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1. Purpose

This procedure is to define the process by which Alba will identify, monitor and report social performance of its construction contractors and its operation contractors to comply with Alba compliance obligations.

# 2. SCOPE

This procedure is applicable to Alba Operation and construction contractors.

# 3. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Construction Contractor in this procedure refers to the contracted EPCM / EPC. This includes the subcontractor that falls under the direct responsibility of the EPCM / EPC during the construction phase.
- 2. Operation Contractor in this procedure refers to Alba contractors working during operations phase (service, manpower hire contractors that are actively engaged on site).
- 3. Social Performance defined as "Labour and Working Conditions, specific to force and child labour, worker grievance mechanism, and worker accommodation".
- 4. Social Management System defined as an ethical approach of business, specific to human rights and Alba code of conduct.
- 5. Non-Conformity Report (NCR) is a document issued by Alba to contractors in order to record identified non-conformances with respect to this Procedure.
- 6. Non-Conformity Action (NCA) Plan is a document filled by contractor representative in response to NCR, recording agreed corrective actions, due date and responsibilities. The NCA should be supported with relevant evidences.

## 4. COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION

The SOP 1.11 is developed to comply with the following Alba compliance obligations:

- Relevant labour laws Kingdom of Bahrain,
- Equator Principle 4
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standard 2 (Labour and Working Conditions)
- Alba's Social Management Policy and relevant standards to social performance and practices.

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# 5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

#### 5.1 DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION

The Alba Director Administration is responsible for overall implementation of "Contractor Social Performance Monitoring Procedure".

# **5.2 HR REPRESENTATIVE**

#### A- Construction Phase

- 1. Based on the outcome of Human Rights Risk Assessment within project Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), update relevant contractor social performance procedure.
- 2. Communicate with EPCM / EPC on Alba Social Management Policy, contractor social performance requirements and Alba social performance requirements applicable to contractors as specified in Annex A.
- 3. Review contractors' social management system/documentations to ensure alignment with Alba contractor social performance requirements.
- 4. HR Representative will receive following reports on quarterly basis from project SHE superintendent and further verify compliance with Alba contractor social performance requirements.
  - Contractor Mobilisation Plan
  - Contractor Social Performance Monitoring Report
  - Contractor Accommodation Location Risk Assessment
  - Contractor Demobilisation Plan.
- Based on review of above reports, issue NCR if any noncompliance observed. Accordingly, submit NCR to project SHE Superintendent in order to communicate with contractor. Also, verify effectiveness of corrective actions during next quarter.

#### **B-** Operation Phase

HR Representative is responsible for:

- 1. Conducting contractor social performance audit for Alba's operation contractor selected in accordance to 6.2.1 of this procedure.
- Communicating the non-conformances identified during audit to concerned contractors via NCR.

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- 3. Maintaining a register of contractor audit plans and reports.
- 4. Review and verify the effectiveness of corrective action implemented by responsible contractor.

#### 5.3 PROJECT SHE SUPERINTENDENT

#### A- Construction Phase

- The project SHE Superintendent will ensure EPCM/EPC undertake workers accommodation inspection of its subcontractor on quarterly basis. Also, undertake workers accommodation inspection at EPCM/EPC premises – if provided.
- 2. The Project SHE Superintendent will review construction contractor documentation to ensure it meets Alba social performance requirements related to accommodation conditions
- 3. Project SHE Superintendent will ensure EPCM/EPC undertake accommodation location risk assessment for worker accommodation to evaluate the impact on community.
- Project SHE Superintendent will ensure timely submission of Contractor Social Performance Report by EPCM and EPC (as per attachment A), and accordingly share the same with HR Representative.

## **B- Operation Phase**

Project SHE Superintendent is responsible for:

- 1. Conducting contractor accommodation inspection for Alba's operation contractor in accordance to 6.2.1 of this procedure.
- 2. Communicating the non-conformances identified during inspection to concerned contractors and HR Representative.
- 3. Maintaining a register of contractor accommodation inspection plans and reports.
- 4. Review and verify the effectiveness of corrective action implemented by responsible contractor.

### 5.4 HEAD OF SUPPLY

#### A- Construction Phase

- 1. Head of Supply will ensure contract documentation includes contractor social performance requirements.
- 2. Head of Supply is responsible for following up with contractors if no corrective actions are taken within the designated timeframe.

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## **B-** Operation Phase

Head of Supply is responsible for:

- 1. As per the list of Operation Contractors extracted by HR beginning of the year, Head of Supply will facilitate the contact between HR/SHE and the contractors for the audit purpose.
- 2. Following up with contractors, and taking the appropriate action, if no corrective actions are taken within the designated timeframe.

# 6. PROCEDURES

This section explains overall procedure to be followed when monitoring contactor social performance. The process is defined as follows:

## **6.1 SOCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Below are the reporting indicators for contractor social performance requirements:

#	SOCIAL PERFORMANCE AREA	REPORTING INDICATORS
1	Forced Labour (Construction Contractors are required to conduct monthly payroll audits, results	Number and names of (sub)contractors subject to payroll audit, total number of Alba workers per contractor, number of workers subject to payroll audit, main audit findings, and how and when any outstanding issues are going to be resolved.
	need to be reported to	Risk of debt bondage and poor worker welfare.
	Alba on quarterly basis.)	Name, address and certification/credentials of local recruitment companies used (in workers' home country) used (when applicable).
		Qualitative information about any campaigns organised or information disseminated amongst the workforce in order to raise awareness of forced labour and worker rights.
2	Child Labour	Number of workers mobilised during the reporting period, Workers below 18 Years of age. Relevant details such as full name, date of birth, copy of passport, copy of visa, and Alba ID provided must be maintained.
3	Health Impacts related to foreign male workforce	Qualitative information about any campaigns organised or information distributed to the workforce about safe sex / STD awareness raising.
4	Worker accommodation	Total number and names/address of worker accommodations managed by contractor (including those of its subcontractors).

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#	SOCIAL PERFORMANCE AREA	REPORTING INDICATORS
		The number of (sub) contractor workers living in each worker accommodation.
		Number and names/address of worker accommodations audited by construction contractor during the reporting period, the main audit findings, and how and when any outstanding issues are going to be resolved.
		Number and names of (sub)contractors that have mobilised during reporting period, and evidence that worker accommodation used by such (sub)contractor has been audited and found acceptable as per set standards.
5	Access to workers' passport	Passport access is retained by worker unless a passport consent form is received by the organization for safekeeping.
6	Workers grievance mechanism	Grievance policy and procedure are documented by contractor.
	medianism	The grievance mechanism is made available at work & accommodation and in languages the worker understands.
		Number/type of worker grievances raised, resolved and outstanding.
		Whether the grievance was handled in line with the approved mechanism.
		Grievance mechanism awareness raising campaigns conducted.
7	Workers' accommodation impact assessment	The workers accommodation impact assessment undertaken to ensure the presence of accommodation and workforce is unlikely to cause negative impact on residential area.
		The impact assessment undertaken prior to selection of workers accommodation.

## **6.2 AUDIT FREQUENCY**

# **6.2.1 OPERATION CONTRACTOR**

Alba will monitor operation contractor social performance by conducting audit.

To select representative number of contractors at Alba, subjected for Social Performance audit and the audit frequency, HR Representative will follow the below methodology (on yearly basis):

- 1. Extract Contractor-wise man-hours date from SAP.
- 2. Convert this data to Contractor-wise number of contractor workers per day.
- 3. Categorize these contractors based on number of contractor workers per day.
- 4. Select and Audit all above categories of contractors as per below details:

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Category	Contractor workers/Day at Alba	Audit Frequency
Α	100 and above	Every 2-Years
В	Between 50-100	Every 3-Years
С	Between 20-50	Every 4-Years
D	Between 10-20	Every 5 Years
E	Less than 10	Random (2 Contractors

In case operation contractors appoint sub-contractors whose workers are on-site, the sub-contractors will also be included in audit as part of operation contractors.

New operation contractors will be audited on their payroll immediately after the first payment of wages, and on their worker accommodation before mobilization at Alba upon notification by Head of Supply.

### **6.2.2 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR**

During construction phase, the contractor social performance audit will be carried out on quarterly basis.

**Note:** Contractors will be defined as construction contractor until completion of work (inclusive of snag-list jobs).

## **6.3 AUDIT AND REPORTING PROCESS**

1. Social performance compliance audit is conducted:

**During Construction Phase:** 

- a. The EPCM/EPC will undertake audit to evaluate compliance of appointed subcontractors with approved project social performance procedure. Accordingly, submit the Social Performance Monitoring Report (attachment A) within two weeks from end of the quarter to Project SHE Superintendent.
- b. Upon receiving the report, the Head of Employees Services will verify the information and data of the report in order to evaluate compliance with Alba social performance requirements.

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### **During Operation Phase:**

- a. HR Representative will undertake audit to evaluate compliance with Alba contractor social performance requirements.
- b. Project SHE Superintendent will carry out accommodation inspection using Attachment B.
- 2. Alba will disseminate "Notification of Audit" to concerned contractor advising areas to be reviewed and information to be supplied, using Attachment C.
- 3. If the audit process revealed non-conformance with Alba social performance requirements. Alba will issue NCR.
- 4. Based on NCR, the responsible contractor (Construction and Operation) will respond using by NCA Attachment D2 within two weeks from NCR date.
- 5. Upon receiving the NCA, HR Representative will evaluate the proposed actions and target date.
- 6. HR representative and Project SHE Superintendent will verify the effectiveness of corrective action implemented by concern contractor during next audit cycle.

**Note:** Lack of response or failure in implementing corrective action by concerned contractor will be reported to Head of Supply for further follow-up and action.

### **6.4 AUDIT GUIDELINES**

### 6.4.1 PAYROLL AUDIT

- 1. To conduct payroll audits, request the copies of following items in each quarter:
  - a. Timesheets for the pay period.
  - b. Pay slips for the pay period.
  - c. Evidence of contributions to the employee's superannuation and redundancy account.
  - d. Evidence of entitlements accruals and balances
  - e. A full list of employees currently employed by contractor on Alba contract
  - f. Proof of transfer of employee sponsorship (where applicable)
  - g. Copies of work permit and passport
  - h. Worker contracts in both English and Arabic
  - i. Passport consent forms for safekeeping
  - j. Grievance policy and procedure
  - k. Grievance register

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#### 2. Check the below items:

- a. Pay Data
- b. Compare timesheet to pay slip
- c. Hours of work start and finish
- d. Public Holidays worked and payment
- e. Overtime worked and payment
- f. Deductions made from wages / fees paid
- g. Worker contracts, and whether these adhere to the minimum standards outlined in the Bahraini law
- h. Age of workers (in relation to child labour)
- i. Validity of visa
- j. Risk of any debt bondage for worker
- k. Grievance policy, procedure and central register

### 3. Special Conditions:

- a. At least 10% of the contractor's time and salary shall be checked.
- b. Information provided should consist of a representative mix of skills and job titles.
- c. Worker Contracts need to adhere to below criteria:
  - i. Documented information that is clear and understandable, regarding workers' rights under national labour and employment law and any applicable collective agreements, including their written statement of rights related to hours of work, wages, overtime, compensation, and benefits upon beginning the working relationship and when any material changes occur.
  - ii. Provide all employees with a written contract of employment, in an appropriate language, which relates to requirements of Bahraini law.

### 6.4.2 ACCOMMODATION AUDIT

The accommodation inspection shall be carried out by Safety and Health Staff along with HR representative. The inspection of worker accommodation facilities provided by contractors shall be carried out in accordance with accommodation inspection checklist "Attachment B".

## 6.4.3 WORKERS GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

Contractor will document grievance policy and procedure. Grievance mechanism will be translated by contractor to languages understood by workers. A grievance register will be maintained both at

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> worker accommodation and contractor's HR office. Grievances raised, resolved and outstanding will be verified on quarterly basis during payroll and accommodation audits.

### 6.4.4 OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Collect Social Performance Monitoring reports from Contractors on following indicators:

- 1. Using certified local recruitment agencies: Name, address and certification/credentials of local recruitment companies (in workers' home country) used.
- 2. Child labour: List of workers that have mobilized during the reporting period, including full name, date of birth, copy of passport, copy of visa, and Alba ID provided.
- 3. Passport consent form: Access to passport is to be retained by worker. A passport consent from worker is required for safekeeping.
- 4. Worker grievance mechanism: Number and type of worker grievances raised, resolved and unresolved.
- 5. Awareness campaigns conducted to inform workers on grievance mechanism.
- 6. Contractors to provide narrative information about any campaigns to raise awareness in workforce on forced labour and worker rights.
- 7. Awareness campaigns conducted to raise health and hygiene.

#### 6.5 Workers Accommodation Impact Assessment

The workers accommodation impact assessment process should be undertaken by responsible contractor to ensure the presence of contractor accommodation and workforce is unlikely to cause negative impact on residential area and host neighbourhood.

Prior to selection of workers' accommodation, the responsible contractor must assess the impact of workers accommodation in accordance with (Attachment E) Workers Accommodation Impact Assessment designed for operation contractors.

The responsible contractor must establish measures to mitigate adverse impact on residential area and host neighbourhood. Measures to mitigate adverse impact must be included social impact assessment action plan.

Note: The accommodation impact assessment of construction contractors will be undertaken as a part of project ESIA.

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# 7. REFERENCES

- ACOP 025 Contractor Management Safety, Health and Environment Management System
- ACOP 068 Environmental Impact Assessment for Projects
- ACOPC 002 Management Control Audit

# 8. LIST OF ATTACHMENT

- Attachment (A) Construction Phase Social Monitoring "Reporting Indicators" (To be submitted by construction contractor)
- Attachment (B) Contractors Worker Accommodation Checklist.
- Attachment (C) Audit Notification Letter
- Attachment (D1) Non-conformity Report (NCR)
- Attachment (D2) Non-conformity Action (NCA) Plan
- Attachment (E) Workers Accommodation Location Impact Assessment
- Annexure A Contractor Social Performance Requirements to Contractor

## 9. REVIEW

This guideline will be reviewed under certain conditions as stipulated in the organization's HR management system. Such conditions include change of legal requirements, management review, internal or external audit findings and any circumstances that deems the guideline to be outdated.

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# 10. ANNEXURE

### ANNEX A: ALBA'S SOCIAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTORS

This document explains Alba's specific Social Performance requirements and expectations from its' Contractors in compliance with relevant Bahraini Laws, Alba's Social Management Policy and IFC Performance Standard 2. The document also explains, on what parameters (Indicators) Alba will monitor the Contractors as per Alba's SOP 1.11 "Contractors Social Performance Monitoring" to ensure, all contractors meet Alba's Social Performance requirements.

## 1. WHAT IS SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

Social Performance encompasses a wide range of issues, which are outlined in "IFC Performance Standard 2 – Labour and Working Conditions", and includes following Social Performance areas:

- Forced Labour
- Child Labour
- Worker Grievance Mechanism
- Accommodation Conditions
- Health of workforce etc.

#### 2. ALBA'S SOCIAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTORS

Alba's specific Social Performance requirements applicable to contractors are as below:

### 2.1. Forced Labour

- All contractor workers should be provided with a Contract of Employment which meets the requirements of Bahrain's Labour Law No. (36) Of 2012.
- Contractor workers get paid on time with wages in full and no illegal fees are deducted from workers' salaries.
- Contractors only use accredited local recruitment companies (in country of worker origin) to recruit workers.
- Workers to retain access to their passport.
- Contractors to run campaigns to raise awareness of worker rights.
- As part of Alba's Social Performance Audit, provide evidences in reference to all above requirements (Time sheets, pay slips, visas, awareness campaigns etc.).

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### 2.2. Child Labour

- As per Labour Law of Bahrain, Child Labour is banned in the country.
- As part of Alba's Social Performance Audit, contractors to provide the list of workers that have been mobilized during the reporting period, including full name, date of birth, copy of passport, copy of visa, and Alba ID provided.

### 2.3. Worker Grievance Mechanism

- Contractors to establish grievance mechanisms that allow workers to voice concerns without fear of punishment or retribution.
- Make the grievance mechanism available in a language understandable to the worker.
- Run campaigns to raise awareness of the worker grievance mechanism.
- Contractors to report regularly on grievances raised through the grievance mechanism and if/how these were resolved.
- Contractors to provide evidence for; a) efforts made to translate the worker grievance mechanism in languages the worker understands on site and b) any awareness raising campaigns conducted to disseminate information about the worker grievance mechanism on site.

#### 2.4. Accommodation Conditions and Location

- Workers accommodation provided by the contractor for housing its' workers should adhere to the requirement of Bahrain Ministerial order 40 of 2014 related to Labor Accommodation and Labor accommodation requirements stipulated in Attachment-B of Alba's SOP 1.11 "Contractors Social Performance Monitoring".
- As part of Alba's Social Performance Audit, contractors to provide relevant details related to accommodation of workers e.g. total number and names/address of worker accommodations managed by contractor, the number of contractor workers living in each worker accommodation etc.
- Contractors should also conduct and provide "Risk Assessment" for all contractor accommodation locations to ensure that the presence of a contractor workforce does not cause any negative impact in the surrounding community.

### 2.5. Awareness Raising On Worker Health and Hygiene

 Contractors to implement public health campaigns on STD impacts, symptoms and prevention and provide relevant evidence to Alba.

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## NOTE:

Contractors are responsible for social performance management of their sub-contractors and suppliers. This includes ensuring that Labour standards and local hiring and local procurement requirements are enforced throughout the contractor's supply chain involved in delivering the contract.

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