

## SOUTH DAKOTA INVESTMENT COUNCIL

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January 10, 2018

Executive Board c/o Jason Hancock, Director Legislative Research Council 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

SDCL 3-12-117 requires the Investment Council to report semi-annually the actions related to the shareholder activism policy adopted per Legislature resolution. The law states that, "The report shall include an analysis of the success of the policy in accomplishing the goal of promoting compliance with the federal enactments and its impact on all sales of affected companies." The attached policy was adopted by the Council on April 10, 2010 and was reviewed at the August 28, 2017 meeting.

Actions taken under the policy and the resulting outcomes follow with supporting documents attached. As of August 28, 2017, one company was held on the Sudan company list. A letter was emailed to Volkswagen AG, the majority owner of MAN SE, on July 10, 2017 however a reply email has not been received from the company. The company did provide an email received on October 6, 2016 stating "...to the extent legally feasible for all concerned group companies – that related transactions and business relations (including our business partners) are checked according to national, EU and US export control regulations and are compliant with these legislations."

Investment staff views MAN Group's Sudan involvement to be minimal. SDRS continues to hold a position in Volkswagen which is considered undervalued. The risk assessment for Volkswagen considers the materiality of the Sudan activities and potential for eventual removal of the company from the Sudan list.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Clark

State Investment Officer

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**Enclosures** 

Cc: South Dakota Investment Council

## South Dakota Investment Council

# Shareholder Activism Policy related to Federal Divestiture Enactments

The South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC) Shareholder Activism Policy relates to foreign companies whose securities are held by South Dakota public funds and may be subject to permissive divestiture enactments by the US Government.

The SDIC will make reasonable efforts, using publicly available information, to determine whether foreign companies whose securities are held by South Dakota public funds are on recognized lists in relation to the Sudan Accountability and Divestiture Act of 2007 or other federal divestiture enactments.

The SDIC will make efforts to formally engage identified companies to urge constructive change in company activities in identified countries. The shareholder activism engagement shall include:

- 1. **Annual written communication**. The annual written communication shall be repeated until the company is removed from recognized lists or the SDIC no longer invests in the company.
- 2. **Shareholder resolutions and proxies.** The SDIC shall consider the objectives of this policy when voting on shareholder resolutions and proxies.
- 3. **Risk Analysis**. The SDIC shall recognize, as part of the company valuation process, the risk inherent in business activities in the identified countries, which could lead to sale through the normal investment process.

The State Investment Officer shall maintain a record of written communications and report to the SDIC annually concerning communications and company responses.

Adopted: April 20, 2010



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July 10, 2017

Andreas Buchta General Manager, Investor Relations Americas Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. 2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive Herndon, VA 20171 USA

E-mail: Andreas.Buchta@vw.com

Dear Andreas:

The South Dakota Investment Council is an investor in shares of Volkswagen AG, the majority owner of MAN SE. The Investment Council manages retirement funds for teachers and other public employees of the State of South Dakota. In order to comply with the 2010 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012 of the South Dakota Legislature and Council policy, we are required to contact your company to share our concern about your business activities in Sudan. MAN SE appears on a public list of companies with business activities in Sudan that may contribute to perpetuating genocide through financial support.

The Council requests, at your earliest convenience, a written explanation of the business activities in Sudan and any efforts to assure the activities play a helpful role.

The Council strongly encourages you to cease or to convert to inactive status any business activities that are not consistent with helping end the genocide. We believe failure to do so will cause harm to Volkswagen's world-wide reputation which may negatively impact future business prospects. This may also subject your company to divestiture actions by many large investors throughout the world which may affect the investment value of your company.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Clark

State Investment Officer

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#### Compliance with 2010 Legislative Session SB 134 - Sudan Divestiture

(List of Companies from Colorado Report dated 06/23/2017)

Holdings Date: 06/30/2017 **SDIC Holdings** Date Added Ticker to SDIC List Fund Portfolio Sedol Shares Comments Company Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan 03/31/2014 No holdings Andritz AG No holdings ASEC Company for Mining (ASCOM) 03/20/2015 No holdings **Bharat Electronics Limited** 03/31/2014 03/31/2014 No holdings Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited China Gezhouba Group Company Limited 12/31/2011 No holdings 07/01/2010 No holdings China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) 12/31/2016 No holdings China Natural Gas Corp Ltd 09/21/2012 No holdings CNPC General Capital Ltd CNPC HK Overseas Capital Ltd 12/31/2011 No holdings 07/01/2010 No holdings Daqing Huake Group Co Ltd Kunlun Energy Company Ltd (CNPC Hong Kong Ltd) 07/01/2010 No holdings PetroChina Co Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings China North Industries Group Corporation (CNGC/NORINCO) 05/31/2011 No holdings 05/31/2011 No holdings AKM Industrial Co Ltd 05/31/2011 No holdings NORINCO International Cooperation North Huajin Chemical Industries (fka Liaoning Huajin Tongda Chemicals) 05/31/2011 No holdings North Lingyun Industrial Group 12/31/2016 No holdings North Navigation Control Technology 05/31/2011 No holdings 07/01/2010 No holdings China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec Group) China Petroleum & Chemical Corp (Sinopec Corp) 07/01/2010 No holdings Sinopec Capital 2013 Ltd 09/20/2013 No holdings Sinopec Engineering Group Co Ltd 03/31/2014 No holdings No holdings Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 09/21/2012 Sinopec Kantons Holdings Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings No holdings Sinopec Oilfield Equipment (fka Kingdream PLC) 07/01/2010 No holdings Sinopec Oilfield Service Corp (fka Sinopec Yizheng Chemical Fibre) 07/01/2010 No holdings Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical 07/01/2010 06/30/2014 No holdings China Poly Group Corporation Poly Energies Holding Co Ltd 06/30/2014 No holdings 06/30/2014 No holdings Poly Property Group Co Ltd 12/31/2016 No holdings China Three Gorges Corporation No holdings 12/31/2016 China Three Gorges New Energy Corp 12/31/2016 No holdings Hubei Energy Group Ltd 12/31/2016 No holdings Hubei Qingjian Hydropower Development 12/31/2016 No holdings Three Gorges Finance I Cayman Islands 12/31/2016 No holdings Three Gorges Finance II Cayman Islands 07/01/2010 No holdings DongFeng Motor Group Co Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings Egypt Kuwait Holding Co SAE 12/31/2016 No holdings **ENGIE** 12/31/2016 No holdings Parisienne Chauffage Urbain 12/31/2016 No holdings GDF Suez Energy Romania 03/31/2014 No holdings GAZ Group GAZ PJSC (fka GAZ OJSC, GAZ OAO, GAZ Auto Plant) 03/31/2014 No holdings 03/31/2014 No holdings Pavlovo Bus (fka Pavlosky Bus Plant) Glencore PLC (fka Glencore Xstrata PLC) 05/31/2011 No holdings Glencore Australia Holdings Pty 03/11/2016 No holdings Glencore Canada Corp (Xstrata Canada Corp) 09/20/2013 No holdings Glencore Canada Financial Corp (Xstrata Canada Financial Corp) 09/20/2013 No holdings 09/20/2013 Glencore Finance Canada Ltd (Xstrata Finance Canada Ltd) No holdings 09/20/2013 No holdings Glencore Finance Dubai Ltd (Xstrata Finance Dubai Ltd) No holdings Glencore Finance Europe 05/31/2011 05/31/2011 No holdings Glencore Funding LLC 02/28/2013 No holdings Viterra Inc 03/31/2014 No holdings Harbin Electric Co Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL) 07/01/2010 No holdings Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings Lanka IOC Ltd 07/01/2010 No holdings Jiangxi Hongdu Aviation 05/31/2011 No holdings JX Holdings, Inc 12/31/2011 No holdings Nippo Corporation Toho Titanium Co 03/31/2014 No holdings

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### Recently added to list

Trafigura Beheer

Trafigura Funding SA

<u>DFA Note:</u> Positions were not looked at since we are holders of the company indirectly

None Brandes None Sanders

No holdings

No holdings

05/31/2011

12/31/2016

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