Equal Opportunities Policy

The group will recruit, train and develop employees who meet the requirements of the job role regardless of gender, ethnic origin, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or disability. The policy recognises that people with disabilities can often be denied a fair chance at work because of misconceptions about their capabilities and seeks to enhance the opportunities available by attempting, wherever possible, to overcome obstacles, such as the need to modify equipment, restructure jobs or to improve access to premises, provided such action does not compromise health and safety standards. Similarly, employees who become disabled during their employment will be offered employment opportunities consistent with their capabilities. We value the diversity of our people as a core component of a sustainable business and employment applications are welcomed, and encouraged, from all sections of the community including minority groups.

Training and Development of People

Policy Objectives:

- Ensure highest standards in the recruitment of employees.
- Assess training needs in the light of job requirements.
- Ensure relevance of training and link with business goals.
- Employ and evaluate effective and efficient training methods.
- Promote from within, from high potential pools of talent.
- Understand employees’ aspirations.
- Provide development opportunities to meet employees’ potential and aspirations.

The Management Development and Remuneration Committee of the board takes a special interest in ensuring compliance with the Training and Development of People Policy.