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**DECLARATION**

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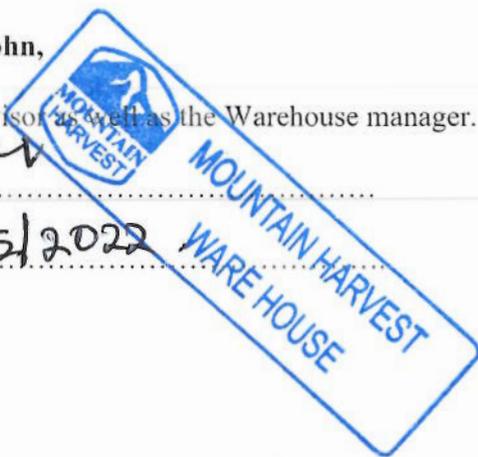
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My field supervisor as well as the Warehouse manager.

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**DEDICATION**

This work is dedicated to my parents Mr.Wanzusi Julius and Mrs.Wanzusi Jenipher Nambozo who have supported me financially, spiritually and morally. May God bless them abundantly.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DCP	Diploma in Crop Production And Management
UCDA	Uganda Coffee Development <sup>Authority</sup> Association
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
MH	Mountain Harvest
ICS	Internal Control System
LWR	Lutheran World Relief
LLC	Limited Liability Company
SMC	small Scale Company
MOUs	Memorandum of Understandings

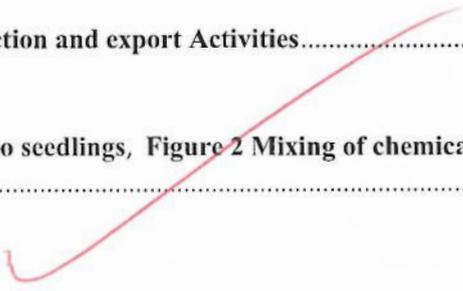
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## ABSTRACT

Internship is one of the course modules done at Busitema university as a partial fulfillment for the award of various courses i.e. CGA, DAP, DCP, BAB, APM, and BSA. The objective of industrial training is to build confidence in students, make them experience and apply classroom knowledge in the field. This industrial training was done in a period of 2 and half months. It commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb and ended on 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb, I reported at Mountain Harvest SMC located in Mbale city on plot 1 Pallisa road. I was taken through orientation where I was introduced to the staff and departments of the company, the background, organization, activities, vision and mission of the company. I was attached to the ware house department where we did activities of weighing coffee, sorting coffee, data entry, milling, hulling, screening and mixing of grades. Other than the warehouse, I also did field activities like training of farmer groups and distribution of inputs, farmer registration and certification. I also carried out cupping, roasting, packaging and grinding in the coffee laboratory. Through this training, I was able to attain skills in building interpersonal relationship with farmers, cupping of coffee, brewing of coffee, general management of warehouse, communication skills and confidence in training farmers. The training gave me a lot of motivation to continue focusing on my career. However challenges like poor mobilization of farmers, poor turn up of farmers for the training, being off coffee season and rats in the warehouse, frequent freezing of data entry devices computers affected smooth running activities. In conclusion, the internship was carried out successfully and I was able to gain a lot from it. I recommend the company to put in place a signpost so that it can easily be located by farmers and other persons and update the windows of their computers to the latest version most of them to ease data entry.



## CHAPTER ONE:

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report describes the activities implemented, skills and knowledge gained, challenges faced during the internship, conclusion of the report and recommendations derived from the challenges faced at Mountain Harvest during the time of industrial training.

### 1.2 Objectives of the industrial training.

- The objective of the internship is to;
- Make students benefit from the skills from the fields
- Make students apply classroom knowledge in the field.
- Build confident in the students

### 1.3 BACKGROUND

Mountain Harvest SMC Ltd is a 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.

### 1.4 MISSION STATEMENT

It is 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.

### 1.5 LOCATION

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.

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