AN ANALYSIS INTO THE FACTORS AFFECTING MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OF MANUFACTURING FIRMS IN KENYA

(A Case study of Bamburi Cement Company Ltd)

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ABSTRACT

This study will be undertaken to investigate the factors affecting materials management of manufacturing firms in Kenya with specific reference to the Bamburi Cement Company. Chapter one provides an overview of the background that would enable an in depth analysis of the study phenomena. It highlights the main objectives that further interrogate the underlying assumptions with a view to addressing the gaps.

The specific objectives of the study are; to find out the effect of Distribution on materials management of Bamburi Cement Company, to investigate the effect of Quality Control on materials management of Bamburi Cement Company and finally to find out the effect of Supplier’s Management of Bamburi Cement Company.

Chapter two presents the literature review relevant to the topic. This literature is presented under the following topics; Distribution, Quality control and Supplier’s Management. It also contains the review of theoretical literature, review of critical literature and gaps to be filled and a summary of the chapter.

In chapter three, the researcher describes the procedures that will be followed in conducting the study. It discusses the variables, the study area, target population, sampling techniques and how the researcher will derive the sample, research instruments, data analysis methods as well as data collection procedures that will be used by the researcher, research design and instrument validity.