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## **COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS (COP)**

**YEAR:**

**February 14, 2011 – February 14, 2012**



**WE SUPPORT**



## STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

- This first (1<sup>st</sup>) report of El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited (RC 514716 and UN Global Compact Participant 13216), is aimed at fulfilling the basic requirement of all companies participating in the UN Global Compact;
- The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact which companies are expected to embrace, support and enact, within their various spheres of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption: are:

### Human Rights

- **Principle 1:** Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- **Principle 2:** make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

### Labour

- **Principle 3:** Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- **Principle 4:** the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- **Principle 5:** the effective abolition of child labour; and
- **Principle 6:** the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

### Environment

- **Principle 7:** Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- **Principle 8:** undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- **Principle 9:** encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

### Anti-Corruption

- **Principle 10:** Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery;



### **OUR SUPPORT FOR THE TEN PRINCIPLES**

- Between February 14, 2011 and February 14, 2012, El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited has actively supported the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. We actively expressed these principles in our day-to-day business within all our spheres of influence and have unequivocally made very clear statements on this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public;
- Since most of our work has been on the field, we have been too busy to be actively engaged in the activities of the local network within the last one year, however, we shall be very active in the local network in the coming years in such a way that our contributions will help to improve upon collaboration between stakeholders for the purpose of raising funds to finance the eight Millennium Development Goals all over Nigeria and beyond;
- We have been very instrumental in the registration of Lifecare Health Advancement Initiative (RC: CAC/IT/NO 44605); and Centre for Automotive Design and Development with the UN Global Compact;
- We have been able to create sufficient awareness and the need to support the UN Global Compact and its ten principles amongst our clients and partners worldwide between February 14, 2011 and February 14, 2012;
- We shall continue to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption in the years ahead;
- We are very proud to be part of the UN Global Compact.

**This statement is endorsed by:**



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## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

### **WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?**

- **El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited, (RC No: 154716), is a Nigerian limited liability company that provides a variety of specialized grassroots, national and international interventions in the following areas:**
- **Sustainable development projects concept development;**
- **Sustainable development projects appraisal and due diligence studies;**
- **Global, sub-regional, national, state, local government and community sustainable development projects funding, technology and technical needs surveys;**
- **Public, private and institutional sustainable development projects funds raising services;**
- **Public, private and institutional sustainable development projects technology requirement support attraction;**
- **Agricultural, mineral, hydrocarbon and value added products exports and imports;**
- **Global and national agricultural, mineral, hydrocarbon and value added products exports and imports promotion events organization. Events include: (exhibitions, Business-To-Business (B2Bs), Buyers and Sellers Meetings, Workshops and Conferences);**
- **Commodity and value added products quality tests;**
- **Detective Biochemistry, economic, health, crime and other sectors investigations;**
- **Agricultural, mineral, petroleum products and value added products export/import brokerage services;**
- **Sustainable development projects feasibility studies and reports production;**
- **Sustainable development projects investment performance studies and reports production;**
- **Foreign Direct and Foreign Portfolio Investments promotion;**
- **Foreign Direct and Foreign Portfolio Investors attraction;**
- **Un Global Contact trade and investment promotion activities support;**
- **Project publicity package design and management;**
- **Project management services.**



## **OUR GOAL**

- **To help each client to identify their sustainable development funding and technology needs through client-specific surveys and adequately mobilizing the conventional and non-conventional resources of stakeholders and appropriate technology, towards the achievement of the most suitable sustainable solutions.**

## **MISSION**

- **We provide highly skilled adept services that will create the synergies required by our clients to succinctly conduct their corporate, institutional and operational funding, technical and technology needs surveys; and by so doing, providing the requisite solutions, through the evolution of mutually beneficial sustainable development interventions.**

## **HOW WE OPERATE**

- **We treat our clients preciously because they are worth much more than rare platinum, diamond, gold and cash;**
- **We endorse a Memorandum of Understanding between El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited and each client before the implementation of each project;**
- **We design and host each project's dynamic website free of charge;**
- **Each project has a Project Implementation Committee, members of which shall be constituted between El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited and each client and partner;**
- **Our clients do not need to fund the projects we conceptualize and implement for them if there is paucity of funds and when such projects are critical;**
- **We undertake conventional and non-conventional funds raising activities worldwide to support the projects that we conceptualize and promote;**
- **We depend mainly on the grace, wisdom and unction of Jehovah, the creator and possessor of the heavens and the earth for the conceptualization, execution and success of each project because God is good and gracious;**



- We are remunerated mainly by earning a standard 15% of the total value of funds that we raise per project or the total value of the project, in case funds are not raised. We share these earnings with those who assist us;
- In all our dealings, investigations and projects, we ensure that the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption are adequately protected.

### **PRINCIPLE 1:**

#### **BUSINESSES SHOULD SUPPORT AND RESPECT THE PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONALLY PROCLAIMED HUMAN RIGHTS**

**\*(BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Nigeria, with a population of 167 million is Africa's largest dumping ground and consumer of all sorts of substandard, used, pirated, fake and counterfeit products, which include wines and spirits, jewelry, auto parts and accessories, textiles, pharmaceuticals, GSM phones, computers, software, films, and every other junk technology, most of which are first imported into the Cotonou port and subsequently smuggled into Nigeria through the very porous land borders, with the active unpatriotic connivance of very corrupt Customs & Excise and other security officers. The menace has drastically affected Nigeria's economy to the extent that most of the 175 textile mills, 8 automotives assembly plants, 2 tyre producing plants, several other strategic industries have since shut down, with several hundreds of thousands of jobs lost, leaving most families abjectly poor. Health hazards caused by badly fuming automobiles, adverse reaction to counterfeit foods and drugs, skin diseases and untimely deaths on the roads and within the society are rampant over the years. Counterfeiters also inflict devastating economic wounds on the manufacturers of authentic products worldwide, whose products are of high demand in Nigeria. Every counterfeit product is on sale in Nigeria.)**

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Commitment: El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited and our partners expressed absolute respect towards the protection of internationally proclaimed human and consumer rights of Nigerians and manufacturers of authentic products**



by taking the following actions between February 14, 2011 and February 14, 2012:

**(i) COUNTERFEIT ALCOHOL INVESTIGATIONS**

1. First investigation was conducted on counterfeit alcohol, specifically: (Moet & Chandon Hennessy products), between March 10 and March 26, 2011 in Abuja, Nigeria;
2. Impressed with our work on counterfeit alcohol, Ms. Josephine Yinoe Tapgun, Honourable Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, (Now Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment), issued one of the French companies that is also involved in the investigations of all the various counterfeit brands of Moet & Chandon Hennessy, (Conseils Securite Services EURL), a letter of Reference: FMCI/HMS/GEN/09/19/II/437 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, authorizing them and our company to create the synergies that will adequately protect Nigerian Industries and genuine foreign industries by collaborating with four (4) parastatals of the Ministry namely:

- (i) Industrial Training Fund;
- (ii) Centre for Automotive Design and Development;
- (iii) Standards Organization of Nigeria;
- (iv) Consumer Protection Council;

3. Second alcohol investigation was conducted between March 28 and April 1, 2011 in Abuja, Nigeria;
4. Third alcohol investigation was conducted between January 18 and January 25, 2012 in Lagos, Nigeria;
5. Alcohol investigations continued as at the time of writing this COP;
6. A memorandum of understanding occasioned by the Honourable Minister of State's letter of Reference: FMCI/HMS/GEN/09/19/II/437 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, was endorsed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011 between the following parties:

- (i) Centre for Automotive Design and Development;
- (ii) El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited;
- (iii) Boislandry Consulting; and
- (iv) Conseils Securite Services.

**PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND MOU:**

- To protect the investments, authentic products and intellectual properties of the LVMH Group (Trade Mark owners of Moet & Chandon Hennessy quality wines and spirits) from undue



competition by counterfeit imitations of all the brands of Moët & Chandon Hennessy quality wines and spirits that are very dangerous to human health and have stealthily flooded all the major markets all over Nigeria and West Africa. Three French counterfeiting control companies are involved in the alcohol investigations;

- To protect the Nigerian automobile industry, Nigerians, the local and global environment against the influx and proliferation of counterfeit and disused engines, automobile parts and accessories; which dangerously increase the levels of carcinogenic lead and sulphur that are emitted from the exhausts of distressed automobile engines into the atmosphere; and by so doing, producing acid rains which cause infertility of arable lands. Counterfeit engine oils damage engines and cause frequent automobile breakdowns. A combination of these factors cause frequent road accidents and untimely deaths on Nigerian pot hole ridden roads and homes, in addition to contributing immensely to the incidence of global warming;

## **(ii) COUNTERFEIT GL JEWELRIES INVESTIGATION**

1. First investigation was conducted between May 3 and 6, 2011 in five (5) Jewelry markets in Lagos, Nigeria;
7. Investigations continued as at the time of writing this COP;

### **PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:**

To protect the investments, authentic products and intellectual properties of the French Trade Mark owners of GL from undue competition by counterfeit imitations of all the brands of GL jewelries that have flooded all the major markets all over Nigeria and West Africa. One French counterfeiting control company is involved in this investigation;

### **OUTCOME**

{Measurement of (expected) outcome and value added for our company}

- All alcohol and GL investigations are still on-going;
- It is important to note that our company is committed to the protection of internationally acclaimed human and intellectual property rights of all human beings and all authentic quality products



**manufacturers worldwide, and we have demonstrated this commitment with the alcohol and GL investigations to date. We and our partners and clients in this regard shall ensure that all those who violate these rights shall be promptly prosecuted as soon as investigations are concluded;**

## **PRINCIPLE 2:**

### **BUSINESSES SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT COMPLICIT IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Commitment: Our Company upholds human rights and fair labour conditions by taking the following actions between February 14, 2011 and February 14, 2012:**

- **We and our staff carried out direct on the spot fake alcohol and jewelry investigations in various markets in Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria;**
- **Our least paid staff earns Twenty Five Thousand Naira, (N25,000 equivalent to USD 155) per month;**
- **We ensure that all our staff are well taken care of on the field;**
- **Every member of staff is entitled to adequate health, feeding, transport, hotel and residential accommodation allowance;**
- **We give all our 250 staff refresher trainings in January every year. We did so in January, 2011 and in January, 2012 too.**

#### **OUTCOME:**

**{Measurement of (expected) outcome and value added for our company}**

- **All our employees are adequately motivated year in year out to put in their best, and by so doing, adding more value to our company and services;**
- **We and our staff respect the fundamental human rights of the alleged counterfeiters that we are investigating, though their acts are deplorable;**
- **GRI HR 3 Total hours of employee training on policies and procedures concerning aspects of human rights that are relevant to**



**our economic investigations and operations, including the percentage of employees trained – 100% El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited staff.**

**PRINCIPLE 3:**

**BUSINESSES SHOULD UPHOLD THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE EFFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF EFFECTIVE BARGAINING**

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Commitment: Our Company upholds the freedom of association of our staff with the Nigerian Labour Congress, and effectively recognize the rights of our staff to collective bargaining by allowing our staff to participate in all the rallies organized by the Nigerian Labour Congress during the one week national fuel strike of January, 2012.**

**OUTCOME:**

**{Measurement of (expected) outcome and value added for our company}**

**Fuel pump price was reduced from One Hundred and Forty Naira per litre (N140/Litre), equivalent to (86 cents/ litre), to Ninety Seven Naira/Litre, (N97/litre), (60 cents/litre);**

**PRINCIPLE 10:**

**BUSINESSES SHOULD WORK AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ALL ITS FORMS, INCLUDING EXTORTION AND BRIBERY**

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- Commitment: With the alcohol and jewelry counterfeit investigations that we were engaged in during the period of review, (February 14, 2011 and February 14, 2012), and the Centre for Automotive Design and Development memorandum of understanding that we endorsed for the purpose of repositioning the Nigerian automobile industry; we have sufficiently proved our firm commitment towards upholding firm anti-smuggling, anti-counterfeiting and anti-corruption measures for the purpose of saving lives and revamping Nigeria's economy, which**



- has been seriously distress by the indiscriminate dumping of all kinds of junk and disused technologies;
- We and our staff carried out direct on the spot fake alcohol and jewelry investigations in various markets in Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria;
  - We produced three (3) confidential alcohol reports and one (1) confidential jewelries report that are meant only for the consumption of our clients;
8. A memorandum of understanding occasioned by the Honourable Minister of State's letter of Reference: FMCI/HMS/GEN/09/19/II/437 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, was endorsed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011 between the following parties:
- (v) Centre for Automotive Design and Development;
  - (vi) El-Yah-Agla Nigeria Limited;
  - (vii) Boislandry Consulting; and
  - (viii) Conseils Securite Services.
- Interventions in regard of the signed MOU will soon commence;

#### **PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND MOU:**

- To protect the investments, authentic products and intellectual properties of the LVMH Group (Trade Mark owners of Moet & Chandon Hennessy quality wines and spirits); and French GL Trade Mark owners from undue competition by counterfeit imitations of all the brands of Moet & Chandon Hennessy quality wines and spirits, and illicit GL products that are very dangerous to human health that have flooded all the major markets all over Nigeria and West Africa. Four (4) French Counterfeiting companies are involved in the alcohol and GL jewelry investigations;
- Protecting the Nigerian automobile industry and Nigerians against the influx of counterfeit and disused engines, automobile parts and accessories which increase exhaust fumes, damage engines, frequent breakdowns, road accidents and untimely deaths on Nigerian roads;



## **OUTCOME:**

**{Measurement of (expected) outcome and value added for our company}**

- **We and our partners and clients in this regard shall ensure that all those who violate Principle 10 shall be promptly prosecuted as soon as investigations are concluded;**
- **Relevant international legal actions shall be taken in strict response to the two incidents of counterfeit alcohol and GL jewelry investigated in a court of competent jurisdiction as soon as investigations are concluded;**

**This COP will be shared with El-Yah-Agia Nigeria Limited's stakeholders through the usage of various tools. Our stakeholders are staff, external experts, shareholders, clients and partners. The company's achievements in the areas of responsible entrepreneurship and economic crimes investigations will be primarily announced to the public in Seminars, Workshops, Staff Memos, General Meetings, Internet, Board Meetings, UN Global Compact website, brochures, Secret Reports, Newsletters, Business Magazines and the press. We have a very open communication policy. We keep our investigations reports absolutely secret, so as to protect the interests of our clients and quality authentic products producers worldwide.**

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