



WWF-SA AND SIX CAPITALS ESG ADVISORY ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC COLLABORATION TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) GUIDANCE & TOOLS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT INDUSTRY

WWF-SA (through its Sustainable Investment Solutions function) and Six Capitals ESG Advisory (a division of Alternative Prosperity Advisory and Products) are delighted to announce the establishment of a strategic partnership which supports the integration of the “E” (Environmental) in ESG. This partnership will provide vital assistance to South African investment industry stakeholders in assessing environmental risks and transitioning towards long-term environmental sustainability.

This initiative will see WWF-SA and Six Capitals ESG Advisory jointly develop Environmental metrics, standards, advice, reporting and investment solutions that support the South African investment industry in the transition towards an improved model of environmental stewardship.

Hendrik Pfaff, Head of Sustainable Investment Solutions, WWF-SA had the following to say about this exciting partnership: *“The remarkable rise and momentum of ESG relevance is structurally impacting the mainstream investment management industry globally. Trustees and investors will increasingly allocate assets towards strategies and fund managers that understand and integrate environmental, social and governance into processes – this Partnership comes with a combined capacity of expertise that will add value to various stakeholders and specifically elevate the “Environmental” in E(SG)”.*

Adrian Bertrand, CEO of Six Capitals ESG Advisory: *“We are thrilled at the opportunity to partner with WWF-SA to support South African investors develop investment processes that comprehensively integrate environmental factors into their investment decision-making and ownership practices. WWF has significant science-based environmental expertise and knowledge – given both its local and international networks of environmental scientists - which will be invaluable for jointly developing ESG guidance and tools for the South African investment industry.”*

WWF-SA and Six Capitals ESG Advisory have recently begun work on the first such collaboration project, with funding received from a leading financial institution, to provide technical ESG research support to South African Organised Labour (COSATU, FEDUSA and NACTU). This collaboration project is aimed at developing a sustainable active ownership model for labour affiliated retirement funds by training labour trustees on the importance of ESG and active ownership.

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