



WATER STEWARDSHIP DISCLOSURE

Tobacco Processors Zimbabwe Private Limited (TPZ) is a world-class tobacco processing company that provides dedicated facilities and services for handling, storage, processing, and packing of leaf tobacco for clients who primarily export their products to manufacturers. Tobacco Processors Zimbabwe recognizes the vital importance of water and is committed to implementing the AWS International Standard.

TPZ is committed to responsible water stewardship through the implementation of the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Standard, promoting socially equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically viable water use. The company aims to enhance water resource risk management, expand diverse water sources, and develop prevention and control technologies to support sustainable water practices both on site and within the catchment area. TPZ's integrated management system drives effective water management across all operations, prioritizing a sustainable water balance and ensuring access to safe, high-quality water, sanitation, and hygiene, with inclusive stakeholder engagement at all levels.

Good Water Governance

Vision

To lead in sustainable water management practices that benefit both our operations and the catchment we serve.

Mission

To promote sustainable water stewardship in tobacco processing through strategic collaboration, efficient usage, and targeted conservation. Aligned with SDG 6, we engage stakeholders to address water-related risks, protect essential resources, and ensure operational continuity while supporting catchment well-being and regulatory compliance.

Governance

TPZ established a multifaceted Water Stewardship Steering Committee, composed of experts from various disciplines, responsible for executing the requirements of the Alliance for Water Stewardship.

Role	Responsibility
Managing Director	Overall sponsor of strategic direction for TPZ.
Chief Finance Officer	- Ensure the Water Stewardship Plan aligns with the company's long-term financial strategy. - Monitor the performance of water-related initiatives to meet return on investment and sustainability targets.
Chief Operations Officer	- Implement the Water Stewardship Plan at the operational level to make water-related goals actionable. - Integrate water stewardship into daily operations through process improvements for minimizing, reusing, and recycling water.

	Oversee initiatives to enhance water efficiency and reduce waste.
SHE Manager	- Serve as the management representative for the Integrated Management System, focusing on water priorities. - Identify and communicate water-related regulatory requirements. - Conduct internal audits for water management. - Lead stakeholder communications on water issues. - Drive integrated management system (IMS) initiatives.
Engineering Manager	- Chairperson of the Water Stewardship Steering Committee - Design and implement water-efficient systems - Develop water recycling and reuse solutions - Align engineering strategies with water stewardship goals across teams - Drive efficiency through reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives - Manage preventive and corrective maintenance plans
Production Manager	- Water Stewardship Steering Committee member. - Monitor and reduce water usage during production. - Ensure emergency response readiness for water-related incidents. - Train employees on water stewardship practices.
Procurement	- Water Stewardship Steering Committee member. - Facilitate the purchase of water-efficient technologies and materials aligned with sustainability and operational goals.
SHE Officer	- Secretary of the Water Stewardship Steering Committee. - Lead training programmes on water stewardship. - Track and report water usage metrics.
Facilities Superintendent	- Water Stewardship Steering Committee member. - Inspect water infrastructure and equipment regularly to detect leaks. - Ensure prompt repairs to minimize water loss. - Implement wastewater treatment and recycling systems in the facility.

Site Water Stewardship Plan Performance

TPZ measures water performance

Year	2022	2023	2024
Water Consumption (3 year baseline vs performance)	20%	4%	14%

Site Water use improvement initiatives

- Recycling boiler condensate for steam generation
- Reusing processing water for ablutions
- Installing smart meters
- Pursuing energy management certification to reduce water and energy consumption
- Training employees on water conservation and stewardship
- Maintaining water equipment and infrastructure to prevent leaks
- Conducting portable water analysis at regular intervals
- Compliance with water regulations

Stakeholder Engagement

- We employ various methods to engage stakeholders such as surveys, workshops and public meetings.
- Aligned with AWS principles, we prioritise transparency, inclusivity and continual feedback loops to ensure stakeholder needs are met effectively.
- TPZ's approach reflects AWS's commitment to innovation, sustainable water use and ensuring stakeholder input directly informs our strategic direction and effective water management.