# **ETHICAL INVESTMENT CODE**

#### **ETHIAS SA**

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#### 1. Introduction

The Ethias Group (see definition in point 3) develops an ongoing dynamic policy of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in all its businesses, respecting the values that inspire the group: Ethics, Humanism, Commitment and Proximity. In its societal approach, Ethias promotes the following principles:

- priority to people and work over of capital;
- service to the members or the community rather than profitseeking;
- democratic decision-making and self-management.

Therefore the Ethias Group considers it useful and necessary to provide an accurate, ethical and transparent approach in the management of its financial transactions.

# 2. Commitments

The Asset Management Direction of Ethias SA commits itself to make all financial officers respect, in all direct investments executed on one's account or on account of the Group, the prohibition to invest in government bonds of the countries mentioned in the attached list as well as in shares and corporate bonds mentioned in the attached list of enterprises. Besides, all counterparties and intermediaries of the Asset Management Department will be requested to take note of the following principles which constitute this Ethical Investment Code.

The Ethical Investment Code is updated annually. The selection of the securities mentioned in the lists was operated and validated by the Ethical Investment Committee of Ethias. This Committee is composed of the CFO, the Head of Corporate Office, the manager and assistant manager in charge of the working group on CSR (internal and transversal committee), the financial representative within this working group on CSR and a legal expert. This Ethical Investment Code is sent to to the Executive Committee of Ethias SA for approval and then to the Ethics Committee (internal national body jointly composed of representatives of the employees and of the management) for examination and advice.

The Ethical Investment Committee strives for best practices in terms of ethical and sustainable development, with a permanent learning commitment and the will to progressively broaden the application field. Proof lies in the integration of ecological, social and governance criteria (ESG) when establishing our lists of prohibited investments. Moreover, since 2017, we exclude coal from our investments because this is the fossil fuel that contributes the most to global warming.

# 3. Scope of our ethical management

The scope of our ethical management applies to the Ethias Group, consisting of Ethias SA, Vitrufin SA, Ethias Droit Commun AAM (Ethias Droit Commun AAM which will become EthiasCo SCRL at the end of December 2017, subject to the approval of the General Assembly) as well as the associated entities, in any manner, provided that the latter have entrusted the financial management of their assets to Ethias SA. It is specified that the scope of our ethical management also applies to the entities associated through a management mandate within the framework of the direct investments.

The investments in external funds which are not managed by Ethias SA are not subject to this code (Ethias cannot impose this code).

# 4. Analysis of the cover

The table below mentions per asset class whether it is included or not in the scope of the criteria mentioned in this document.

Class		
I. Land and buildings	Beyond the perimeter because of their nature	
II.1 Associated enterprises	Within the perimeter: respected in first line	
'	(level issuer/counterparty)	
II.2 Other enterprises with participating interest	Within the perimeter: respected in first line (level issuer/counterparty)	
III.1 Shares, participations and other variable yield	Within the perimeter when it concerns direct	
securities	investments and beyond the perimeter when it	
Direct	concerns indirect investments (funds) which	
Indirect (funds)	are not managed by Ethias (we cannot impose our code to other investors)	
III.2 Bonds and other fixed income securities	i '	
Corporate - direct	Within the perimeter when it concerns direct	
Corporate - indirect (funds)	investments and beyond the perimeter when it	
Governments	concerns indirect investments (funds) which	
Covered	are not managed by Ethias (we cannot impose our code to other investors)	
Other bonds	Tour code to other investors)	
III.3 Mortgage loans and mortgage credits	Beyond the perimeter because of their nature	
III. 4 Other loans	Within the perimeter	
III.5 Deposits with credit institutions	Within the perimeter: respected on the	
	counterparty level (excluding collateral	
	management)	
III.6 Others (derivatives)	Within the perimeter: respected on the level of	
	the underlying element (for derivatives)	
IV. Deposits with ceding enterprises	Beyond the perimeter because of their nature	

# 5. Criteria of our ethical management

Two types of criteria are applicable within the framework of our ethical management: one for shares and corporate bonds and the other one for government bonds.

# 5.1 Shares and corporate bonds

Ethias SA has asked Vigeo Eiris Rating (http://www.vigeo-eiris.com) to establish a list of enterprises which are not in line with the 10 principles of the Global Compact of the United Nations regarding the environment human rights, the right to work, and fight against corruption (https://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/TheTenPrinciples/index.html) which and/or involved in controversial armament and/or which are involved in coal (as defined in point 5.1.1.5.). These excluding conditions were transposed in screening criteria of Vigeo Eiris and this throughout their entire universe.

# 5.1.1. Ethical principles which are respected

In accordance with the values of Ethics and Humanism promoted by the Ethias Group, no direct investment can be done, to be socially responsible, in enterprises which, for the criteria identified in the points 5.1.1.1., 5.1.1.2. and 5.1.1.3 below

- are confronted with frequent and severe controversies for the analysis period<sup>1</sup> and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>. Vigeo Eiris' database covers any controversy with minor or significant severity during 24 months after the last event identified and during 48 months for controversies with high or critical severity.

 do not report transparently about these controversies and/or the implemented corrective measures.

Furthermore, all investments in controversial armament (point 5.1.1.4.) as well as in coal (point 5.1.1.5.) are prohibited.

# 5.1.1.1. Human rights and right to work

Respect of the fundamental rights within the company (as a whole, in other words on and outside of the workplace) and prevention of the violation of these rights

- respect of the private life
- respect of the right to security and the safety of people
- respect of the right to property
- prevention of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatments
- prevention of situations or acts of complicity regarding to the violation of the human rights

# Respect of the trade union freedom and of the right to collective bargaining

- the right of employees to found trade union organisations and the right to join them
- free exercise of trade union rights
- the right to join trade union associations, local, regional or international federations and confederations
- respect of the right to strike
- facilities granted for the exercise of trade union rights
- protection against interference or anti-union discrimination
- respect of the right to collective bargaining
- promotion of the right to collective bargaining, especially the information given to the representatives of the employees

Non-discrimination on the workplace (regarding the work conditions, professional training, promotion, remuneration and other profits)

The identified main grounds of discrimination are:

- Gender
- Nationality, ethnic origin, race
- Religion
- Social origin
- Political opinion
- Age
- Medical condition
- Handicap
- Sexual orientation
- Family responsibility

### Elimination of the prohibited labour practices

Abolition of child labour and/or abolition of forced labour.

# Commitments in favour of the economic and social development of the settlement area

The engagement of the enterprise to contribute in a sustainable way to the economic and social progress of the host areas through the optimisation of the local economic benefits linked to the activity of the enterprise: local investments, policy regarding the promotion of local employment, transfer of technologies and competences and taking into account the impact of the restructuring on the local labour market. This criterion is particularly relevant for the analysis of the behaviour of enterprises with great influence on the local labour market.

# The integration of social factors in the supply chain

The integration by the enterprise of social standards in its purchasing process (suppliers and subcontractors) which are particularly related to:

- the freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining
- the abolition of child labour

- the abolition of forced labour.
- non-discrimination
- hygiene and security
- decency of wages
- working hours
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#### 5.1.1.2. Environment

- Taking into account the risks of accidental pollution and soil pollution imputable to the enterprise
- Prevention of the risks of damage to biodiversity and the way enterprises manage animal tests
- Control of the impact on water: reduction in water use and measures implemented by the enterprise to improve, to reduce and to treat draining (if relevant)
- Control and improvement of waste management: reduction, management, valorisation...
- Integration of ecologic factors in the supply chain related to the production and distribution of the products or services by the suppliers and subcontractors concerned. The integration of ecologic factors in the purchasing process covers the whole of the business relation with the suppliers and the subcontractors.

# 5.1.1.3. Anti-corruption

Prevention of all forms of corruption and conflicts of interest.

Are prohibited:

- Bribes,
- Gifts and invitations,
- Extortion.
- Fraud,
- Misappropriation,
- Money laundering,
- Conflicts of interest,
- Illegal financing of political parties (in accordance with the national regulations).

The reference texts for all these criteria come from standards, conventions and treaties issued by organisations such as the ILO, the UN, the OECD, the EU, the WTO or UNESCO. These references are internationally recognized.

# 5.1.1.4. Controversial armament

It concerns the identification of the enterprises (as well as their subsidiaries/joint venture) which are involved in the production or sales of controversial weapons or their key components. The types of controversial weapons covererd are forbidden or controlled by international treaties, such as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention or the Convention on Cluster Munitions, or are otherwise subject to stakeholder criticisms and campains (depleted uranium and white phosphorus weapons). The conctroversial weapons covered are :

- Anti-personnel mines
- Cluster Munitions
- Weapons of Mass destruction :
  - Nuclear weapons
  - Chemical weapons
  - Biological weapons
- Non-detectable fragments weapons
- Incendiary weapons,
- Blinding laser weapons
- Depleted uranium weapons
- White phosphorus weapons

#### 5.1.1.5. Coal

It concerns the identification of enterprises which are involved in the extraction of qualities of coals collectively termed thermal coal – or 'steam' or 'energy' coal – because they are mainly used as fuel for power generation. These coals include lignite and sub-bituminous coals. Metallurgical coals used in the production of steel, such as hard coal or anthracite, are not covered. Harder quality grades of coals are included only in those cases in which it is clear that they are being supplied as thermal coals, i.e. for power generation and not steel-making or other uses. Ethias will exclude from investment those companies deriving 5 % or more of their revenues from thermal coal.

# 5.2. Government bonds

For the black list of countries we maintain two concepts:

- the fiscally advantageous countries
- the less quoted countries based on the environmental, social and governance dimensions as defined by Vigeo Eiris.

# 5.2.1. Fiscally advantageous countries

All the countries on the list of "**fiscally advantageous countries**" as referred to in the Income Tax Code 1992<sup>2</sup> are prohibited. When a country is withdrawn from the list, it will not automatically be added to the list of authorized countries. A demand must be submitted to the Strategic Investment Committee in accordance with the investment policy of Ethias SA.

5.2.2. Countries that are the least respectful of international standards in terms of human rights, workers' rights and environmental protection

The objective is to not invest in those countries that are the least respectful of internationally recognised Human Rights, Workers' Rights and Environmental Conventions.

Of the 176 countries included in Vigeo Eiris' "Sovereign Sustainability Rating", the last quartile of the worst performing countries as to the following analysis criteria is excluded:

## In terms of the Environmental dimension:

- Participation in international environmental conventions (such as the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement, the Cartagena Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity,...)
- Mitigation of and adaptation to Climate Change
- Reduction of Air Emissions
- Protection of water ressources
- Protection of Biodiversity
- Transition to green growth

# In terms of the Social dimension:

- Promotion of social protection (poverty, social inequality and unemployment)
- Promotion of education (public education expenditure, level of primary and secondary school education, literacy rate)
- Promotion of public health (child and maternal mortality rate, nutrition, access to water, HIV, malaria and tuberculosis rates)
- Promotion of gender equality
- Infrastructure management
- Participation in international solidarity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: chapter III of the RD/TIC92, article 179 - list of States without taxation or with a very low taxation as referred to in article 307, § 1, section 5, b of the Tax Income Code 1992.

- Level of population's safety and security (crime rates and participation in controversial weapons conventions)

# In terms of Governance dimension:

- The respect, promotion and protection of civil rights through the participation in International Human Right Conventions, International Conventions on labour rights (such as the ILO core conventions) and International Conventions on the prevention of discrimination
- The promotion of democracy and stability (indicators related to political freedom and stability, control of corruption, independence of justice, market regulation and press freedom)

# 6. Desinvestment criteria

If, when updating the Ethical Investment Code, new names appear which are held in the portfolio, the following policy will be applied:

- the shares may be held as long as the stock market price is below the acquisition price
- the bonds may be held to maturity in order to fulfil their obligations in terms of yield and asset/liability management ("ALM").

However, the acquisition of new positions of the security involved is strictly forbidden.

Taking into account the dispositions mentioned in the points 5.1.1.1., 5.1.1.2., 5.1.1.3., 5.1.1.4., 5.1.1.5. for the enterprises and the points 5.2.1, 5.2.2. for the countries, the two lists attached constitute the <u>list of direct investments which are prohibited</u> for Ethias SA.

This list will apply from 1 January 2018 and can be revised at any time by Ethias SA.

List of the forbidden direct investments

Attachment to the Ethical Investment Code Ethias SA

# **Black List Enterprises**

ISIN code	Name of the Enterprise
US0028241000	Abbott Laboratories
ID1000111305	Adaro Energy
US00766T1007	AECOM
US0078001056	Aerojet Rocketdyne
ROAROBACNOR1	Aeroteh
CNE100000Q43	Agricultural Bank of China
NL0000235190	Airbus
GB00B1XZS820	Anglo American (UK)
ZAE000043485	AngloGold Ashanti
	Arab Organization for Industrialization
US0393804077	Arch Coal
IL0005870147	Aryt Industries Ltd
TRAASELS91H2	Aselsan Elektronik Sanayi Ve Ticaret
ID1000122807	Astra International
	Aviation Industry Corporation of China
GB0009697037	Avibras Industria Aerospacial SA Babcock International Group PLC
GB0009097037 GB0002634946	BAE Systems
IT0005218752	Banca Monte Dei Paschi Di Siena
ES0113900J37	Banco Santander
TH0148010R15	Banpu Public Co Ltd
	Bechtel
INE258A01016	Bharat Earth Movers Limited
INE263A01024	Bharat Electronics Limited
AU000000BHP4	BHP Billiton (Australia)
GB0000566504	BHP Billiton (UK)
DE0005190037	BMW
US0970231058	Boeing
GB0007980591	BP BNAY TECHNOLOGIES
US05605H1005	BWX TECHNOLOGIES
US12541KAD81 US8085131055	CH2M Hill Charles Schwab Corp.
US1651671075	Chesapeake Energy Corp.
US1667641005	Chevron Corporation
CND100006HP7	China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation
CNE100000528	China Coal Energy Co. Ltd.
	China National Precision Machinery Import and Export Corporation
CND100003805	China North Industries (Norinco)
CNE1000002Q2	China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec)
	China Poly Corp Group
HK0836012952	China Resources Power Holdings Co. Ltd.
CNE1000002R0	China Shenhua Energy Co. Ltd.
	China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation
XS0181673798	City of Rome
KYG2352X1262	CNNC International Limited
INE522F01014	Coal India Ltd.
1100000004045	Concer Phillips
US20825C1045 US20854P1093	ConocoPhillips Consol Energy Inc.
FR0000053399	Constructions Industrielles de la Méditerranée
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CH0012138530	Credit Suisse Group
DE0007100000	Daimler
FR0000121725	Dassault Aviation
	Day & Zimmerman
DE0005140008	Deutsche Bank
US25179M1036	Devon Energy
PHY2088F1004	DMCI Holdings Inc.
	DMD Group
KR7000150003	Doosan Corporation
US2641471097	DUCOMMUN INC
IL0010811243	Elbit System Ltd.
US29286C1071	Engility Holdings
IT0003132476	ENI
ZAE000084992	Exxaro Resources Ltd.
US30231G1022	Exxon Mobil
US30303M1027	Facebook
US3434121022	Fluor
US3453708600	Ford Motor Co.
US3695501086	General Dynamics
XS0223792085	GENERALITAT DE VALENCIA
CNE1000006R1	Guangdong Orient Zirconic
KR700088K015	Hanwha Group
KR7012450003	Hanwha Techwin
US4138751056	Harris
	Heliopolis Company for Chemical Industries
US4385161066	Honeywell International
US4464131063	Huntington Ingalls Industries
GB00BZ02MH16	Icap PLC (Nex Group)
	IMI Systems Itd
	Indian Ordnance Factories
ID1000108509	Indo Tambangraya Megah
CNE000000SK7	Inner Mongolia Yitai Coal Co. Ltd.
IL0011275471	Israel Aerospace Industries
IL0002810146	Israel Chemicals
US4698141078	Jacobs Engineering Group
ES0000090581	JUNTA DE ANDALUCIA
US4835481031	Kaman
US5024131071	L3 Technologies
INE018A01030	Larsen & Toubro
US5253271028	Leidos Holdings
IT0003856405	Leonardo
US5398301094	Lockheed Martin
KR7023530009	Lotte Shopping
	Makina ve Kimya Endustrisi Kurumu (MKEK)
US5801351017	McDonald's
JP3902900004	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.
US6153942023	Moog
US6174464486	Morgan Stanley
RU0006763570	Motovilikha Plants JSC/Motovilikhinskiye Zavody
DE000A0D9PT0	MTU Aero Engines
	Myanmar Defence Products Industries
US6295791031	Nacco Industries
AU000000NHC7	Now Hone Corneration
	New Hope Corporation
JP3762600009	Nomura Holdings Inc.

US6668071029 Northrop Grumman US68557N1037 Orbital ATK Ordtech Military Industries US7045511000 Peabody Energy Corp. US69331C1080 PG & E PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna S.A. PLPGER000010 US7185461040 Phillips 66 KR6103141265 Poongsan DE000PAH0038 Porsche Automobil Holding **Premier Explosives** INE863B01011 Prosegur Compañía de Seguridad ES0175438003 US7551115071 Raytheon **REGION OF UMBRIA** XS0305278797 DE0007030009 Rheinmetall GB0007188757 Rio Tinto AU000000RIO1 Rio Tinto (Australia) Roketsan GB00B63H8491 Rolls-Royce Holdings Rostec GB00B03MM408 Royal Dutch Shell DE0007037129 **RWE AG** KR7003570009 **S&T Dynamics** S&T Holdings Co Ltd KR7036530004 FR0000073272 Safran ZAE000006896 Sasol Ltd. GB0007973794 Serco Group plc Shahid Bagheri Industries Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. SG1F60858221 AU00000S320 South32 SPLAV State Research and Production Enterprise ZAE000109815 Standard Bank Group Ltd. Tata Power Co. Ltd. INE245A01021 Tauron Polska Energia S.A. PLTAURN00011 Technopol International Temasek Holding XS0695144567 US8832031012 Textron FR0000121329 Thales TransAlta Corporation CA89346D1078 Union of Military Industries IT0003487029 Unione di Banche Italiane United Technologies US9130171096 ID1000058407 **United Tractors** Vale SA BRVALEACNOR0 DE0007664039 Volkswagen Walchandnagar Industries Limited INE711A01022 Washington H. Soul Pattinson AU00000SOL3

Whitehaven Coal

Yugoimport SDPR

Yanzhou Coal Mining Co. Ltd.

AU000000WHC8

CNE1000004Q8

# **Black List Countries**

Abu Dhabi

Afghanistan

Ajman

Anguilla

Bahamas

Bahrein

Bangladesh

Bermuda

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Central African Republic

Chad

China

Comoros

Djibouti

Dubai

**Equatorial Guinea** 

Eritrea

Federated States of Micronesia

Fujairah

Gambia

Guernesey

Guinea-Bissau

Haiti

India

Iraq

Iran. Islamic Rep of

Isle of Man

Jersey

Korea. Dem People's Rep

Kuwait

Lebanon

Liberia

Libian Arab Jamahiriya

Madagascar

Malaysia

Marshall Islands

Mauritania

Monaco

Montenegro

Myanmar (Birma)

Nauru

Oman

Pakistan

Palau

Papua New Guinea

Pitcairn Islands

Qatar

Ras al Khaimah

Saint Barthelemy

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Samoa (Western)

Saudi Arabia

Sharjah

Solomon Islands

Somalia

South Sudan Sudan

Swaziland

Tonga
Turkmenistan
Turks and Caicos Islands
Uganda
Umm al Qaiwain
United Arab Emirates

United Arab Emirates

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Wallis and Futuna

Yemen