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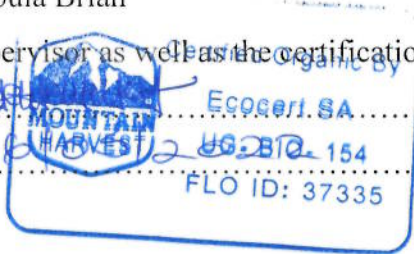
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## DEDICATION

I would like to dedicate this report to my family, lecturers, my field supervisor Mr. Wasembula Brian and all my friends who left whatever they would do and supported me academically.

I pray that the almighty God rewards them abundantly.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BBW	Banana Bacterial Wilt
BUAC	Busitema university Arapai Campus
DAP	Di- Ammonium Phosphate
DCP	Department of Crop Production and Management
Dr	Doctor
ICIPE	International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology
MIAAF	Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries
Mr.	Master
NAADS	National Agriculture Advisory Services
NARO	National Agriculture Research Organization
NBRP	National Banana Research Program
NDP	National Development Program
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PH	Potential of Hydrogen
PHH	Post-Harvest Handling
SSP	Single Supper Phosphate
TSP	Triple Ammonium Phosphate
MH	Mountain Harvest
ICS	Internal Control System
LWR	Lutheran World Relief
LLC	Limited liability company
SMC	Small scale company
MoUs	Memorandum of understanding
FA	Field Agronomist

## LIST OF TABLES AND FIGURES

Table: 1 the organizational structure of mountain harvest.

Table: 2 shows the germination percentage of bean seeds.

Table: 3 Shows how to distinguish BBW from other common Banana pests/Diseases.

Figure: 1 shows the PH charts.

## ABSTRACT

I compiled this study report during industrial training that began on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>/02/2022 and ended on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>/05/2022. The training was for ten weeks and was carried out at mountain harvest SMC ltd in Mbale city in Uganda. The work was under the supervision of Mr. wasembula brian , the certification officer mountain harvest.

This was to fulfill the requirements needed for the award of a diploma in crop production and management Busitema University, putting much of the theoretical knowledge got in class in to Practice, acquire practical skills in farm management and get exposed to the working environment.

The student participated in several activities; soil testing, germination testing, control of maize stalk borers; using push pull technology, diseases diagnosis and control and coffee production (**chapter two**).

These activities were done out of proper time allocation and management as my supervisor was eager for me to learn much from the field. On the same note, challenges faced by the internee , relevant skills acquired , qualification acquired, responsibilities undertake and how the attachment is going to influence my future carrier .(**chapter three**) .

In **chapter four** the study report presents the conclusion and recommendations, the appendices which contain tables, map of mountain harvest, the daily activity work plan, photographs showing the different activities carried out.

The recommendations suggested include, provision of improved seed varieties to farmers, provision of more extension services on post-harvest handling, fertilizer and chemical use to farmers by the Government.

The skills and experience I have acquired during the training have empowered me to become a potential Assistant Agricultural Officer.

I have been shaped to support, guide farmers and farming communities' crop production and management.

## CHAPTER ONE

### 1.0 introduction

Industrial training is the practice carried out by students in universities and colleges to qualify for the award of masters, degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

The purpose of this training is to improve on the practical skills and knowledge for the students.

Under the course of a diploma in crop production and management, I carried out my industrial training at Mountain harvest SMC Ltd Mbale city.

### 1.1 background of mountain harvest SMC ltd

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Mountain Harvest SMC Ltd is company established 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 aimed 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