarter.

The development of the PDP for sectors should lie in the responsibility of the Sector HR Head, a training coordinator and the immediate supervisor.

The development of the PDP for Hayleys PLC would be the responsibility of GHR (the GHR training coordinator and functional Head).

The PDP must include soft skills development programmes, and subject related programmes (as per the Business needs).

Sectors may seek the assistance of Group HR when developing the PDP. A report of each PDP must be shared with:

- 1. The Identified Talent
- 2. GMC member
- 3. Head GHR/ The Succession Planning team

These Development Goals can be added to the Talent Management profile of the individual.



### Begin PDF

An individual will be evaluated on a quarterly basis.

Those whom the PDP is assigned to will be responsible for the execution of the PDP, however the Sector HR and Succession Planning coordinator is required to follow – up and assist in the process (facilitating and identifying/nominating for relevant Trainings).

The Head- GHR, The Sector HR/ SBU Heads and the Succession planning team, will need to review the outcome of an evaluation at the end of each quarter.

The evaluation will be conducted amongst the Sector HR Head, SBU Head and Immediate Supervisor.

At the end of the 2nd Quarter, each evaluation will be required to be discussed with the Head- GHR and

Sector GMC member. Underperforming individuals will be highlighted during the 2nd Quarter Evaluation period and warned. The continuation of such individuals in the Successions Planning process will be determined by their performance, growth and efficiency by the end of the 3rd Quarter.

\*Promotions may occur during the PDP; however, the PDP plan must be followed through until the end.



### PDP Completion

Once the IDP is completed, and if immediate promotion is not available, a strong retention plan must be placed.

i.e.: Involvement in a strategic project/ Retention Bonus The sector HR Head/ BU Head is accountable for this and must be discussed with relevant GMC member.

Not only those identified for Succession Plans, but those identified as Top Talent could also be subject to Assessment Centers and Personal Development Plans formulated. Continuous engagement, involvement in strategic projects and discussions to take place with all employees identified as top talent and successors to ensure s/he is motivated and focused.

Succession plans for each critical position needs to be reviewed every six months and necessary adjustments where relevant should be made

## Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors, along with the heads of each business units and heads of HR will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered.



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

# GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL

### 1. PURPOSE

To facilitate and promote the achievement of organisational business objectives through the effective management of employee performance.

### 2. SCOPE

The policy applies to all Executive & Managerial staff members of the Hayleys Group.

## 3. RESPONSIBILITY

NO.	JOB TITLE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Employee	Adhering to the policy, process and procedures. Ensure one's goals are set within the stipulated time period
2	Immediate Supervisor	Adhering to the policy, process and procedures. Ensure subordinates goals are set and evaluations carried out within the stipulated time period
3	Sector HR Division	Administration process and provision of management information
4	Group Management Committee Member / Managing Director / Head of the company	Long term commitment and continuous support to drive the policy in respective sectors while recognising and reinforcing strong performance of employees

## 4. POLICY ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Compliance with the annual performance appraisal process is measured as a corporate performance indicator.
- 4.2 The Hayleys Group Performance Management System (PMS) evaluates the following components to which weightages are allocated in order to measure individual contribution to the company.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPI's): 80%
- · Behavioural Competencies: 20%
- Organisation Values: (-)10%

## 4.3 KPI/Goal Setting

4.3.1 Individual KPI setting is based on the Balance Scorecard method where by employee performance is measured according to the following perspectives in order to ensure a holistic approach is used to measure employee

performance. Required perspectives should include KPIs from following aspects:

- · Learning and Growth Perspective
- Internal Business Processes Perspective
- · Customer Service Perspective
- Financial Perspective

4.3.2 In certain instances it may not be possible for KPI's to be set based on the financial perspective of the balance

scorecard. In such cases, the KPI's will be distributed among the other three perspectives.

- 4.3.3 The immediate supervisor and all employees of the Group must ensure that the cascading and planning of specific KPI's for the following financial year must be completed annually by March
- 4.3.4 Goals of employees should include KPI's/ Goals set according to the SMART principal (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound), measures and evaluation criteria as agreed upon by the immediate supervisor and the employee. Weightages need to be decided for each goal with the summation of such equalling to 100% for the entire goal plan (i.e. all performance goals)
- 4.3.5 Each goal needs to possess a measurement criterion on how the goal is to be achieved also detailing the level of performance i.e. the target that would constitute an expected level of performance, the quantum of increase(s) that defines beyond expectations etc.
- 4.3.6 KPI's of several individuals can be similar in nature but should be tailored to each individual based on job requirements.
- 4.3.7 Group KPI's are permitted only if KPI's are set that require two or more people to accomplish the KPIs.
- 4.3.8 Assessing of KPI's will be carried out through a 5-point scale (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)

- 4.3.9 Competencies will be in line with the Hayleys Group Behavioural Competency Framework which specifies the level of proficiency required for the relevant Behavioural competencies by iob level.
- 4.3.10 Assessing of Competencies will be carried out through a 5-point scale (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest).
- 4.3.11 Organisation Values are evaluated by the immediate supervisor in a close ended manner where the supervisor states whether or not the respective employees possess the Hayleys values or not. This evaluation carries a (-) 10% weightage where possessing the values would be '0%' and not possessing would amount to (-10%)

## 4.4 Performance Monitoring

It is recommended that continuous feedback and monitoring takes place to ensure that performance observation is an ongoing activity. The immediate supervisors are encouraged to record all major performance related incidents on a continuous basis so that real time feedback can be given to employees.

## 4.5 Mid-Year Review

- 4.5.1The immediate supervisor is responsible for scheduling a midyear review with the subordinate to discuss the progress made on the achievement of KPIs and any corrective action required.
- 4.5.2 Performance ratings are not communicated and only feedback on individual goals and overall performance is discussed. Validity of Goals could be

revisited and necessary adjustments could be discussed with the employee and finalised

4.5.3 The midyear review takes place 6 months after the start of the period of assessment

### 4.6 Annual Assessment

## 4.6.1 Self-Appraisal:

At the annual assessment, the employee conducts a self-evaluation on one's performance in terms of the Goals set at the commencement of the year of assessment and the Behavioural Competencies aligned to the specific job level. It is very important that the employee provides justification with facts and figures for each of the ratings provided

In addition, the employee should also indicate any training requirements he/ she feels is required to execute the given job role.

Finally, overall comments also need to be provided summarising the contribution for the assessing year.

## Supervisor Appraisal:

The Immediate Supervisor thereafter conducts the Supervisory appraisal for the employee on the Performance goals, competencies and values.

Taking note of the ratings and justification provided by the employee, the supervisor will make his/her assessment providing justifications for goals and competencies. Recommended training programmes will also be suggested for the employee in line with

the job role. The assessment on whether the employee possesses the Hayleys values will be made and finally the overall comments on the assessment year will be provided.

The supervisor enters all above and saves his/her entry on the system without submission until the next step is complete - the calibration review.

Once the Calibration is complete, the supervisor will adjust any ratings as applicable post Calibration review committee and submit the final review.

- 4.6.2 The annual assessment takes place in the period March-April for all Group companies other than in specific circumstances related to specific industries / countries.
- 4.6.3 All ratings should have sufficient documentation to substantiate the ratings.

## 4.7 Review of overall Performance Ratings / Rating Calibration reviews

4.7.1 A review committee consisting of Chairperson (Head of Company/ Department), Appraisers and representative from HR (to be decided depending on levels being discussed) in order to evaluate the performance ratings of all employees to ensure that the appraisal is carried out in a fair, impartial and accurate manner.

Final approval for all Executive and above Performance ratings has to be obtained from the relevant Hayleys Group GMC member of the division/ sector.

4.7.2 The review committee meets after the immediate supervisor has completed the performance assessment of the employee and before the appraiser discusses the assessment ratings with the employee.

4.7.3 The performance rating is finalised only after the review committee members approve the ratings.

### 4.8 Feedback Session

4.8.1 Once GMC approval is obtained, a one-to-one feedback session takes place between the immediate supervisor (IS) and the employee. During this feedback, the IS will give his comments including the comments from the calibration review committee on the employee's performance over the course of the year of assessment. The conversation will also entail areas of development and behaviours that should continue: commendation for achievements and highlights; the employee's aspiration and career path in the short to medium term and formulate any development action plans where relevant.

It will be required to place on record the details of this conversation and the date it took place.

## 4.9 Modification/ Amendments to KPI's

Circumstances may arise which require changes to the set KPI's due to unforeseen factors.

Guidance from the Group Human Resources Department could be obtained: however, listed below are procedures for the most common extenuating circumstances.

Modification/ removal of KPI's may be considered under the following conditions. The new KPI's would need the next higher-level supervisor's approval before being adopted.

- 4.9.1 Change in business plans leading to a change in the organisational/ individual KPI's, to be decided / agreed upon at GMC Members/ CEO / Senior leadership level
- It is the responsibility of the immediate supervisor to explain to the employee regarding the modification/ removal of the KPI.
- If considerable effort has been made by the employee to achieve the KPI, the employee should be rewarded for the progress made on the achievement of the KPI up to the point of modification of the KPI.
- If the KPI is to be removed and considerable effort has not been made by the employee to achieve the KPI, then the weight attached to the KPI could be proportionately redistributed amongst the other KPI's.
- 4.9.2 Transfer to a new role under the same/ new supervisor
- If 4 months of continuous supervision has been performed in the previous role

The former supervisor will complete a performance appraisal on the employee using the setout procedure in this policy.

In the case of a change of supervisor, it is the responsibility of the department head to ensure that all appraisals are completed and submitted to the HR department before a supervisor is no longer in the employee's chain of command.

The new supervisor will begin the appraisal process once the previous supervisor has submitted the employee's performance appraisal documents. In the event that the new supervisor has supervised for a period less than 4 months, higher weightage should be given to the previous supervisor's appraisal.

• If 4 months of continuous supervision has not been performed in the previous role

The previous supervisor will supply the new supervisor with all documentation on the employee and provide the new supervisor with a "mock" evaluation of performance and KPI attainment (if applicable) to date.

## 4.9.3 Change of Supervisor

• If 4 months of continuous supervision has been performed

The former supervisor will complete a performance appraisal on the employee using the above procedure if there is at least 4 months of continuous supervision.

It is the responsibility of the department head to ensure that all appraisals are complete and submitted to the HR department before a supervisor is no longer in the employee's chain of command.

The new supervisor will begin the appraisal process once the previous supervisor has submitted the

employee's performance appraisal documents. In the event that the new supervisor has supervised for a period less than 4 months, higher weightage should be given to the previous supervisor's appraisal.

• If 4 months of continuous supervision has not been performed

The previous supervisor will supply the new supervisor with all documentation on the employee and provide the new supervisor with a "mock" evaluation of performance and KPI attainment (if applicable) to date.

## Responsibility

The heads of each business sectors, along with the heads of each business units and heads of HR will be responsible to ensure this policy is valued and adhered.

## 2.8 Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

# ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

## GROUP HR POLICY / MANUAL

## 1. Purpose

The Hayleys Group is committed to creating a healthy working, inclusive environment that enables employees to work without fear of sexual harassment. Any form of sexual harassment can adversely impact both individual and organisational performance.

Hayleys PLC will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment of its employees in keeping with its Values and considers any act of sexual harassment as misconduct, entitling the company to take appropriate disciplinary action, including termination of employment. Sexual harassment is a criminal offence under the Penal Code of Sri Lanka.

Sexual harassment in the workplace can take many forms. It can be obvious, direct or subtle and can include unwelcome physical, verbal or nonverbal behaviour. It can also affect either sex.

### **Definition of Sexual Harassment**

Conduct which is unwelcome, unsolicited, unacceptable, unreasonable and offensive to the recipient of an overtly or covertly sexual nature, affecting the dignity of women and men at work, including the conduct of superiors, colleagues and subordinates.

(Vide Code of Conduct and Procedures to Address Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, a Guideline developed by the ILO and the Employers Federation of Ceylon)

It is important to note that behaviour, considered acceptable in one context, may be construed as harassment in another. Depending on whether the behaviour is welcome or not, any of the following could amount to sexual harassment:

- a) Unwelcome sexual advances, requests or demand for sexual favours, either explicitly or implicitly, in return for employment, promotion or other benefits
- Material that is sexist, sexually explicit, etc. displayed publicly, circulated or distributed on a computer, fax machine, mobile phone or any other device
- c) Verbal abuse or comments that put down or stereotype people generally, or an individual particularly, because of their gender.
- d) Sexually suggestive or explicit verbal abuse, gestures or comments that would create an uncomfortable atmosphere for the individual.
- e) Unwanted physical contact (ranging from unnecessary touching to serious physical assault)

## 2. Scope

To firstly create a climate where employees feel confident that sexual harassment will not be tolerated, and where they feel comfortable speaking out about harassing situations. Secondly all members of the organisation must know what the consequences of sexual harassment are, and what to do if they become aware of sexual harassment. Thirdly continual training and education are essential to maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect.

- 3. Procedure to be adopted in the event of sexual harassment
- 3.1 If any employee of the company feels that he/she is being sexually harassed, the employee could:
- 3.1.1 Inform the person harassing to stop. This will convey to that person that the employee is embarrassed, humiliated, demeaned, or otherwise bothered by what they are doing or saying. Often, a person may not be aware that her or his behaviour is bothersome, and will change the behaviour once they realise this
- 3.1.2 This could be done directly or in writing. If it is in writing the letter should be dated and copy to be preserved. If it is conveyed to them directly a trusted friend should be informed of what was done and why.

- 3.1.3 The employee should keep notes of what the bothersome behaviour was. the date it happened, how they felt and what they did about it, and who else was present, if there were witnesses.
- 3.1.4 If the harassment stops, no further action may be necessary.
- 3.2 If the harassment continues, the employee could:
- 3.2.1 Take formal action by making a complaint verbally or in writing (by letter or email) to any member of the appointed Committee within ten (10) days following the incident unless there are compelling reasons for delay
- 3.2.2 Directly contact verbally or in writing to any member of the External Committee (Ombudsman) appointed by Hayleys for accepting complaints to maintain confidentiality
- 3.3 Once a verbal or written complaint is received:
- 3.3.1 The Committee or Ombudsman will maintain a register to endorse the complaint received by them with copy to Chairman and Chief Executive and keep the contents confidential, if it is so desired, except to use the same for discreet investigation
- 3.3.2 The Committee or Ombudsman will hold a meeting with the Complainant within five days of the receipt of the complaint, but no later than a week in any case
- 3.3.3 At the first meeting, the Committee members or Ombudsman shall hear the Complainant and record her/his allegations. The Complainant can also

- submit any corroborative material with a documentary proof, oral or written material, etc., to substantiate his / her complaint
- 3.3.4 Thereafter, the person against whom the complaint is made may be called for a deposition before the Committee or Ombudsman and an opportunity will be given to him/ her to give an explanation, after which, an "inquiry" shall be conducted by the Committee appointed and concluded.
- 3.3.5 The parties are entitled to be represented through a colleague at work if required

## 4. The Inquiry Process

- 4.1 The Committee shall immediately proceed with the Inquiry and communicate the same to the Complainant and person against whom complaint is made.
- 4.2 The Committee shall prepare and hand over the Statement of Allegation to the person against whom the complaint is made and give him / her an opportunity to submit a written explanation if she / he so desires within 7 days of receipt of the same.
- 4.3 The Complainant shall be provided with a copy of the written explanation submitted by the person against whom complaint is made.
- 4.4 If the Complainant or the person against whom complaint is made desires any witness/es to be called, they shall communicate in writing to the Committee the names of witness/es whom they propose to call.

- 4.5 If the Complainant desires to tender any documents by way of evidence before the Committee, she / he shall supply original copies of such documents. Similarly, if the person against whom complaint is made desires to tender any documents in evidence before the Committee he / she shall supply original copies of such documents. Both shall affix his /her signature on the respective documents to certify these to be original copies.
- 4.5.1 The Committee shall call upon all witnesses mentioned by both the parties.
- 4.6 The Committee shall provide every reasonable opportunity to the Complainant and to the person against whom complaint is made, for putting forward and defending their respective case
- 4.7 The Committee shall complete the "Inquiry" within reasonable period but not beyond three months and communicate its findings and its recommendations for action to the Group HRD.
- 4.7.1 The decision of the Committee will be conveyed to the parties in writing
- 4.8 Where it is determined that there has been cause for complaint. the Committee shall recommend disciplinary measures, including and not limited to dismissal: and or counselling and take steps to create an environment conducive to work
- 4.9 The Group HRD will direct appropriate action in accordance with the recommendation proposed by the Committee

4.10 Management would take all possible measures to ensure that the complainant would not be penalised for making the complaint. Further if such an event occurs to make the complainants' life difficult, the management would take disciplinary action against those parties making the complainants life difficult.

#### 5. Unsubstantiated complaints

If an employee, in good faith, files a harassment complaint that is not supported by evidence gathered during an investigation, that complaint will be dismissed, and no record of it will be put in the accused harasser's file. As long as the complaint was made in good faith, there will be no penalty to the person who complained, and no record in his/her file.

#### 6. Complaints made in bad faith

In the event that a complaint was made in bad faith--in other words, the person making it had absolutely no basis and deliberately and maliciously filed the complaint – that person will be disciplined and a record of the incident will be put in her or his file.

# 7. Action against harassers and those making complaints in bad faith

An employee found guilty of sexual harassment will be subject to one or more of the following forms of discipline, depending on the severity of the harassment:

Similarly, an employee making complaints in bad faith will be subject to one or more of the following forms of discipline.

- 7.1 a written reprimand;
- 7.2 a suspension, without pay;
- 7.3 a transfer, if it is not reasonable for the people involved to continue working together;
- 7.4 dismissal (this list is not exclusive or exhaustive)

The harasser will also be required to attend an anti-harassment training session

#### 8. Right of Appeal

- 8.1 If a party is not satisfied with the decision of the committee, the party may appeal to the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC in writing within 10 days of the decision of the Committee who will respond within 14 days.
- 8.2 If no appeal is made within 10 days, the decision of the Committee shall be final and conclusive.

#### 9. Committee

- 9.1 A five-member committee will be at all times constituted to consider and redress complaints of Sexual Harassment.
- 9.2 The Committee shall constitute of the Head of Group HR and 2 Group Management Committee members, and two more functional leaders of the Hayleys PLC team. Fair gender representation must be retained with a minimum of two members of either gender. In the event the required gender representation is not possible through the above constitution, the Head of Group HR will discuss with

other committee members and identify suitable person/persons to join the Committee with the approval of the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC. In this event, the number of committee members will be increased

- 9.3 A quorum of 3 members is required to be present for the proceedings to take place ensuring fair gender representation (at least one member representing either gender)
- 9.4 A committee member shall cease to be a member of the Committee forthwith on the occurrence of any of the following events:
- Resignation from the Committee by written notice to the Company
- Removal by notice in writing by the Chairman and Group Chief Executive, Hayleys PLC
- Ceasing to be an employee of the company
- On death or any legal incapacity
- 9.5 Any vacancy can be filled by the recommendation of the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC.
- 9.6 The Committee at its discretion from time to time may review and propose amendments to the policy which will take effect if approved by the Chairman and Group Chief Executive, Hayleys PLC
- 9.7 If the accusation is against a Committee member he/she will immediately step down from the Committee and the Chairman and Group Chief Executive, Hayleys PLC will appoint a suitable temporary replacement Committee member. In the event the

member is cleared of all charges, he/she will be immediately reinstated and the temporary member will step down.

#### 10. The Ombudsman

10.1 The Group Chief Executive may nominate up to 05 persons who are not employees of the Company to function as Ombudsman for the purposes of implementing this Policy

10.2 An Ombudsman shall be nominated for a term of 01 year at a time and shall be eligible for re-nomination.

10.3 An Ombudsman shall cease to hold office on the occurrence of any of the following events:

- a. resignation in writing by the Ombudsman.
- b. removal by the Chief Executive with written notice.

#### 11 Other

11.1 "Employee" means any person on the permanent cadre of the Company, those on contract, internship, temporary, part time or working as consultants.

The details of the incumbent Committee are available on the intranet and updated as required upon changes in the membership.

### 2.9 Whistleblower Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## **WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY**

#### 1. Purpose

Hayleys Group is committed to the highest standards of ethical, moral and legal conduct in operating its businesses. In line with this commitment, this Whistleblower Policy is primarily to provide a mechanism for employees to raise concerns where the interest of the organisation is at risk and is expected to provide an assurance that employees raising such concerns will be protected from reprisals and victimisation. This Policy applies to all individuals working at all levels (both permanent and contract) within Hayleys Group.

#### 2. Definitions

The following words and terms as used in this Policy shall unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the respective meaning set below;

2.1 'Affiliate' shall mean any legal entity which is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under common control of Hayleys PLC, the term "control" in relation to an entity, being the legal or beneficial ownership directly or indirectly of more than 50% of the voting securities or rights of such entity or controlling the majority of the composition of the board of directors or power to direct the management or policies of such entity by contract or otherwise. The term "controlling" and "controlled" shall be construed accordingly

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- 2.2 'Committee' shall mean the committee constituted under this Whistle-blowers Policy to consider and redress concerns raised by a Whistleblower.
- 2.3 'Company' shall mean a legal entity within Hayleys Group to which the concern raised under this Policy is related.
- 2.4 'Hayleys Group' shall mean Hayleys PLC and its Affiliates
- 2.5 'Management' shall mean those persons that are in a managerial position in a Company who can reasonably be regarded as having the authority to make an initial assessment of the concern/ allegation made by a Whistleblower.

- 2.6 'Policy' shall mean this Whistleblowers' Policy
- 2.7 'Whistleblower' or 'Complainant' shall mean a person who raises a concern and/or allegation under this Policy

#### 3. Scope

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to cover concerns raised by staff on matters such as:

- Incorrect financial reporting;
- · Financial fraud;
- Unlawful or improper conduct;
- Breach of the Code of Business Conduct, Values and other Policies of the Company:
- Any other improper activity that may have a negative impact upon the ability of the Company to achieve its corporate objectives and which may cause damage to its image and reputation

This Policy does not require the Whistleblower to prove the truth of the allegations made. Whistleblowers are required to raise such allegations in good faith and in an independent and unbiased manner. The Whistleblower may also need to provide sufficient information for the Management to take appropriate steps.

Where a genuine concern is raised under this Policy, the Whistleblower shall not be at risk of suffering any form of victimisation or retribution from the Company. However allegations in bad faith may result in disciplinary action.

A Whistleblower is able to lodge concerns confidentially and/or anonymously.

Management would take all possible measures to ensure that the complainant would not be penalised for making a complaint. Further if such an event occurs, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against the parties involved in making the complainants' life difficult. Accused will be treated as genuine until the proceedings are concluded and a decision is made. The management will take appropriate actions if needed in the event any harassment is levelled against the accused

### 4. Procedure to raise a concern

- 4.1. Concerns may be raised face to face or by telephone or in writing. A written report will require the background and history of the issue at hand, in chronological order together with the reasons pertaining to the concerns expressed.
- 4.2. These concerns shall be raised with the Chairman and Chief Executive, Hayleys PLC or the Managing Director of the respective company to which the concern is related.
- 4.3. Advice or guidance with regard to the manner in which concerns as coming within this Policy should be raised can be obtained from the Head of Group Human Resources.

#### 5. Management Response

Once a concern is raised, the following steps will be taken:

- a. Receipt will be acknowledged where identity is disclosed
- Management will proceed to make an initial assessment and decide on one of the following actions as appropriate.
  - To be investigated internally by an internal inquiring committee appointed in the manner described herein under:
  - To be referred to the Police or any other legal authority where such concerns discloses information of a criminal nature:
  - To be referred to the internal or the external auditors:
  - To be the subject of an independent inquiry
- c. In the event the Management decides to conduct an internal investigation through the internal inquiring committee as laid down in this policy, a decision would be taken and communicated to the relevant parties within 3 month time from the date the inquiry commenced.
- d. The Whistleblower will be provided with feedback on actions taken if s/he has so requested. However, it must be noted that the Management may not be able to make full disclosure where an infringement of a duty of confidentiality to another person could occur, or where the information is sensitive so as not to be able to make full disclosure which otherwise would have been made.

#### 6. The Internal Inquiry Process

- 6.1 Where an initial concern/allegation is made, the Management will discuss the matter with the Complainant. If s/he has a personal interest in the matter, s/ he will be required to disclose this at the onset. Where the concern/allegation falls more appropriately within the Grievance Procedure s/he will be advised accordingly.
- 6.2 The Committee appointed in terms of clause 7 herein, shall immediately proceed with the enquiry and communicate the same to the Complainant where necessary and to the person/s against whom the concern/ allegation is made.
- 6.3. The Committee shall prepare and hand over the statement of allegations to the person against whom the allegation(s) is/are made and give him / her an opportunity to submit a written explanation if s/he so desires within 7 days of receipt of the same.
- 6.4 If the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made desires any witness/es to be called, s/he shall communicate in writing to the Committee the names of witness/es whom s/he proposes to call.
- 6.5. The Committee shall call upon all witnesses mentioned by the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made and any other persons that the Committee may wish to obtain statements or evidence from.
- 6.6. The Committee shall provide every reasonable opportunity to the person/s against whom the concern/allegation is made, to defend his/her case.

- 6.7. The Committee shall complete the "Enquiry" within a reasonable period but not beyond three months and communicate its findings and its recommendations for action to the Group Human Resources Department of Hayleys PLC.
- 6.8. The decision of the Committee will be conveyed to the Complainant and the person/s against whom the concern/ allegation is made
- 6.9. Group Human Resources will direct appropriate action in accordance with the recommendations proposed by the Committee

#### 7. Internal Inquiring Committee

7.1. The Committee shall constitute of the Managing Director of the respective company/sector,

Group Chief Financial Officer, Head of Group Human Resources, Head of Legal and Head of Internal Audit of Hayleys PLC. The Committee would include at least 2 male/2 female members to ensure fair gender representation. In the event the require gender representation is not consistent in the internal inquiring committee, the Head of Group HR to discuss with other committee members and identify suitable person/persons and include in the committee with the approval of Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC. In this event, the number of committee members will be increased.

7.2. A guorum of 3 members is required to be present for the proceedings to take place.

The quorum should at least consist of one male/ one female member to ensure fair gender representation.

- 7.3. A committee member shall cease to be a member of the Committee forthwith on the occurrence of any of the following events:
- Resignation from the Committee by written notice to the Company
- Removal by notice in writing by the Chairman and Chief Executive of, Hayleys PLC for just and reasonable cause
- Ceasing to be an employee of the company
- On death or any legal incapacity
- 7.4. Any vacancy can be filled by the Committee on the recommendation of the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC.
- 7.5. The Committee at its discretion may from time to time review and propose amendments to this Policy which will take effect after concurrence is received by the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC
- 7.6. If the complaint is against a committee member or if there is a conflict of interest that shall be known before or at any time during the inquiry with any committee member s/he will immediately step down from the Committee and the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC will appoint a suitable temporary replacement committee member. In the event the member is cleared of all charges, he/she will be immediately reinstated and the temporary member will step down.

#### 8. Confidentiality

Where the Complainant wishes to raise a concern in confidence under this Policy and requests the Company to protect his/her identity, the Company will make its best efforts to do so unless the matters raised requires investigation by law enforcement agencies or is required to be taken up in a court of law where it may not be possible to resolve the matter without the disclosure of identity. In such a situation the Management will discuss with the Complainant on how best to proceed.

This Policy while encouraging the Whistleblowers to identify themselves. allows Whistlehlowers to raise their concerns anonymously. However, this may result in the Company facing difficulties and taking more time in its investigations with no avenue for followup questions and feedback from the Whistleblower. Where a Whistleblower wishes to raise a concern anonymously, s/he will need to provide sufficient facts and data to enable the Management look into the matter without the person's assistance

#### 9. Right of Appeal

If the Whistleblower or the party against whom the concern/allegation is made is not satisfied with the decision of the Committee, the unsatisfied party may appeal to the Chairman and Chief Executive of Hayleys PLC in writing within 10 days of the decision of the Committee who will respond within 14 days. If no appeal is made within 10 days, the decision of the Committee shall be final and conclusive.

#### 10. Effective Date for implementation

This Policy shall be effective and operative from Jan 1st, 2014.

## 2.10 Human Rights Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## **HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY**

#### Purpose

Human Rights outline and focus on protection to people from severe political, legal, and social abuses. The Hayleys Group is a Sri Lankan conglomerate spanning a diversified portfolio of businesses with global operations. Thus it is of relevance that aspects and areas of Human Rights are seriously addressed in all our operations.

#### Scope

Hayleys Group is committed to fostering an organisational culture which supports internationally recognised human rights and seeks to prevent abuse of human rights. We support the principles contained within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

We commit to the following two subprinciples of the UNGC Principles of Human Rights:

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights

Principle 2: Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

#### Policy Governance and Responsibility

NO.	JOB TITLE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy Group-wide	Group ESG
2	Conducting an annual training and assessment of a broad range of human rights issues utilising an international level benchmark	Group ESG

NO.	JOB TITLE	RESPONSIBILITY
3	A Report and Gap Analysis to manage any areas of improvement	Group ESG
4	Awareness building and communication of policy to employees	Group HR, Group ESG and Sector Lifecode Champions
5	<ul> <li>Recording and reporting the latest indicators of management performance directed by the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) framework</li> <li>instances where Human Rights have been violated</li> <li>percentage and total number of significant investment agreements and contracts that include human rights clauses or that have undergone human rights screening</li> <li>percentage of significant suppliers, contractors, and other business partners that have undergone human rights screening, and actions taken</li> <li>operations and significant suppliers identified in which the right to exercise freedom of association or collective bargaining may be violated or at significant</li> </ul>	Group ESG and Sector Lifecode Champions
5	<ul> <li>freedom of association or collective bargaining may be violated or at significant risk, and actions taken to support these rights</li> <li>operations and significant suppliers identified as having significant risk for incidents of child labour, and measures taken to contribute to the effective abolition of child labour</li> <li>any measures taken to contribute to the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour.</li> <li>percentage of security personnel trained in the organisation's policies or procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations</li> <li>Instances of discrimination and corrective actions taken thereafter other business partners that have undergone human rights screening, and actions taken</li> <li>operations and significant suppliers identified in which the right to exercise freedom of association or collective bargaining may be violated or at significant risk, and actions taken to support these rights</li> <li>operations and significant suppliers identified as having significant risk for incidents of child labour, and measures taken to contribute to the effective abolition of child labour</li> <li>any measures taken to contribute to the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour.</li> <li>percentage of security personnel trained in the organisation's policies or procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to operations instances of discrimination and corrective actions taken thereafter</li> </ul>	Group ESG and Sector Lifecode Champions

### **Related Documents**

- Code of Conduct (The Hayleys Way)
- Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy
- Grievance Handling Procedure or Policy

#### **Policy Statement**

#### Commitments to stakeholders

Employees: We treat all of our employees with respect and dignity and promote diversity in the workplace. Our aim to achieve uniform application of relevant principles underlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is derived from our commitment to respect the rights of our employees, which include labour and working conditions. We are committed to train our employees to be aware of, respect and protect human rights in the workplace and in the local communities directly impacted by our operations.

Business Partners: Our commitment applies to workers directly engaged by the company and workers engaged through third parties to perform work related to core business processes for a substantial duration (contracted workers operating within company premises as well as suppliers, joint venture partners and clients/customers), through proactive engagement, monitoring and contractual provisions.

Local Communities: Where relevant, we engage with local communities on any actual or potential human rights impacts of our operations, which also include land and property acquisition and security arrangements. Hayleys practices human rights in accordance with the customs, cultures and values portrayed by these communities.

#### Provisions on human rights

#### **Fair Treatment**

We provide equality of opportunity and treatment for the purposes of eliminating discrimination based on race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, political opinion, nationality, social origin and status, disability, age or other status of individuals unrelated to their ability to perform work. Salaries are on par across all positions at the Group, sans any gender bias. Salary distinctions are based solely upon factors such as performance and market comparisons for the relevant skill group. Hayleys aims to pay competitive wages based on local market assessments.

#### Non-harassment

Hayleys commits to promote a work environment free of any form of workplace harassment including physical, verbal, sexual or psychological harassment, abuse, and threats, as defined by the laws of each country in which we operate. To protect workers against such acts, Hayleys has implemented prevention policies, facilitates open communication, provides training, and allows workers to report incidents of harassment to a complaint mechanism that fully investigates the reports and responds accordingly.

## Abolishing Child, forced and compulsory Labour

In Sri Lanka, the law defines children as below the age of 14 years. Hayleys opposes child labour, does not employ any person under the age of 18, and works with business partners to ensure that zero instances of child labour are recorded in the supply chain as defined by national laws. We oppose all forms of forced or compulsory labour and work hand in hand with subcontractors and suppliers to ensure illegal forms of employment are eradicated.

#### Hours, wages and leave

Hayleys works within the standards set by national law and respects the standards set by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). We provide a living wage that enables workers to meet the basic needs of themselves and their dependents, ensures that workers are provided leave in accordance with national standards and ensures that all workers have an official employment status.

## Freedom of association/collective bargaining

Hayleys believes in employees engaging in dialogue with the company on any issue they may wish to voice and seek redress on.

#### Promoting health and safety

Hayleys commits to providing safe and healthy working facilities and takes appropriate precautionary measures to protect employees from work-related hazards and anticipated dangers in the workplace. Safety precautions depend upon and are relevant to the industry, company concerns and the needs of vulnerable workers and meet or exceed the laws of each country in which we operate. Hayleys ensures that workers are provided with the protective equipment and training necessary to perform their tasks safely, and are actively involved in health and safety efforts.

#### **Effective Date for implementation**

This policy shall be effective and operative from January 1st, 2014.

## Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI
4 means	<ul> <li>4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs, and entrepreneurship</li> <li>4.5 By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and children in vulnerable situations</li> </ul>	
8 1111111111111111111111111111111111111	8.1 Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries	
	<b>8.2</b> Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading, and innovation, including through a focus on high value added and labour intensive sectors	404-1 404-2
	<b>8.5</b> By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value	404-2
	<b>8.7</b> Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms	401-1 402-1
	<b>8.8</b> Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment	406-1 407-1
5 man	5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere	405-1
<b>⊕</b>	<b>5.5</b> Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, and public life	405-2
	<b>5.b</b> Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women	
	<b>5.c</b> Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels	
10 minor	<b>10.3</b> Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies, and action in this regard	

Table 1: People Management Strategies, Targets and KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
	Developing a diverse,	Attrition rates	Managerial: 16%	0.5% reduction in
	engaged team	Managerial: 12%	Executive: 22%	employee attrition rate
Employment		Executive: 19%	Non-Executive: 28%	
policies		Non-Executive: 22%	Baseline of 2023/24	
Refer the Employment Policies/	Provide opportunities for continuous learning	Each employee to receive an average of 40 training hours per annum	5.31 hours of average training per employee	Sector-specific annual KPIs
Group HR Policy Manual in the Social Policies	Create a performance- driven, conducive work culture	100% of selected employee categories to receive performance appraisals	98% of employees receive performance appraisals	Achieve 100% by 2025/26 and maintain thereafter
booklet	Build talent pipelines and succession plans	Formulate clear succession plan for all GMC members immediate subordinate for all the business sectors	2 Sectors	Implement succession plans for immediate subordinate to MD for all sectors based on the Group's succession planning methodology
	Leadership and supervisory development plans	10,000-man hours of leadership and supervisory development programmes covering all sectors by 2030	Target achieved	Initiate leadership and supervisory development programs across all Sectors
	Building an inclusive and equitable organisational culture	100% of employees to undergo training and awareness on anti discrimination	Programme rolled out in 2023/24	Training and awareness on anti- discrimination for all employees

### 2.11 Health, safety, and well-being



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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

#### Standard

As an organisation with significant interests in both manufacturing and service sectors, Hayleys Group is committed to maintaining the highest standards of health and safety across its operations, thereby providing a safe and injury-free working environment for all employees. This guideline serves as the minimum standard on health and safety management practices that all Group companies should adopt; companies which have a higher level of vulnerability to health and safety risks are encouraged to implement more stringent practices reflecting sectorspecific risks.

Group ESG strategies relating to management of health and safety, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 2: Health and Safety Strategies, Targets & KPIs forms an integral part of this standard.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys PLC.

#### Commitment

We seek to prevent all accidents and occupational diseases across our operations, thereby ensuring the protection of all our employees. In driving towards this objective, we are committed to:

- Maintaining hygienic, safe, and healthy working conditions, machinery and equipment and provide the necessary instructions and training that is required for this purpose.
- Ensure compliance to all health and safety laws, rules, regulations, relevant international standards, and client requirements. Companies are also encouraged to obtain the ISO 45001: 2018 Occupational Safety & Health Management System.
- Group companies will seek to proactively engage in hazard identification and risk assessment and define subsequent corrective actions to effectively control health and safety risks in the workplace.
- Companies are encouraged to educate and provide relevant health and safety training to employees, which in turn will nurture a culture of safety in the organisation and empower employees to avoid unsafe

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situations. All employees should also take reasonable care of their own health and safety whilst at work and fully co-operate with the respective Company in all health and safety related initiatives.

- Group companies will ensure that contractors, service providers and other third parties entering the Group's sites and facilities are made sufficiently aware of the applicable health and safety practices in place and are equipped to carry out their tasks safely.
- Drive continuous improvements in occupational safety and health management through ongoing communication, training and driving towards performance targets.
- Ensuring the 100% complete and accurate reporting of relevant health and safety data to Hayleys Group ESG on a timely basis following the set reporting requirements of the GRI Standards and Hayleys' Cube reporting.

Aligning with the Hayleys Group ESG strategy this policy will be reviewed periodically and communicated to relevant and interested parties, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness on sustainable practices.

## Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

### Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI	
3 MINO HEALTH	3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous		403-8
-w/÷	chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination	403-2	403-9
		403-3	403-
8 DOM NOW AND	<b>8.8</b> Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment	403-4	10
<b>M</b>	including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precanous employment	403-5	
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		403-7	

Table 2: Health and Safety Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Health and Safety Policy	Ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all employees	Safest workplace with zero significant injuries/ occupational diseases	1,603 work related injuries resulting in 14,432 lost hours  No fatalities	Standardise and ensure complete reporting of accident-related data covering 100% of operations by 2030  Annual increase of 10% in the coverage of sectors complying with ISO 45001: 2018 Occupational Safety & Health Management System to achieve 100% implementation of Health & Safety Management system across entire group.

### Supplier and customer relationships

#### 3.1 Procurement Policy



## **HAYLEYS PLC**

## PROCUREMENT POLICY

#### 1. Objectives

The objective of this Procurement Policy is to provide a clear and transparent framework for the organisation's purchasing processes and sourcing strategies of goods, services, and work. This policy ensures that procurement activities are conducted efficiently, ethically, and in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations ensuring that procurement related risks are effectively management and related decisions are objective, time- and costeffective

#### 2. Scope

This policy applies as a minimum standard to all employees and departments involved in the procurement process in entities within the Hayleys Group. It covers the acquisition of all goods, services, and work required for the day-today operations, projects, or capital expenditures. Sectors can develop more comprehensive policies and procedures aligned with industry-specific requirements and dynamics, subject to approval by the Group Sourcing Division.

#### 3. Principles

- Transparency: Procurement activities shall be conducted with transparency, ensuring that all processes, decisions, and outcomes are clearly documented, accessible, and open to scrutiny.
- Fairness and Competition: Procurement processes must promote competition, providing all eligible suppliers with a fair and equal opportunity to bid for contracts.
- Value for Money: The organization aims to achieve the best possible value for money, balancing cost, quality, and efficiency. Considerations include the total lifecycle cost of products or services, including maintenance, delivery, and disposal.
- Accountability: The procurement function shall be accountable for its decisions, ensuring that procurement activities align with the organization's strategic goals, budgets, and policies.
- Ethics and Integrity: Procurement activities must be conducted with the highest ethical standards, promoting integrity and avoiding conflicts of interest. Employees involved in procurement shall not accept gifts or favors that could influence their decisions

#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors holds apex responsibility for ensuring that the organisation's procurement activities align with both strategic and financial objectives and the Group's ethical standards. The Board also holds oversight responsibility for the effective management of procurement risks, as part of the Group's enterprise risk management framework. The Head of Finance of each Sector together with the relevant Procurement teams is responsible for the implementation, monitoring and review of the Policy.

#### 4.1 Group Sourcing Division

The Group Sourcing Division is tasked with the overarching responsibility of actioning the Procurement Strategy through ongoing collaboration and coordination with the relevant procurement arms of the Business Units. Primary responsibilities include,

- Providing guidelines for procurement related polices and processes to be implemented group wide
- Formulating and sharing effective spend management strategies with the group sectors to be implemented at Center and Sector level.

- Central contract of common categories based on set criteria assessing value, volume and impact to the group.
- Aiding in supplier exploration increasing market price visibility and reducing single source supplier dependency
- Driving technology adaption in procurement across the group through Source to Contract (S2C) platforms
- Increasing central contract usage and monitor agreements with key suppliers.

#### 5. Procurement Process

- 1. Need Identification: The first step is to clearly define the requirements for goods, services, or work, including specifications, quantities, timelines, and expected outcomes. A purchase requisition is created by the purchasing company to initiate the procurement process.
- 2. Market Research: Conduct market research to identify potential suppliers, assess the current market conditions, and establish the most appropriate procurement method
- 3. Procurement Planning: Develop a procurement plan, detailing the budget, timelines, and the method of procurement. The plan should ensure that the procurement aligns with organizational goals and complies with any legal or regulatory requirements.
- Solicitation of Bids or Proposals:
   Depending on the value and complexity of the procurement, bids or proposals may be solicited through

- formal tendering or informal methods such as quotes or request for proposals (RFPs). All bidders must be provided with the same information and given equal time to respond.
- Evaluation of Bids: Evaluate bids based on predetermined criteria, which may include price, quality, delivery time, after-sales service, and compliance with specifications. A fair and impartial evaluation process will be followed in evaluating bids received.
- 6. Awarding the Contract: Once the evaluation process is complete, the contract will be awarded to the supplier who fulfills the set criteria and offers the best value, considering price and other factors such as quality, service payment terms, lead time,etc. The decision will be documented, and unsuccessful bidders will be informed.
- 7. Contract Management: After the contract is awarded, ensure that the supplier fulfills the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement. This includes monitoring performance, managing payments, and addressing any issues or disputes that may arise.
- 8. Payment and Closeout: Once the goods or services are delivered and accepted, payment will be made according to the agreed payment terms. The procurement process will be closed out after ensuring that all contractual obligations have been met.
- Record-keeping: All procurement process records, including but not limited to bids, contracts, approvals, and invoices, must be systematically

- maintained and securely stored to ensure compliance, accountability, and transparency
- 10. Source to Contract process: All source-to-contract processes must be rigorously followed, including thorough supplier evaluation, competitive bidding, and supplier agreements, ensuring transparency, fairness, and alignment with organizational goals and compliance requirements
- 11.Procure to Pay process: All procure-to-pay processes must be consistently followed, ensuring accurate documentation, timely approvals, and proper authorization at each stage, to maintain financial integrity and compliance with organizational and regulatory standards

All companies within the Hayleys Group shall ensure both Source to Contract (S2C) and Procure to Pay processes and SOP's will be developed and maintained and reviewed periodically

#### 6. Procurement Methods

- Open Tendering: The most competitive procurement method, where all qualified suppliers are invited to submit bids. This should be used for large or complex procurements.
- Selective Tendering: Involves inviting a pre-selected group of suppliers to submit bids. This method is to be used when only a limited number of suppliers can meet the requirements

- Request for Proposal (RFP): Should be used mainly for project-related sourcing. Suppliers should submit proposals outlining their approach, qualifications, and pricing.
- Request for Quotations (RFQ): A less formal procurement method which is to be used for low-value or simple procurements, where a few suppliers are asked to provide quotes. BU's are advised to obtain a minimum of three quotes at all times.
- Two-Stage Tendering: A two-phase process where initial technical proposals are assessed separately from price bids, with suppliers submitting final pricing only after the technical aspects are evaluated

 Petty Cash Purchases: Assess the use of debit cards as a replacement for petty cash floats where possible for greater transparency, visibility and control.

# 7. Supplier Relationship Management

Effective supplier relationship management fosters collaboration, transparency and trust resulting in the nurturing of long-term partnerships and mutual value creation. Key elements of the Group's supplier relationship management is listed below:

#### 7.1 Supplier selection

Business Units should implement a systematic supplier screening process, which aligns with the Group's organisational objectives, procurement strategy and sustainability aspirations. The following key areas should be included in the supplier selection criteria;

#### Cost and Pricing

- Competitive pricing and total cost of ownership.
- · Payment terms and discounts.
- · Shipping and handling costs.
- · Clearance and transportation costs

#### **Quality and Compliance**

- Product quality standards and consistency
- Certifications and industry-specific regulations
- Ability to meet specifications and standards
- Suppliers are encouraged to obtain VAT registration

#### Reliability and Delivery Performance

- On-time delivery track record
- Ability to meet deadlines consistently
- Lead time for production and shipping

#### Capacity and Scalability

- Ability to meet current and future demand
- Capacity to handle large or urgent orders
- Flexibility to scale production if needed

#### **Financial Stability**

- Supplier's financial health and stability
- Ability to support long-term partnerships

#### Communication and Customer Service

- Responsiveness and ease of communication
- Ability to resolve issues quickly and effectively
- Availability of a dedicated account manager

#### Innovation and Technology

- Supplier's investment in new technologies or processes
- Willingness to collaborate on product improvements or innovations

#### **Ethical Practices and Sustainability**

- Environmental sustainability practices
- Ethical labor practices (e.g., fair wages, safe working conditions, child labor policies)
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) policies

#### Risk Management

- · Ability to manage risks (e.g., political, economic. or natural disasters).
- Contingency plans for disruptions.
- Insurance coverage and other protective measures.

#### References and Reputation

- Reputation in the market and among other clients
- Reviews or feedback from current and previous customers
- Industry reputation and trustworthiness

#### **Location and Logistics**

- Proximity to your operations for shipping efficiency.
- Potential logistical or cultural challenges.

- Import/export capabilities if necessary.

#### 7.2 Supplier development

Supplier development is the process of working with suppliers to improve their capabilities, performance, and overall relationship. Its aim is to strengthen the supply chain and create mutual benefits. Here are a few key points of supplier development:

#### 1. Collaborative Relationships

Supplier development focuses on building strong, long-term partnerships with suppliers rather than simply transactional relationships. This involves mutual trust, open communication, and a willingness to share information for the benefit of both parties.

#### 2. Continuous Improvement

Encouraging continuous improvement within your suppliers' operations is central to supplier development. This includes providing feedback, offering resources, or training to help suppliers enhance their quality, reduce costs, and streamline processes.

#### 3. Performance Monitoring and Feedback

Regularly assessing supplier performance is essential. By tracking key metrics like quality, delivery time, cost. and responsiveness, you can identify areas for improvement and provide constructive feedback. This helps both parties align with each other's expectations and goals.

#### 4. Capacity Building

Supplier development often includes helping suppliers increase their capabilities, whether it's scaling up production, improving technology, or enhancing technical skills. This may involve joint investment in technology or tools, training programs, or process improvements.

#### 5. Risk Mitigation

Developing suppliers helps mitigate risks associated with supply chain disruptions. By fostering strong relationships and improving supplier resilience, you ensure greater stability in the supply chain, making it easier to handle challenges such as capacity shortages, delays, or quality issues.

#### 6. Cost Reduction

One of the goals of supplier development is to find ways to reduce costs in the supply chain. This can be done by improving operational efficiency, sharing best practices, or working together on innovations that reduce material costs or process inefficiencies.

#### 7. Innovation and Collaboration

Engaging suppliers in collaborative innovation can lead to new product ideas, process improvements, or alternative solutions that benefit both the buyer and the supplier. This shared approach fosters creativity and helps maintain competitiveness.

#### 8. Strategic Alignment

Supplier development ensures that your suppliers' goals and values align with your organization's objectives. Whether it's sustainability, quality standards, or delivery timelines, aligning with your suppliers ensures a smoother, more efficient partnership.

#### 9. Supplier Evaluation and Segmentation

Not all suppliers may need the same level of development. Segment suppliers based on strategic importance, performance, and potential for improvement. This allows you to prioritize resources and efforts on highvalue suppliers.

#### 10. Long-Term Commitment

Supplier development is a long-term investment. By providing consistent support and showing commitment to supplier growth, you foster loyalty and encourage suppliers to invest in meeting your standards and needs over time.

#### 7.3 Supplier performance evaluation

All Procurement Divisions across Group companies will conduct supplier evaluations annually and assess suppliers' current capabilities and historical performance against agreed-upon criteria. The following key areas should be considered in developing supplier evaluation frameworks.

CRITERIA	METRIC
Quality performance	Consistency, Defect rates, Inspection and testing
Delivery and Lead Time Performance	On-time delivery, Lead time consistency, Shipping accuracy
Cost and Pricing	Price competitiveness, Cost variability, Value for money
Customer Service and Communication	Responsiveness, Proactive communication, Problem resolution
Compliance and certifications	Regulatory compliance, Ethical practices, Sustainability initaitives
Capacity and flexibility	Production capacity, Flexibility, Risk Mitigation
Innovation and continuous improvement	Product/process innovations, Continuous improvement, R&D capabilities
Financial stability	Financial health, Creditworthiness, Payment terms
Technology and IT Systems	Systems compatibility, Data security, Automation and efficiency
Risk management	Supply chain resilience, Contingency plans, Insurance and Liability coverage
Reputation and references	Customer satisfaction, Industry reputation, References
Long-term partnership potential	Strategic alignment, Collaboration and partnership, Sustainability of relationship

## 7.4 Supplier engagement

Supplier engagement focuses on building strong, collaborative relationships with suppliers to improve performance, create mutual value, and foster long-term partnerships. Key elements of supplier engagement include the following

PRINCIPLE OF ENGAGEMENT	DESCRIPTION
Clear Communication	Ensure open and transparent communication by regularly sharing expectations, performance feedback, and market insights thereby enabling alignment of both parties
Building Trust	Trust is the foundation of strong supplier relationships. Engaging suppliers in a fair and consistent manner, respecting agreements, and being reliable builds trust, which enhances cooperation and long-term success.
Collaboration and Partnership	Collaboration beyond a transaction relationship, where suppliers are viewed as partners. This includes jointly solving problems, sharing ideas, and innovating together can lead to mutual growth.
Early involvement of suppliers	Engaging suppliers early in the process (such as during product design or strategic planning) can help improve product quality, reduce costs, and speed up the time to market.
Shared Goals and Alignment	Aligning objectives, such as quality standards, delivery timelines, or sustainability goals, ensures both parties work toward the same outcomes.
Performance Management and Feedback	Regular performance evaluations and feedback help keep suppliers on track. Providing constructive feedback, recognizing good performance, and addressing issues promptly fosters improvement and maintains a high level of performance.
Mutual Respect and Fairness	Supplier engagement is built on respect and fairness. Treating suppliers with respect, offering fair terms, and honoring contracts fosters goodwill and strengthens the relationship, making suppliers more willing to collaborate.
Sustainability and Ethical Practices	Engaging suppliers in discussions about sustainability and ethical practices promotes a shared commitment to social responsibility, environmental impact, and ethical behavior, which can improve your brand's reputation and supplier accountability.
Incentives and Rewards	Offering incentives or rewards for achieving certain milestones (such as on-time deliveries or innovation) encourages suppliers to go above and beyond. Recognition and rewards can strengthen the relationship and encourage high performance.
Problem-Solving and Conflict Resolution	Engaging suppliers to collective resolve issues is critical. Addressing issues quickly and collaboratively, rather than placing blame, helps maintain a positive relationship and ensures both parties are committed to finding solutions.

PRINCIPLE OF ENGAGEMENT	DESCRIPTION	
Training and Development	Offering training opportunities or resources to help suppliers improve their capabilities—whether it's on new technologies, quality standards, or compliance requirements—can enhance their performance and strengthen the partnership.	
Transparency in Expectations	Setting clear and realistic expectations on both sides (such as delivery times, quality standards, and cost targets) helps avoid misunderstandings and fosters a more efficient and effective engagement process.	
Innovation and Continuous Improvement	Encouraging suppliers to innovate and improve continuously benefits both parties. Engage suppliers in brainstorming solutions or improvements, whether in product design, process optimization, or technology adoption.	
Long-Term Relationship Focus	Supplier engagement is about creating long-term relationships rather than short-term transactions. Building a sustainable partnership through regular engagement, consistent communication, and mutual respect creates enduring value for both parties.	

### 7.5 Supplier Code of Conduct

The Supplier Code of Conduct sets forth a guideline to ethical, legal, and environmental standards that we expect all suppliers to adhere to. We believe that working together with suppliers who share our values will contribute to long-term success, sustainability, and mutual respect. This Code is an integral part of our procurement policy and applies to all suppliers and their affiliates.

## 1. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Suppliers must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards in the countries in which they operate. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with:

- · Labor laws and workplace regulations
- Health and safety standards
- Environmental laws
- · Anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws

- Fair competition and antitrust laws
- · Trade regulations and export controls

#### 2. Labor and Human Rights

We are committed to ensuring that our suppliers treat their employees with dignity and respect. Suppliers must:

- Uphold the rights of workers, ensuring that all employees are treated with fairness and respect.
- Prohibit forced, compulsory, and child labor in any form.
- Provide employees with a safe and healthy working environment.
- Comply with local labor laws regarding working hours, wages, and benefits.
- Ensure that employees have the right to freely choose employment, and do not engage in discriminatory practices based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or other protected characteristics.

## 3. Health, Safety, and Environmental Sustainability

- Suppliers must provide a work environment that is free from hazards and complies with all relevant health and safety laws and regulations.
   They must also demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship by:
- Implementing appropriate measures to reduce environmental impact and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.
- Reducing waste, emissions, and consumption of natural resources.
- Striving for continuous improvement in environmental sustainability practices.
- Using environmentally friendly materials, where feasible, in manufacturing and distribution processes.

#### 4. Business Integrity

Suppliers are expected to operate with the highest standards of integrity and transparency. They must:

- Avoid any form of corruption, bribery, or unethical behavior in business transactions.
- Ensure fair business practices, including transparent financial reporting and accurate documentation.
- Adhere to the principles of fair competition and avoid engaging in price-fixing or other anti-competitive practices.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding any proprietary or sensitive information related to the business relationship.

## 5. Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

Suppliers must foster a workplace free from discrimination and harassment. They should:

- Provide equal employment opportunities regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or disability.
- Ensure that employees are not subjected to harassment or discrimination in any form.
- Promote diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

#### 6. Ethical Sourcing

 Sourcing materials from reputable sources that comply with labor, human rights, and environmental standards.  Engaging in responsible sourcing practices that prevent exploitation and harm to communities and ecosystems.

#### 8. Transparency and Reporting

- Provide accurate and complete information when requested to verify compliance.
- Cooperate with audits and inspections, either conducted by the ordering company or third-party auditors, to assess their adherence to the standards outlined in this Code.

#### 9. Continuous Improvement

- Commit to ongoing efforts to improve working conditions, environmental impact, and business practices.
- Participate in training and initiatives that foster continuous improvement.

## 10. Enforcement and Termination of Business Relationships

Failure to comply with this Supplier Code of Conduct may negatively impact business relationships. Suppliers must acknowledge that they understand and accept the principles outlined in the supplier code of conduct and agree to be subject to audits and reviews as necessary to ensure compliance.

#### 8.0 Contract Management

When establishing a contract with a supplier, all Group companies are to cover key areas to ensure both parties are aligned on expectations, responsibilities, and potential risks. A well-drafted supplier contract can help mitigate misunderstandings and provide a clear path for resolving disputes. Here are the key areas to cover when entering into an agreement with a supplier, the following areas can be used as a quideline

#### Scope of Work (SOW) or Deliverables

- Clear Description of Goods/Services: Specify exactly what the supplier will provide, including product specifications, quantities, and service levels.
- Quality Standards: Outline the expected quality standards and performance metrics.
- Delivery Requirements: Clearly define the timeline, frequency, and conditions of delivery.
- Acceptance Criteria: Include criteria for accepting or rejecting delivered goods or services.

#### **Pricing and Payment Terms**

- Price Structure: Clearly state the agreed-upon pricing model (e.g., fixed price, unit price, cost-plus).
- Payment Terms: Define payment methods, schedules (e.g., 30 days after invoice), and any discounts for early payment.
- Currency and Taxation: Specify the currency to be used and which party is responsible for taxes, duties, or other charges.

#### **Duration and Termination**

 Contract Duration: Define the start and end dates of the agreement, as well as any renewal terms (e.g., automatic renewal, option for extension).

- · Termination Conditions: Clearly outline the conditions under which either party can terminate the contract, such as failure to meet performance metrics, breach of contract, or force majeure events.
- · Notice Period: Specify the amount of notice required for termination, both for convenience and for cause (e.g., 30 days' notice).

#### Performance Metrics and KPIs

- Service Level Agreements (SLAs): Define specific performance indicators like delivery time, quality standards, response time, or uptime (for services).
- Penalty Clauses: If necessary Include penalties for failure to meet agreedupon KPIs or service levels (e.g., late deliveries or substandard quality).
- Incentives for High Performance: Consider providing incentives or bonuses for exceeding performance targets.

#### Confidentiality and Intellectual Property (IP)

- · Confidentiality Clauses: Protect sensitive business information and trade secrets shared between parties by including non-disclosure agreements (NDAs).
- Intellectual Property Rights: Specify the ownership of intellectual property (e.g., patents, trademarks, proprietary processes) developed during the contract period.
- Use of Data: Define how proprietary data, such as customer data, will be handled, stored, and protected.

## Dispute Resolution and Governing

- Dispute Resolution Process: Specify the methods for resolving disputes, such as mediation, arbitration, or litigation.
- Jurisdiction: Indicate the jurisdiction (location) where disputes will be settled and specify which country's laws govern the contract.
- Escalation Procedures: Outline the process for escalating issues to higher management if necessary.

#### Changes to Contracts

- · Change Orders: Include procedures for requesting and approving changes to the contract terms, such as modifications to product specifications, delivery schedules, or pricing.
- Flexibility: Define how the contract can accommodate changes in scope, volume, or timing without invalidating the agreement.
- Approval Process: Outline the process for reviewing and approving any changes or additions to the contract.

#### Supplier Support and After-Sales Service

- Warranty and Returns: Specify warranty terms, the process for returning defective products, and repair or replacement procedures.
- Post-Supply Support: Define any support services the supplier will provide post-delivery, such as technical assistance, training, or maintenance

Training and Documentation: If applicable, outline any training or documentation the supplier must provide to your team to ensure effective use of the goods or services.

#### Auditing and Inspections

- Right to Audit: Allow for periodic audits or inspections to verify compliance with the contract terms, quality standards, and delivery expectations.
- Access to Records: Grant access to relevant records, such as production logs or quality control reports, to ensure transparency.
- Corrective Actions: Define how deficiencies or non-compliance issues will be addressed, including corrective action procedures.

#### Subcontracting and Assignment

- Subcontracting: Specify whether the supplier is allowed to subcontract any part of the work or delivery, and under what conditions.
- · Assignment: Clarify if either party can assign the contract to another company (e.g., if the supplier is sold or merged with another company).

#### Conflicts of Interest

- Declaration of Conflicts: Require the supplier to disclose any conflicts of interest that could affect their ability to fulfill the contract impartially.
- Preventative Measures: Define measures to mitigate or address any conflicts of interest during the contract term

#### Risk Management and Liability

- Indemnity and Liability: Group companies should define the extent to which each party is responsible for liabilities and indemnification in case of product defects, accidents, or third-party claims.
- Insurance Requirements: Specify any necessary insurance coverage (e.g., general liability, professional indemnity) that the supplier must maintain.
- Force Majeure: Include a clause outlining how unforeseen events like natural disasters, political unrest, or pandemics will affect obligations under the contract.

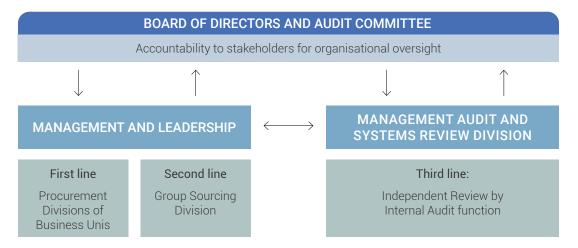
#### Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- Legal Compliance: Ensure the supplier agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards (e.g., environmental regulations, labor laws).
- Certifications: Specify any required certifications (e.g., ISO standards, safety certifications) that the supplier must hold.
- Anti-bribery and Corruption Clauses: Include terms regarding anti-bribery, anticorruption, and ethical business practices

#### 9.0 Risk Management

The management of Procurement-related risk is integrated to the Group's Enterprise Risk Management framework, thereby ensuring that these risks are embedded across all related departments and functions. The Group's approach to managing procurement risks involves the systematic identification, assessment, mitigation and management of potential obstacles in all procurement related activities. These risks include supplier-related risks, operational risks, financial risks, technology risks, compliance and regulatory risks and environmental and social risks among others.

Roles and responsibility allocation for procurement risk management is based on the Three Lines of Defense model which ensures transparency and accountability across the organisation.



#### 9.1 Risk Identification:

Procurement risks are identified primarily by the procurement divisions of the Business Units, which serve as the first line of defense in procurement risk management. Risks are identified during supplier screening and due diligence, engagement with both internal and external stakeholders, industry benchmarking and regulatory and compliance views among others.

#### 9.2 Risk Assessment

Identified risks are evaluated through a likelihood and impact analysis, allowing risks to be prioritised and mapped on a risk matrix

#### 9.3 Risk mitigation

Risk response strategies are adopted mitigate the identified risks in order to minimise their impact or likelihood. Risk responses range from exploiting the risk to acceptance and avoidance and can include measures such as contractual protection, supplier due diligence, diversification strategies, contingency planning and regulatory compliance measures among others.

#### 9.4 Monitoring and reporting

A risk register, detailing the key vulnerabilities and the relevant responses are reported to the Sectorlevel GMC and Audit Committee.

The Group Sourcing Division is responsible for aggregating risks at Group level and escalating key vulnerabilities to the Group Audit Committee, together with other business and sustainability risks.

#### 10.0 Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable procurement involves integrating environment, social and governance criteria into the organisation's procurement process, thereby ensuring that procurement decisions meet organisational objectives but also drive positive social and environmental impacts. The integration of sustainability considerations into the procurement process can accrue multiple benefits including market differentiation, improved supply chain resilience, more effective risk management and greater social and environmental impact;

#### 10.1 Requests to suppliers

Suppliers are encouraged to conduct their business operations in line with the aspirations of the Group's ESG roadmap. Accordingly, suppliers are requested to promote environmental management and strong social practices through adopting the following practices.

- Interventions to reduce environmental impacts
- These initiatives could include (but are not limited to) reducing dependence on fossil fuels, increase reliance on renewable energy, reducing the carbon footprint, responsible management of waste and preservation of natural resources, conserving ecosystems and biodiversity among others.
- Formulation of a basic environmental policy detailing the organisation's commitment to reducing its adverse environmental impacts
- Ensure fair working conditions and responsible labour practices

#### 10.2 Supplier screening

The Group's sustainable procurement objectives are aligned to the long-term aspirations of the Group's ESG roadmap which includes accelerating climate action, restoring and regenerating nature, optimising the resource footprint and partnering progress among others. The key ESG criteria embedded in the Group's procurement processes are listed below.

ENVIRONMENT	SOCIAL	GOVERNANCE
Energy management	Fair labour practices (including	Transparency, ethics and integrity
GHG emissions	decent working conditions, fair wages and freedom of association)	Bribery and anti-corruption
Water usage and pollution	Human rights	Stakeholder relationships
Management of waste and effluents	Health and safety	IT and cybersecurity
Material and packaging	Diversity, equity and inclusion	Fair trade
Chemical management	Local community support	

These criteria will be integrated to the Group's procurement processes through the following mechanisms:

- **Supplier screening:** The supplier evaluation criteria includes ESG requirements (refer to Attachment 2), necessitating suppliers to meet a basic level of environmental and social compliance. The stringency of the requirements will vary with the profile/size of the supplier, thereby facilitating a phased approach to sustainable procurement given the diversity and depth of the Group's supply chains. In the instance of noncompliance, the relevant Business Unit should proactively seek to support the supplier in reaching the required level of compliance thereby propagating good environmental criteria across its supply chain.
- Contract management: Contracts
  with suppliers should include
  performance criteria relating to main
  environmental and social aspects.
  However, due to the diverse profile of
  the Group's suppliers, Business Units
  may apply their discretion in defining
  and enforcing these requirements.

- Supplier audits: Business Units are required to conduct regular supplier audits to assess environmental and social impacts and ethical business practices.
- Support suppliers to embrace sustainability and transition towards generating positive environmental and social impacts across their supply chains through capacity building, appropriate incentive schemes and ongoing engagement.

#### 11.0 Spend Management

Effective spend management involves controlling and optimising the Group's spending to ensure resources are used efficiently and aligned with business goals to manage costs, improve profitability, and drive long-term financial health. Key practices include:

 Tracking and Analysing Expenses: Regularly monitor all spending categories to identify patterns, inefficiencies, and areas for cost reduction

- Budgeting: Set clear, realistic budgets for each department or project, ensuring that spending stays within limits
- Negotiating with Suppliers: Build strong relationships and negotiate better terms to reduce procurement costs.
- Automation and Tools: Use software and tools for Spend Analysis, automation of approvals, and reporting for greater accuracy and speed
- Prioritising Value: Focus on spending that drives the most value and eliminate or reduce low-impact expenses.
- Reviewing and Adjusting: Regularly assess financial performance and adjust strategies as necessary to meet evolving business needs.

#### 12.0 Technology objectives

The objectives of procurement digitization are to improve efficiency, transparency and cost-effectiveness throughout the procurement process. Some if its key objectives are;

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	ACTION	OUTCOME
Increase Efficiency and Automation	Streamline procurement processes to reduce manual intervention and speed up decision-making.	Automate repetitive tasks (e.g., purchase orders, invoicing, approvals) using eProcurement tools and systems like AI and RPA (Robotic Process Automation).	Faster procurement cycles, reduced human error, and improved productivity

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	ACTION	OUTCOME
Enhance Data Accuracy and Insights	Use digital tools to improve the accuracy of procurement data and enable better decision-making.	Implement data analytics, AI, and machine learning to gather actionable insights and predict future needs.	More accurate forecasting, improved demand planning, and better decision-making.
Improve Supplier Relationship Management	Enhance collaboration and communication with suppliers	Leverage digital platforms for real-time communication, performance tracking, and collaboration.	Stronger supplier partnerships, better supplier performance, and more informed sourcing decisions.
Increase Transparency and Compliance	Ensure procurement processes are transparent and compliant with regulations and internal policies.	Use digital platforms to track every stage of the procurement process, automate compliance checks, and generate audit trails.	Improved visibility, reduced risk of fraud, and adherence to legal and regulatory requirements.
Cost Savings and Spend Visibility	Optimize spending and identify opportunities for cost savings.	Implement tools for tracking spend, identifying maverick buying, and driving supplier negotiations	Better control over procurement budgets, reduced maverick spending, and potential cost reductions through better supplier negotiations.
Enhance User Experience	Make the procurement process simpler, faster, and more user-friendly for employees and suppliers.	Implement self-service portals, mobile apps, and digital catalogs for easy access and transaction management.	Increased user adoption, improved satisfaction for both internal and external stakeholders.
Drive Innovation and Strategic Sourcing	Use digital tools to find innovative suppliers and sourcing strategies.	Leverage data to identify new suppliers, explore competitive bidding, and use advanced analytics for strategic sourcing decisions.	More diverse supplier base, innovative sourcing methods, and competitive pricing
Improve Risk Management	Minimize procurement-related risks, such as supply chain disruptions or regulatory noncompliance.	Use digital tools to monitor supplier risks, track market conditions, and predict potential disruptions.	Improved risk mitigation strategies, enhanced contingency planning, and better supply chain resilience.

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	ACTION	OUTCOME
Achieve Scalability and Flexibility	Ensure that the procurement system can scale and adapt to changing business needs	Implement cloud-based platforms and modular solutions that can easily integrate with existing systems and grow as the business expands.	Scalable and flexible procurement systems that can handle increased volumes or evolving requirements.
Sustainability and Social Responsibility	Integrate sustainability goals and ethical sourcing into the procurement process.	Utilize digital tools to track supplier sustainability practices, enforce green procurement policies, and ensure ethical sourcing.	Enhanced sustainability performance and alignment with corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals.
Improve Collaboration Across Departments	Enhance cross-departmental collaboration and alignment on procurement objectives.	Use digital platforms to enable seamless collaboration between procurement, finance, and other relevant departments.	More cohesive procurement strategies and better alignment with organizational goals.

### Review and update

This policy shall be reviewed and updated at least once every two (2) years by the Group Sourcing Division. The required updates and modifications shall be recommended to the Chairman & Chief Executive and to the Board for approval. All stakeholders shall be informed of any revisions made to this Policy. Hayleys PLC reserves the right to modify/amend the policy at any time.

Table 3: Procurement Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
	Propagate good social and environmental practices across our	Achieve 40% screening of total supplier profile	Baseline to be established following roll out of Responsible Procurement	Complete evaluation of large-scale suppliers in 2025/26
Procurement Policy Refer the Procurement	supply chain		Strategy in 2025/26	• Supplier base screened to be increased by 8% annually to achieve a target of 40% by 2030.
Policies Policies booklet	Implementation of strategic supplier development programmes across key supply chains	All Sectors to establish at least one long term supplier development programme	3 sectors operate supplier development programmes (First Light / Haritha Angaara / Jeewadhara)	12 different strategic supplier development programmes by Hayleys group by 2030 (At least 01 long term programme by each business sector)
	Reduce single source supplier dependency	Develop at least three minimum suppliers for each category.	Mapping of supplier concentration risk is currently ongoing	Reducing single source supplier dependency for business-critical materials
	Increase contract usage of Central Contracts	100% usage of Central contracts	Approximately 60%-80%	Uploading of Centrally contracted categories on ERP
	Digitisation of Source to Contract (S2C) cycle	Digitise Spend Management, Sourcing, Contracting and Supplier Management by 2030 with the help of e-sourcing platforms	S2C cycle undigitised at Group and sector level	Evaluate and implement a suitable e-sourcing platform  Phased out Implementation starting 2025
	Development of Procure to Pay (P2P) processes and SOPs	All Processes and SOPs to be mapped and completed	Certain processes unmapped at sector level	Develop Microsoft Visio flow charts by 2026 RACI matrix to be developed for each step Process automation through RPA starting 2028

## Attachment 1: Supplier Onboarding Template

		Supplie	r On-boarding Template		
		Section	on A: Supplier Information		
1	Registered Company Name ar	nd Address:			
2	Company Registration Number	r.			
3	Company Ownership:	(Public / Private	e / Other ( if other, pls provide details)		
4	Year of Establishment:				
5	Does the company have audite	ed financial accou	unts? Yes / No (If Yes, pls provide)		
6	Web Address:				
7	Details of your organisation's	scope of activity /	/ products / services:		
8	Authorised Point of Contact	Phone Number:			
	and Contact Details of Registered Company Address	Fax Number:			
		Email Address:			
		Website:			
9	Does the company have sever	al plants? Yes /	No		
10	If Yes, please provide details:				
	Company Name	Location		Fie	eld of Activity
11	Location of Plant supplying the	 e product of conc	eern (IF different from Registered Company A	ddress)	
12	Authorised Point of Contact	Phone Number:			
	and Contact Details of Particular Plant Address	Fax Number:			
		Email Address:			
		Website:			
13	Overall number of staff:				
14	Staff Composition	Executive :	Non - Executive :		
15	Does the company belong to a	ny Group of Com	npanies? Yes / No		

16	If Yes, please state the name of	of the company/organisation:	
17	If your company is a Public Lir	nited Company, do you control subsidiaries? Yes / No	
18	If Yes, please provide details:		
	Company Name	Location	Field of Activity
19	Provide us with the contact de	tails of key clients as reference	
	Company Name	Product / Service	Contact Details
		SECTION B: Financial Information	
1	VAT Registration No:		
2	Preferred Mode of Payment:	Cheque / TT / Other (Pls Specify)	
3	Currency Type:		
4	Credit Limit: (In applicable currency)		
5	Credit Period (Days):		
6	Bank Detail:	Name :	
		Account Number :	
		Branch:	
		Address:	
		Other:	
7	Factoring Facility:	Name	
		Account Number :	
		Branch:	
		Address:	
		Other:	

	Section C: Governance					
1	Do you have a procedure on (	Contract review processes? Yes / No				
2	Has your company been involved in any legal suits, liens, judgments and bankruptcies? Yes /No					
3	Does your company have Imp	port / Export Licenses? (Pls Specify)				
4		al Property (IP) being safeguarded — both internally and with su on-Disclosure Agreement) with your suppliers?	bcontractors you may			
		Section D: Quality Management and Sustainability				
1	Do you have an accredited Queg. ISO 9001)	uality Management Certification? (If yes, provide details below	Yes / No			
2	Do you operate a complete Quality Management (TQM) system throughout its entire business operations? (If Yes, provide details below eg. 5S, Six Sigma, Lean Six Sigma, TPM, TQM etc.)					
3	Do you have document proce	dure for Customer complaint handling?	Yes / No			
4	Do you have in-house Labora	tory facility?	Yes / No			
5	Do you have independent QC	personnel for final release of products?	Yes / No			
6	Do you have an Annual Calibr	ation Plan?	Yes / No			
7	Do you have an Annual Preve	ntive Maintenance Plan?	Yes / No			
8	Do you have an Annual Traini	ng Plan?	Yes / No			
9	Purchasing Process:	Do you have a controlled list of approved suppliers?	Yes / No			
		Are your suppliers assessed and monitored?	Yes / No			
		Are order quality requirements clearly defined?	Yes / No			
		Are your suppliers in contract with you?	Yes / No			
10	For Suppliers of Electronic	Counterfeit Avoidance	Yes / No			
	Components only	Do you have an internal procedure for Counterfeit avoidance?	Yes / No			
		Do you have a counterfeit inspection procedure and checklist?	Yes / No			
11	Is your company SLS Certified	d?	Yes / No			
12	Is your company GMP Certific	ed?	Yes / No			

13	Do you maintain import manu	facturing certifications?	Yes / No
14	Do you maintain ISO certificat	Yes / No	
15	Is a periodic Risk Assessment	carried out and documented?	Yes / No
16	Is a Business Continuity Plan (	(BCP) available?	Yes / No
17	Do you maintain ESG policies:	(If Yes pls provide any)	Yes / No
		Section E: Health and Safety	
1	Do you have an accredited Head OSHA, ISO 18001 etc)	alth and Safety Programme? (If yes, provide details below eg.	Yes / No
2	If an accredited Health and	Do you have a Health and Safety Policy?	Yes / No
3	Safety Programme is NOT available -	Do you have a Site Specific Health and Safety Officer?	Yes / No
4		Are all employees Site Safe Trained?	Yes / No
5		Are Subcontractors required to be Site Safe?	Yes / No
6		How often do they visit the site?	Yes / No
7		Do you have procedures for: Emergency Readiness	Yes / No
8	Do you have procedures for: Employee Participation		Yes / No
9		Do you have procedures for: Accident Investigation	Yes / No
10		Do you have procedures for: Rehabilitation / Return to work	Yes / No
11		Do you have Certified First Aiders on site?	Yes / No
12		Are your production systems, manual or automated? If manual, is the workforce trained periodically?	Yes / No
13		H&S KPIs	No of accidents per year
14		No of Serious Harm incidents per year	
		End of the Template	

#### **Attachment 2: Supplier Verification Process**

1. Supplier Scouting	2. Supplier Profiling	3. Supplier Authentication	4. Supplier Discussions & RFQs	5. Quality Checks
Alternative suppliers with suitable strategic and financial advantages explored • International hotspots • Local suppliers	Supplier product and performance is evaluated  • Financial capacity  • Production capacity  • Export history  Supplier profile template	Includes an analysis of the reliability and credibility of a supplier  • SWOT analysis  • Risk analysis	Discussions with suppliers are held to identify the best fit version of the product  • Supplier introduction to BU  RFQ Template	Sample exchanges conducted to test quality with predetermined KPIs provided by BU  Lab trials  Production trial

#### 6. Techno-Commercial 7. Supplier On-boarding 8. Supplier Code 9. Purchase Order Evaluation Checklist Creation The best supplier Dive deeper into A supplier code must Only after the supplier is identified on the supplier's internal be generated to track all on-boarding checklist basis of technical and practices, including purchase has been filled supplier visits, to manage satisfactory, a purchase commercial viability of order can be placed the quality checks and Information pricing options. Contacts · Quality Management · Sustainability & Risk • Health / Safety On-boarding template

### Supplier assessment criteria on social and environmental practices

Hayleys PLC				
Name of the Subsidia	ry			
Suppl	ier Evaluation Form			
Supplier Details	Scoring Criteria			
Company Name:	Fully comply: 5			
Address:	Partially comply: 0.5 to 4.5			
Contact point person's name:	Not comply: 0			
Designation:				
Contact details (mobile / email):	Supplier Grading			
Period of the supplier evaluation (FY):				

Note: If any of the criteria below not applicable with a selected supplier, kindly update the "total allocation" column as "0" for those criteria, thereby automatically adjusting the total score. Kindly describe the reason for eliminating such criteria in the "comments/feedback" section.

Section	Description	Comments / Feedbacks	Marks	Total Allocation
	Does the organisation have a valid business registration?			5
	Does the organisation have a designated person for handling sustainability?			5
Governance	Does the organisation engage in sustainability reporting (GRI / NGRS / IR / internally defined reporting etc)			5
	Availability of sustainability risk assessment			5
	Labour Practices			
	Does the organisation engage workers below the age of 16?			5
Social	Are employee wages in compliance with the labour laws of Sri Lanka and/ or minimum wages set by sectorspecific wage boards?			5
	Are working conditions and hours of work in compliance with Sri Lanka's labour laws?			5

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Do worker's have the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining?	5
Occupational Health and Safety	
Availability of OHS Policy (1 mark each)	
Is there a documented OHS policy?	
Is there a documented safety training policy?	
Is there a documented drug and alcohol policy?	5
Is there a documented consequence management policy?	
Are these policies explained in the safety induction document?	
Health Monitoring	
Does the organisation ensure all people have fit-for-work medical certificates before assigning them to projects? (2 marks)	
Does your organisation have a system monitor the employee health with regard to any hazards they may be exposed to? (3 marks)	5
If "yes", what is the frequency of your health-monitoring program in months?	
Health Insurance (1 mark each)	
Professional indemnity insurance	
Product liability insurance	_
Workmen's compensation	5
Motor vehicle insurance	
• Other	

	Plant and Equipment		
	Are plants fitted with safety equipment as per local regulations? (1 mark)		
	Are the equipment fit for purpose of use? (1 mark)		5
	Are employees trained on the safe use of the equipment? (2 marks)		
	Do employees have the correct licenses/certificates to operate the equipment? (1 mark)		
	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)		
	Has the organisation assessed the jobs/tasks that require PPE (1 mark)		
	Does the organisation supply PPE to all staff as required? (2 marks)		5
	Does the PPE provided comply with relevant standards? (1 mark)		
	Have employees been trained in the safe use, maintain and storage of PPE (1 mark)		
	Has the organisation obtained the valid Environmental Protection License from the Central Environmental Authority		5
	Does the organisation have a long term plan for minimising environmental footprints (3-5 year plan including defined resource allocations over the program with the top management approval)		
Environment	Energy and emissions		5
	Material and waste		5
	Water and effluents		5
	Biodiversity conservation		5
	Chemical Management		5
	Does the organisation have a systematic mechanism in place to ensure responsible disposable of waste		5

Governance - 20	)%	0%	0	20
Social - 40%		0%	0	45
Environment - 4	0%	0%	0	35
Overall Perform	ances	0%	0	100
ESG based supp	olier evaluation has been conducted and o	communicated to relevant parties by;	1	
	Name of the employees:			
	Designation:			
	Signature:			
	Date:			
This supplier eva	aluation has been properly communicate	d and accepted by the supplier organisation;		
Details of the res	sponsible employee from supplier organi	sation		
	Name of the employees:			
	Designation:			
	Signature:			
	Date:			
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	Grading Index			
	Overall Marks	Rating	Gra	ade
	Scored over 71%	Excellent	-	1
	Overall score 31% - 70%	Good	2	2
	Overall score 30% & below	Needs improvement	;	3

### **Attachment 3: Classification of Suppliers**

Supplier classification has been defined based on the details collected from "National Policy Framework for small and medium enterprise development" (http://www.industry.gov.lk/web/images/pdf/nateng.pdf). Organisation classified based on their turnover and the employment. In terms of definition, both criteria are considered in classification. In the event of an enterprise falling under more than one category then the number of employments should be the deciding factor.

	CRITERIA	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
Manufacturing	Annual turnover	>Rs. Mn 750	Rs. Mn 251 - 750	<rs. 250<="" mn="" th=""></rs.>
	No. of employees	>300	51-200	<50
Service	Annual turnover	>Rs. Mn 750	Rs. Mn 251 - 750	<rs. 250<="" mn="" th=""></rs.>
	No. of employees	>200	51-200	<50

## 3.2 Customer Management Policy



### **HAYLEYS PLC**

### **CUSTOMER MANAGEMENT POLICY**

#### Standard

The Hayleys Group caters to a global network of retail and B2B customers. We aspire to be the most preferred and trusted choice of our customers across all our sectors and are committed to achieving this goal through a unique value proposition which exceeds the expectations of our customers. This guideline serves as the minimum standard on customer relationship management that all Group companies should adopt and a formal promise to our customers representing our commitment to fulfilling their needs; in addition to this, companies are encouraged to adopt industry-specific best practices to build and sustained competitive edge.

Group ESG strategies relating to customer management, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 4: Customer Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs forms an integral part of this standard.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group.

#### Commitment

We aspire to delight our customers through superior product quality and excellent service which meets or exceeds their needs and expectations. In achieving this goal, we are committed to,

- Nurturing customer relationships that are based on trust and mutual respect through developing longterm partnerships. Sectors should seek to build customer relationships centering on value propositions underpinned by innovation, responsible production/marketing, customer service and satisfaction.
- · Maintaining 100% compliance to relevant laws and regulations relating to customers, including health and safety aspects of products/services, marketing and product labelling among others.
- Ensuring that customers receive all relevant information about our products/services and fully understand the terms and conditions relating to each product/service they obtained from the Group.
- Sectors are encouraged to obtain recognised health and safety certifications, thereby providing assurance to customers on the safety of using our products. This is particularly applicable to companies which engage in the manufacture and distribution of consumable goods.

- Sectors should also comply with all relevant ESG requirements set out by customers and implement a mechanism to ensure continued compliance with the same.
- Sectors are encouraged to carry out customer satisfaction surveys at least on an annual basis, thereby obtaining feedback on critical aspects including product quality, service, ease of transactions and reliability among others.
- Sectors should implement a quick and effective mechanism for customers to present their grievances and disputes. A systematic and clear process should be implemented to address and resolve such complaints within a reasonable period of time. In addition to sector-level grievance mechanisms, customers can also direct their complaints, suggestions and other feedback to the following:

#### **Group ESG Division** +94112627000

Ensuring the 100% complete and accurate reporting of relevant customer related data to Hayleys Group ESG on a timely basis following the set reporting requirements of the GRI Standards and Hayleys' Cube reporting.

## Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

### Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI
16 PORT HETER	16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access	417-1
<b>Y</b> .	to justice for all	417-2
		417-3
12 MONOGEI MINISTRIA MINISTRIA MINISTRIA	<b>12.8</b> By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature Indicators	417-1

Table 4: Customer Management Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Customer Management Policy	Exceed customer expectations through identifying and responding to customer needs	All sectors to conduct customer satisfaction surveys with a customer coverage of at least 25%  (refer attachment 1 for a sample customer satisfaction survey template)	Currently 10 sectors conduct systematic satisfaction surveys	Formalised satisfaction survey processes will be established by all the business and gradually increased customer coverage
		All sectors should implement a systematic customer grievance handling procedure, which is clearly communicated to all customers	Currently 12 sectors have established grievance handling procedures for customers	Implement clearly defined customer grievance procedures covering 100% of operations  All customer grievances/ complaints to be acknowledged, responded to and resolved within 1 month of being presented

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Customer Management Policy	Adopt responsible marketing practices	40% of all products and services to include relevant product information, which enables customers to make informed purchasing decisions.	Baseline to be defined in 2025/26	40% of products and services categories should have access to information helps customers to make informed purchasing choices by 2030
		(refer Attachment 2 on sample marketing/ labelling requirements)		

#### **Attachment 4: Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The following represents the minimum standard to be followed when designing customer satisfaction surveys. Sectors should enhance the scope of the survey based on industry-specific and organisational dynamics.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY						
Company:			Date:			
Product/service obtained:						
Customer name (optional):						
Contact details (optional):						
	1 Very poor	2 Poor	3 Neutral	4 Good	5 Very good	
Product/Service Delivery						
How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the service/ product received?						
How satisfied are you with the speed of delivery?						
Do you believe our product/service is value for money?						
Quality of staff						
How receptive were our employees to your needs and preferences?						
How satisfied are you with the product knowledge of our employees?						
• How satisfied are you with the ease of contacting our staff?						

<ul> <li>How satisfied are you with the helpfulness and courteousness of our staff?</li> </ul>						
Ease of transaction						
<ul> <li>How easy was to find information about our products/ services?</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>How satisfied are you with the quality of information received?</li> </ul>						
How satisfied are you with the payment terms offered?						
Overall experience						
How satisfied are you with the overall experience?						
How likely are you to recommend us?						
Other comments/suggestions						

#### Attachment 5: Requirements for product and service information and labelling

Please refer to the following sample requirements for product and service information and labelling to be implemented. This is based on the GRI 417: Product and service information and labelling; companies are encouraged to adopt sector-specific requirements as relevant.

- The sourcing of components of the product or service;
- · Content, particularly with regard to substances that might produce an environmental or social impact;
- Safe use of the product or service;
- Disposal of the product and environmental or social impacts;

### 3.3 Community Relationships



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#### Standard

Hayleys Group recognises that its 'social license to operate' is an important prerequisite in ensuring the continuity of its businesses and managing environmental and social risks. It ensures legitimacy of the business from a community perspective, provides assurance to shareholders that social risks are identified and managed and preserves the company's reputation in times of crisis. For Hayleys Group, the deep-rooted relationships it has nurtured with communities through its extensive reach, also allows it to drive meaningful change in these communities, supporting socio-economic progress and sustainable development.

Group ESG strategies relating to community engagement and development, our targets and annual key performance indicators are set out in Table 5: Community Partnerships Strategies, Targets & KPIs forms an integral part of this standard.

#### Scope

This policy is applicable for all business entities and relevant service providers of Hayleys Group.

#### Commitment

We seek to nurture ethical, transparent, and mutually beneficial relationships with the communities in which we operate. This is to be achieved through the following:

- Group companies should develop and execute a community relations strategy which reflects its' social goals and the expectations of its' communities.
- Implement credible and effective community grievance mechanisms which enable complaints and concerns to be identified and addressed in a timely manner. Community stakeholders should be made aware of the grievance process through suitable signposting, the corporate website, and other channels of community dialogue.
- Show sensitivity to the culture, traditions, customs and social norms of each country and region in which we operate.
- All sectors should actively engage in strategic community development initiatives broadly focusing on the key areas of education, health and well-being, livelihood development. religion, and culture. Initiatives should be formulated and driven primarily at Sector level based

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on identified community needs. Adequate financial, and human resources should be allocated for project execution. Certain significant projects may also be driven by the Group ESG Division.

- The progress of all projects should be monitored periodically, through impact assessments, audits. feedback from beneficiaries and independent third parties (where necessary) to ensure that program objectives are met.
- Encourage and reward employee volunteerism, thereby recognising employee involvement.
- Group companies are encouraged to build partnerships with regional community groups, NGOs, and local governments.
- Ensuring the 100% complete and accurate reporting of community project related information to Hayleys Group ESG on a timely basis following the set reporting requirements of the GRI Standards and Hayleys' Cube reporting.

#### Responsibility

The Heads of all business sectors, along with the Heads of Business Units will be responsible in ensuring that this policy is valued and adhered to.

## Link to UN SDGs & GRI

GOAL.	TARGET	GRI
10 MONORMI	<b>10.2</b> By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic, and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	413-1

## Table 5: Community Partnerships Strategies, Targets & KPIs

POLICY	ESG STRATEGY	2030 TARGET	BASELINE PERFORMANCE	ANNUAL KPI
Community Relationships	Uplifting livelihoods and empowering communities	Increase CSR beneficiaries by 50% by 2030	400,000 beneficiaries	Annual increase of 5% (of baseline performance) of Group-wide beneficiaries of CSR initiatives

