

NON-PROFIT JOINT STOCK COMPANY " AL-FARABI KAZAKH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY "

Policy on Divestment from Carbon-Intensive Energy Industries

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Introduction

In the context of global challenges related to climate change and sustainable development, the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University recognizes its responsibility as a leading educational and scientific institution. We strive to actively promote environmental safety and minimize the negative impact on the environment while implementing educational and research initiatives aimed at sustainable development.

Objectives and Tasks of the Policy

The primary objective of this policy is to reduce the carbon footprint of the university through the gradual divestment of both direct and indirect investments of Kazakhstani companies from carbon-intensive sectors, primarily coal and oil, and to redirect investments toward renewable energy sources.

Although the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University is a non-profit joint stock company and cannot make direct investments in the Kazakh economy, the university can influence factors that contribute to reducing investments in carbon-intensive industries by actively engaging in the following areas:

1. Research Activities

The university will actively involve research teams in studies aimed at exploring alternative, more environmentally friendly energy sources. This includes the development of technologies to reduce carbon emissions and the implementation of innovative solutions to enhance energy efficiency. Within this framework, scientific conferences, seminars, and exhibitions dedicated to sustainable energy technologies will be organized.

2. Investment Strategy

Al-Farabi Kazakh National University will revise its strategy for interaction with the business sector by excluding from its services companies whose main activities involve coal and oil extraction and processing. Instead, preference will be

given to companies working in the field of renewable energy and sustainable development, as well as environmentally friendly technologies. The university will also work on developing joint projects with such companies.

3. Educational Component

To prepare students for work in the green economy sector, courses on sustainable development, renewable energy, and ecological entrepreneurship will be included in the curricula. Additionally, training for teachers and professional development will be organized to ensure high-quality preparation of specialists ready to tackle the challenges of sustainable development.

4. Partnership and Cooperation

Al-Farabi Kazakh National University will actively seek cooperation with governmental organizations, the private sector, and international institutions to promote research and implement projects in the field of sustainable energy. This will allow for the consolidation of efforts in scientific developments and the introduction of innovations, as well as attracting additional resources for environmental initiatives.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

The university will regularly monitor progress in implementing this policy and publicly report on the results achieved. Indicators and metrics will be developed to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities conducted and opportunities for further improvement. Reports will be made available to the public and stakeholders, ensuring transparency and accountability in the university's actions.