

Summary of Steering Committee Conference Call, 7 July 2015

<u>Present</u>: M. Alexander (Diageo); C. Brown (Olam); G. Burian (Monsanto); M. Dickstein (Heineken); M. Ginster (Sasol); H. Greig (WaterAid); V. Kona (Tongaat Hulett); J. Morrison (Pacific Institute); G. Power (UN Global Compact); C. Scharp (UNICEF); B. Share (AB InBev)

Welcome and Agenda Items

1. Review of Draft Three-Year Strategic Plan: 2016-2018

G. Power and J. Morrison presented an overview of the draft three-year Strategic Plan for the CEO Water Mandate, 2016-2018. The main features of the draft include:

- Overview and review of the current two-year plan
- Presentation (including graphic) of overall three-year plan
- Section on themes and objectives, including links to Post-2015
 Agenda and probably SDG goal on water and sanitation
- Section on proposed priority workstreams organized in three areas:
 i) Operations, Supply Chains and Watershed Management; ii)
 Collective Action, Community Engagement, and Public Policy; and
 iii) Transparency and Disclosure
- Section on core functions, including: Technology and Communications, Scaling-up Strategies, Events, Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Project and Working Group Facilitation, Governance and Accountability, and Sustainable Funding Model.
- Annexes: Budget; and Timeline and Project Milestones

SC members were strongly favourable towards the draft plan and major elements. A number of SC members reiterated the importance of the connections and plans in relation to the UN Global Compact Local Networks.

A number of suggestions and recommendations were made, including:

- More clearly presenting KPIs and expected impacts in relation to the plan, possibly outlined within a table chart
- Ensuring that the sanitation agenda is sufficiently referenced in the plan
- Emphasizing importance of working with other like-minded groups and organizations
- Consideration of how to track and measure advocacy efforts in relation to corporate water stewardship
- Consideration of how Mandate can incorporate reporting on a

probable SDG on water and sanitation

The Secretariat will revise the plan based on the feedback with plans to redistribute the document to SC members within the next several weeks. A draft, endorsed by the SC, will then be shared with other Mandate endorsers during the endorser-only session at the upcoming Stockholm conference.

2. Management and Governance

- G. Power initiated an *in camera* session (ie, J. Morrison departing call) to discuss future plans related to the management and governance of the initiative.
- G. Power highlighted the strong and unique partnership (codified in an MOU) between the UN Global Compact and the Pacific Institute. To better reflect the actual day-to-day management oversight of the initiative, G. Power proposed that J. Morrison's title currently "Technical Director" -- be changed to "Head" of the CEO Water Mandate. G. Power (ie, the UNGC) would be identified as "Chair" of the CEO Water Mandate, in keeping with the traditional role overseeing the work of the Steering Committee. This permanent role on the Steering Committee ie, a permanent UN Global Compact official is enshrined in the Constitution of the CEO Water Mandate.

SC members approved the proposal.