Water Management Statement

Control Information

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Principle and Rational

Water is a fundamental resource that sustains life on Earth but clean water is increasingly becoming scarce. Water-related risks, such as scarcity, floods, and water quality are more acutely impacting supply chains, operations, and quality of life, and are inevitably linked to climate change, biodiversity, and, on a larger scale, ecosystems resilience. Within these nature systems, Thai Beverage Public Company Limited and its subsidiaries ("ThaiBev") acknowledge that access to water and sanitation is a fundamental human right. Consequently, the impact of ThaiBev implementing water stewardship practices is manifold. To guide such practices, ThaiBev has been incorporating available international frameworks that include water-related issues as a key environmental dimension.

As a company that predominantly produces beverages, the availability of water resources has a critical impact on ThaiBev's business continuity in multiple dimensions. In the upstream value chain, water resources are required for irrigation of agricultural commodities; the future potential irregularity and unreliability of water resources has been identified as a key physical climate risk towards supply chain stability. Within its direct operations, water is required in ThaiBev's production process, including the washing of glass bottles, cooling processes, and steam generation, amongst others.

From its reliance on the availability of freshwater resources for its business operations, ThaiBev places equally strong emphasis on water stewardship efforts to mitigate potential adverse impact on communities within the watershed, such as competition for water, contamination in water discharge, as well as sanitation and hygiene considerations, amongst others. Due to ThaiBev's global reach, proactive water stewardship will also facilitate ThaiBev's compliance with increasing water-related regulations and provide opportunities for ThaiBev to have meaningful impact on the environment and society.

<u>Scope</u>

This Water Management Statement is aimed to be used in conjunction with the Corporate Water Management Policy of ThaiBev.

Commitments

Driving its efforts towards the long-term sustainable use of water and water stewardship for local communities, ThaiBev commits to:

- 1. Replenish 100% of water used in finished goods by 2040
- 2. Assess future water risks pertaining to quality, quantity, regulations and infrastructure and mitigate water-related risks, including as part of climate change risk.
- 3. Minimize pollution of surface water, ground water and other water resources and treat all wastewater to national and international standards before discharging into the environment, including storm water run-off.
- 4. Incorporate water sustainability management into its business strategy, decision making, and daily activities across the value chain.
- 5. Strive to minimize water impact of ThaiBev's products, production activities, and services through water conservation efforts, as well as comply and reduce water withdrawal, consumption, and discharge (of wastewater and pollutants) beyond regulatory requirements.
- 6. Proactively apply the international water resource management tools and standards and align operational and value chain activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) on Clean Water & Sanitation.
- 7. Form partnerships with key stakeholders, including governments, business and value chain partners, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and local communities to drive the water stewardship agenda on water availability, usage, consumption, quality, and replenishment, as well as to safely manage clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). ThaiBev seeks to drive this through collaborative initiatives, including through educational programs, target-setting, and reduction and conservation projects.
- 8. Engage with suppliers to understand their water footprint and supporting them in reducing water withdrawal and/or consumption, including monitoring and tracking progress.
- 9. Implement collaborative initiatives in educational programs, awareness campaigns, and voluntary community-based projects to reduce packaging pollution in seas, oceans, lakes/ponds and rivers.
- 10. Provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation to employees (permanent and contractual) and visitors that comply with local rules and international guidelines.