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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BCU	Bugisu Co-operative Union
IT	Industrial training
BUAC	Busitema University Arapai Campus
e.g.	for example
i.e.	that is to say
Ft	feet
NPK	Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and potassium fertilizer
SSP	Single Super Phosphate fertilizer
NB	nota bene
Mr.	mister



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ABSTRACT

This report outlines the biography, activities carried out, skills gained and challenges faced while carrying out my internship at Bugisu Co-operative Union. This internship lasted for 10 weeks from the 28th of February to the May of 2022. The internship's purpose was to equip students with practical knowledge and skills and also enable student to relate class knowledge with the knowledge acquired from the field. It also builds confidence among students as we interact with the working people.

During my internship, I was attached to the liquoring department that handled agriculture students where I was briefed about the mission, vision, objectives, history, and organizational structure of BCU. It then followed the nursery bed management that involved growing coffee right from the site and seed selection, preparation, transplanting, and field management to harvest post-harvest practices of Arabica coffee. I was also introduced to secondary coffee processing and value addition that involved quality analysis, hulling, grading, colour sorting, of coffee beans for export purpose and value addition. In value addition I was taught how to roast, weigh and package coffee for sale. This was followed by how coffee was marketed to reach its consumers.

I faced several challenges during my internship which were inadequate equipment to use for-example in nursery bed, inadequate expertise to operate some machines that process Arabica coffee. This marked the success of my internship where I can now manage Arabica coffee right from the seed or garden to the cup.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Bugisu Co-operative Union (BCU) is a co-operative union privately owned by farmers of Arabica coffee from Bugisu sub-region, it's an agribusiness entity based in Mbale city eastern Uganda. It's the only surviving co-operative union in Uganda currently.

1.2 Historical background of BCU

BCU was formed in 1954 in July. Its founders were the late E.V Samson kitutu and other organized farmers who felt the need of a big central union, one union was registered as the Bugisu Co-operative Union, and shortly afterward a new coffee ordinance was enacted in 1955 providing for BCU ltd to take over marketing functions from Bugisu Coffee Scheme as well as all scheme's assets except the reserve funds which were still held by Bugisu Coffee Board.

1.3 Vision

To produce high-quality coffee for the socio-economic development of Bugisu and Uganda at large.

1.4 Mission

BCU Ltd was formed to grow, buy, process, and market high-quality standard Arabica coffee with mutual benefits to both farmers and consumers.

1.5 Objectives of BCU

- Encourage better farming, particularly through improved methods of agriculture and land utilization.
- Engage in the co-operative processing and marketing of agriculture produce of members as may from time to be decided.
- To obtain on behalf of members of agricultural and building departments.
- Provide loans against adequate security to members for supportive purposes or crop finance.
- Acquire buildings, machinery, vehicles and accommodation, transport, and the services as necessary for the proper fulfillment of these objects.
- To acquire land for farming and ranching purposes.

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1.6 Address of BCU

BCU is situated on plot 46 Pallisa road 256 km from Kampala. It's located opposite Mt Elgon millers.