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The Abinger Green Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Annual report for the period from 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021

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Reference & administrative details

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Accountants	Wilson Wright LLP Thavies Inn House 3-4, Holborn Circus London EC4N 2HA

Trustees' Report

The Trustees are pleased to present the report of The Abinger Green Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") for the year from 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021.

The Trustees' Report and accounts are prepared in accordance with sections 132-166 of the Charities Act 2011

Structure, governance & management

The Trustees who served throughout the period were Ian Nolan, Robert Craig and Jamie Butterworth.

The Trust is governed by its constitution, dated 5th October 2017, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Future Trustee appointments will be made by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity Trustees.

None of the Trustees receive any remuneration from the CIO in respect of their role as Trustees.

The only ongoing costs incurred by the CIO are: to maintain its bank accounts; to use an online system for maintaining its accounting records, and to have its year end accounts prepared.

The CIO has to date been funded by donations from a single individual and this is expected to remain the case.

Objectives & activities

The object of the CIO is to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; and
- the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

"sustainable development" means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The charity seeks to meet its object by pro-actively seeking out projects, in the UK or overseas, which are aligned with these objectives, and which they judge to be worthy of financial support. Such support may be in the form of grants, loans or investment. In so far as the CIO makes social investments (as defined by section 292A of the Charities Act 2011) it will comply as appropriate with sections 292B and 292C of the Charities Act 2011.

For the first few years of its life, the principal activity of the CIO will be pro-actively to seek out, and provide financial support by way of investment in, social enterprises whose missions are aligned with those of the CIO. Potential recipients will be evaluated against the criteria of: fit with the CIO's objectives; the credibility of their plans to fulfil their mission and the prospects of their using the social capital provided to develop themselves into self-sustaining ventures.

Finding and evaluating these projects is undertaken by Ian Nolan, who makes recommendations to the Trustees.

The nature of the projects supported means that the CIO may find itself providing investment alongside other "impact investment" organisations. "Impact Investing" refers to "investments made into companies, organizations, and funds with the intention to generate social and environmental impact alongside a financial return" - ref. Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN).

Our ambition, as Trustees, is to achieve both the "impact" return on our investments, as well as to sustain, or grow, our financial capital. If we are successful in this regard, then these resources will become available again for future deployment and further impact, alongside any future donations received.

In the medium to longer term, it is the expectation of the Trustees that the activities of the CIO will evolve, and move to the disbursement of its then remaining capital by means of grants. This will seek to achieve the same charitable objectives, but will involve the disposition of all of the CIO's then resources, and therefore be followed by its winding-up.

Achievements and performance

As foreshadowed in last year's accounts, during the year one of our social enterprises, Pula (<https://www.pula-advisors.com>), successfully closed a \$6m funding round to support its future growth. The CIO had made two earlier disbursements to Pula in 2018 and 2019, totalling \$103,120 (£77,535) as part of Pula's earlier, \$3m seed funding round.

In addition, the incoming shareholders (including TLCom Capital LLP, through their TIDE Africa Fund, and WWB Capital Partners LP) offered to purchase existing shares from their current holders.

This opportunity to sell shares was offered at a 12.5% discount to the valuation of the \$6m primary round. This presented the Trustees with the opportunity to sell a proportion of its holding in Pula, realising cash resources which could be used to make further, new investments, and thereby diversify the CIO's portfolio.

Given the attractive valuation on offer, the Trustees decided to realise half of the CIO's holding for £55,113 and this transaction completed in October 2020. The carrying value of the CIO's investment in Pula as at the balance sheet date of 31 May 2021 was £57,633.

Pula's activities were briefly profiled in last year's accounts, and are explained in more detail on <https://www.pula-advisors.com/about/>. In addition, a summary by the CEO of progress in 2021 is set out below:



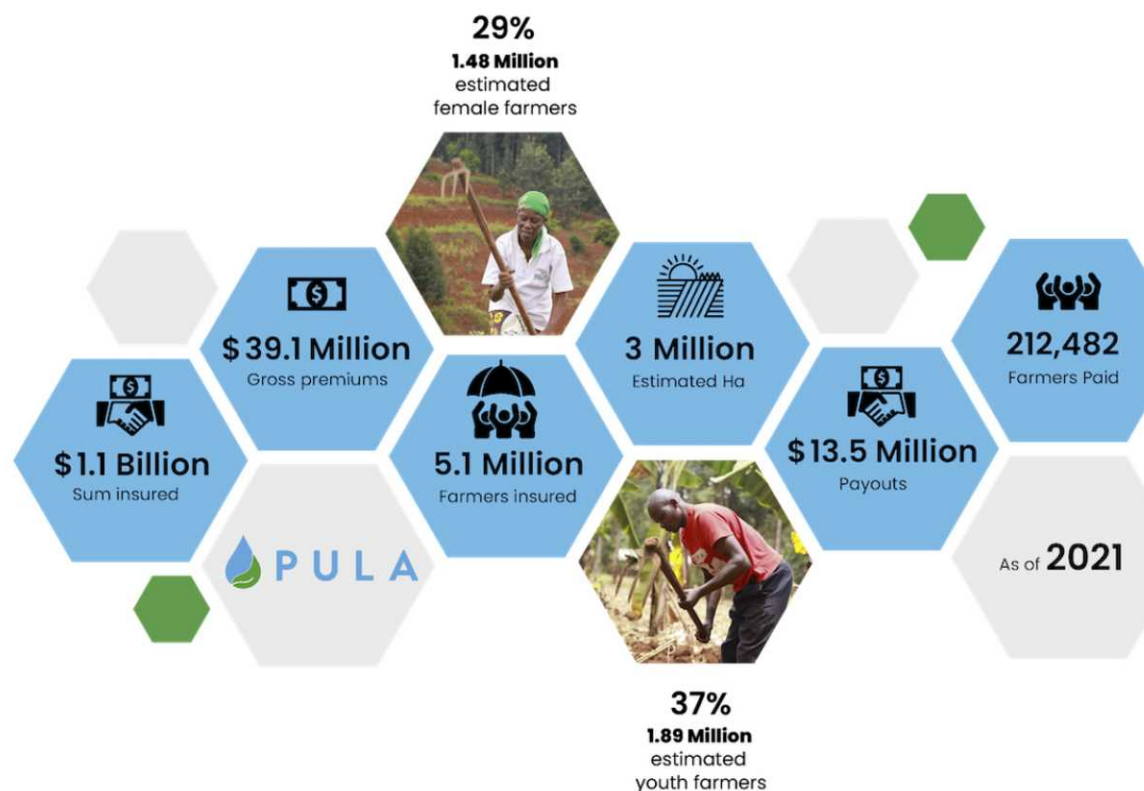
2021 has been a year of milestones. Our company began its evolution towards becoming a global business. We expanded into new markets - particularly in Asia, while our total sum insured surpassed \$1 billion.

In Asia, despite the lack of a physical presence, we have been able to assess yields through crop-cutting experiments in the Philippines. Our commitment to using digital solutions allows us to track progress remotely. In Pakistan, we have launched a crop insurance product in partnership with two banks and the country's agricultural coalition.

Capacity building is core to our work. With support from governments and development partners, we run targeted stakeholder workshops. In October 2021 alone, we hosted partners from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe. These sessions aim to improve stakeholders' understanding of our products and services, and agricultural insurance in general.

Our partnership approach has been effective in funding our work so far. Many of our programmes require premium subsidies for smallholder farmers. However, few governments in emerging economies offer such support. While this does not stop market entry, a lack of government support can limit growth.

To overcome this, we now focus on raising both premium subsidies from development agencies and repayable grants from private foundations. For development partners in particular, premium subsidies can achieve significant impact by improving smallholder farmers' resilience to climate shocks.



The Trustees made a further disbursement during the year, to Recoolit:

<https://www.recoolit.com/about>

Recoolit is an ambitious, start-up social enterprise seeking to mitigate the environmental damage which arises from the escape of CFC's from used refrigerants, and has launched its activities in Indonesia, where a large volume of such refrigerants are currently uncollected and treated.

To the date of writing, Recoolit has collected 993 CO2-e tonnes of refrigerant, preventing it from reaching the atmosphere. It has also sold its first offsets at \$75/ton, and is onboarding with Patch, a well-reputed marketplace for corporate buyers. The team has grown to 6 in Jakarta and is growing its logistics capacity both in-house and through partnerships – equipment procurement and rentals, warehouse space, transportation, and more.

Recoolit remains a very young business, tackling a difficult problem, but the Trustees are encouraged by its early progress.

Financial review

The CIO's assets, net of liabilities, stand at £104,005. This reflects the value of the investments in Pula and Recoolit, plus cash of £20,618 minus our accounting cost provisions.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when making investments and generally in pursuing the objectives of the charity in the period. These objectives will continue to be pursued in the coming period.

Investment Policy and Performance

The investment policy of the charity is primarily to preserve the capital of the charity, while carrying out investment in social enterprises as explained above, and with a view to long-term income and capital growth. The investments held will continue to be monitored against the policy of the charity

Achievements and Performance

The trustees are glad that they have been able to contribute to the launch and growth of Pula, which is making a real social contribution in helping farmers in emerging markets to manage the climate risks which they face. They are also encouraged by the early progress of Recoolit.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are maintained at the discretion of the Trustees. They aim to maintain reserves at a level to provide sufficient funds to respond to further applications for social investment, and to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet support and governance costs.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They consider that the principal risk is investment risk, which they minimise by a careful evaluation of all possible investments, and subsequent monitoring. They believe that systems are in place to meet such other risks as they have identified.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Ian Nolan
Trustee
3rd March 2022

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE
PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
THE ABINGER GREEN CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

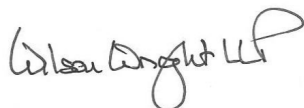
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Abinger Green CIO for the year ended 31 May 2021 set out on pages 10 to 12 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees of The Abinger Green CIO, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our current engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Abinger Green CIO and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Trustees of The Abinger Green CIO, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Abinger Green CIO and its Board of Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Abinger Green CIO has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare financial statements that comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. You consider that the Abinger Green CIO is exempt from both the statutory audit requirement and the requirement for an Independent Examination for the year ended 31 May 2021.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of the The Abinger Green CIO. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



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Date: 15th March 2022

The Abinger Green CIO

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year 1st June 2020 to 31 May 2021

		Total & Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total & Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
Receipts			
	Interest income	1	7
	Advances received	-	3,904
		1	3,911
Asset and investment sales			
	Income from the sale of social investments	51,715	
Total receipts		51,716	3,911
Payments			
	Accounting fees	(2,568)	(2,544)
	Bank charges	(101)	(66)
		(2,669)	(2,610)
Asset and investment purchases			
	Social investment assets	(30,143)	-
Total payments		(32,812)	(2,610)
Net receipts		18,904	1,301
Cash at 1 June 2020		1,714	413
Cash at 31 May 2021		20,618	1,714

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Statement of assets & liabilities at 31 May 2021

Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the period

Assets		£
Cash funds	bank deposits	20,618
Investment assets	social investments	85,787
Liabilities		
	provision for accounting fees	(2,400)
Total		104,005

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



I M Nolan

3rd March 2022

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Notes to the financial statements

Note 1: Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and include a statement of assets and liabilities at 31 May 2021.

Note2: Transactions with related parties

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any Trustee or related party.

Note 3: Investment assets

Investment assets are carried at the Trustees' assessment of market valuation.