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**REPORT ON SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND QUALIFICATIONS ATTAINED DURING
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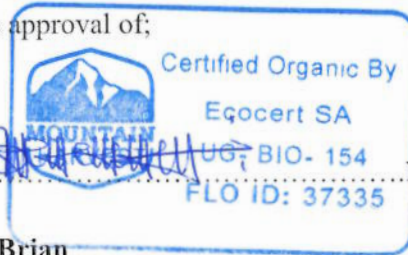
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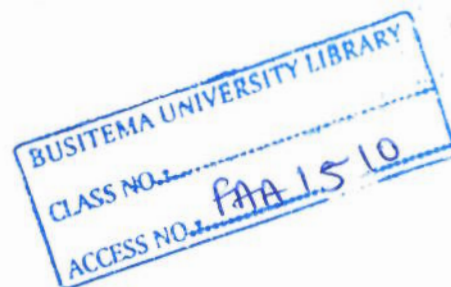


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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

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MH	Mountain Harvest
ICS	Internal Control System
LWR	Lutheran World Relief
LLC	Limited liability company
SMC	Small scale company
MoUs	Memorandum of understanding
LTD	Limited
BUAC	Busitema university Arapai campus
MHCCL	Mountain harvest coffee company limited.

ABSTRACT

This report contains and describes the activities implemented, skills and qualifications gained, challenges faced during the industrial training, conclusion of the report and recommendations derived from the challenges faced at mountain harvest coffee company ltd. The objective of this industrial training is to make students benefit from the skills and knowledge gained from the fields, apply the knowledge they get from the classroom in the field and build confidence in the students. Internship commenced on 28th February 2022 and I was supervised on 28th April 2022. During internship I was attached to the department of certification. This was followed by orientation where I was first introduced to the staffs and organizational set up of the company and later I implemented the activities such as; marking fields and digging holes for planting coffee, sorting dry green coffee, grading green coffee beans, cupping, coffee certification, training on pest and disease management, training farmers how to prune and stump coffee trees, distribution of hass avocado and training on their growth, training on bee keeping, hulling coffee, weighing and milling coffee, making effective microorganisms organic fertilizer. However, I also faced some challenges like; poor mobilization of the farmer, poor turn up of the farmers to the training, Farmers expected to be given inputs, financial assistance at all times and they at times rejected trainings and other knowledge, internship was put when the season was off; therefore I was not able to learn certain activities like harvesting, drying and fermenting coffee. In conclusion all the activities were implemented and industrial training was carried out successfully. I was able to gain a lot from it. I was in position of getting practical skills and knowledge in line with my career and relating with people in the field. The technical advice that I provided addressed farmers' problem and needs. Much as all were successfully done, there were also some few challenges which hindered the smooth running of the activities making me recommend that proper mobilization of farmers must improve for the training programs to solve problems of poor turn up during such activities, the university should at least ensure two supervisions to ensure effective study like other universities do because the internship practice is long, If possible, let the university make bonded logbooks with hard covers other than the current ones for purposes of proper and easy information handling finally, in order for the internship to run on smoothly, the university should establish good relationship with the commonest organizations to which its students get attached to.

1.0 CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

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1.1 BACKGROUND

Mountain Harvest SMC Ltd is a company reputable by Ground Up Investing LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Lutheran World Relief ("LWR"). :

It was formed basically to Improve quality of life for smallholder coffee farmers by enabling improved terms of trade to farm households, building social capital in their communities, and using organic farming practices to enhance environmental conditions at the landscape level.

It also aims at empowering remote farming communities to transform their lives by elevating selected crops like coffee out of commodity markets and into premium, specialty markets through a relationship-based trade linking them to consumers who care about social and environmental impacts.

Mountain Harvest SMC washed Arabica Coffee project is located on the slopes of Mount Elgon in the Districts of Mbale, Bududa, Bulambuli, Sironko and Kapchorwa. The project has total membership of 572 registered farmers who are organized and working together in 31 farmer groups distributed in eight zones on the slopes of Mount Elgon.

Mountain Harvest SMC Ltd membership consists of 431 males and 141 female who have been trained and internally inspected by the field team of internal inspectors (Assistant field coordinators and field agronomists) and will be presented for external organic audit.

However, this year 2021, we due to time and the prevailing pandemic and farmer commitment, we have internally inspected 572 farmers whom we have submitted for external audit. Out of these, 110 are new farmers, 62 farmers from new groups of Bududa, bufuma cooperative and mabono all from Bududa District. The other 48 new farmers are from the already existing groups.

The Internal Control System (ICS) is a system that guides the organic and Quality integrity of the products generated by the registered, contracted and inspected farmers in the small holder group. It is a system in which all persons dealing with the product (farmers, buyers, storekeepers etc.) are identified, registered, and instructed on the requirements for organic certification and contracted to ensure compliance. The activities of these persons are monitored in a system of regular inspections and documentary control. Besides this, the persons involved are made aware of their common responsibility for the product, which implies a certain social control. In case of deviation from the standards, the ICS has defined sanctions and remedies to prevent future violation.