

Friday 29th July 2016

Research Tender

Water scarcity as a business risk in GEM

Purpose: Stewart Investors would like to identify GEM industry leaders and laggards in terms of integrating water scarcity in their assessment of business risks. Focus will be placed on the food & beverage, home & personal care, apparel, mining and semiconductor industries.

Requirements:

- (a) Identify industry leaders and laggards in terms of integrating water scarcity as a business risk with clear evidence. Particular attention to be placed on water efficiency measures implemented (e.g. wastewater treatment) and inclusion in performance targets.
- (b) Identify examples of best practice and worst practice by industry.
- (c) Please include some "off-piste" examples of best practices from corporates outside the scope of this list if identified.

Detours to be avoided:

- (a) Any description of why water scarcity is a problem for businesses more generally. Please jump straight to analyse the means by which companies are addressing this risk.
- (b) Providing only a description of the water consumption savings year on year. Please analyse the means by which companies are seeking to address the risk of water scarcity for the longer term.

Scope:

50 listed GEM companies, names to be provided by Stewart Investors. Maximum 20 page report.

Tender specifics:

Please submit a proposal by email (maximum of two pages) to <u>ResearchandBrokerManagement@StewartInvestors.com</u> on how you would conduct this research, over what timeframe and for what price. No exclusivity is sought, but commission acknowledgement is required if sharing. Closing date for application: **30th September 2016**.