

# PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION (PAIA) MANUAL:

## PREPARED IN TERMS OF SECTION 51 OF THE PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2 OF 2000

#### This manual applies to:

African Sales Company (Pty) Limited – registration number 1937/009530/07

African Sales Retail (Pty) Limited – registration number 2017/128912/07

African Sales Company – SSA – registration number 2008/023321/07

Vendome (Pty) Limited – registration number 1944/017306/07

Vendome Retail (Pty) Limited – registration number 2017/377281/07

Velvet Luxe (Pty) Limited – registration number 2016/235709/07

Morgan Creek Properties 55 (Pty) Limited – registration number 1999/001557/07

(Hereinafter referred to as The African Sales Group)

Registered Office Address: 225 2nd Street, Corner 16th Road, Halfway House, Midrand, 1685



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#### 1. Introduction

The African Sales Group is committed to the observance of and compliance with the directives of the South African Constitution and national legislation which endorse the key principles of good corporate governance, transparency, and accountability.

The Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 (PAIA) gives effect to carry out section 32 of the South African Constitution, which focuses on the right to access information i.e., everyone has the right of access to information held by the state or a private body to enforce a culture of transparency and accountability.

Section 51 of PAIA obliges private bodies (including The African Sales Group) to compile a manual to enable a person to obtain access to information held by such private body and stipulates the minimum requirements that the manual must comply with.

This manual constitutes The African Sales Group's PAIA manual. This manual is compiled in accordance with section 51 of PAIA as amended by the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPIA). POPIA promotes the protection of personal information processed by public and private bodies, including certain conditions to establish minimum requirements for the processing of personal information. POPIA amends certain provisions of PAIA, balancing the need for access to information against the need to ensure the protection of personal information. This PAIA manual also includes information on the submission of objections to the processing of personal information and requests to delete or destroy personal information or records thereof in terms of POPIA.

## 2. Availability of the Manual

This manual will be updated as required or when the relevant legislation changes. The latest copy of this manual is available on the public facing websites of the company and its subsidiaries and affiliates,

https://www.africansalescompany.co.za/paiamanual,

https://www.skins.co.za/paiamanual

www.africansalescompany.co.za

www.velvetluxe.co.za

www.africansalesfragrancesale.co.za

www.jiffysteamer.co.za



#### www.blackupcosmetics.co.za

## 3. Request for Access to Records

All requests for access to records in terms of PAIA must be in writing and must be addressed to:

#### **The Information Officer**

225 2nd Street

Corner 16th Road

Halfway House

Midrand

1685

Email: InformationOfficer@asco.co.za

## 4. Guide of the South African Human Rights Commission

The South African Human Rights Commission ("SAHRC") is mandated under PAIA to promote the right of access to information, monitor the implementation of PAIA, make recommendations to strengthen PAIA and to report annually to Parliament.

The SAHRC has compiled a guide that contains information which would be reasonably required of any person wishing to exercise any rights set out in the Act. The guide is available in all the counties' official languages and can be viewed atwww.sahrc.org.za.

Any enquiries regarding the above guide and its contents should be directed to:

#### The South African Human Rights Commission

PAIA Unit (the Research and Documentation Department)

Postal address: Private Bag 2700, Houghton, 2041

Telephone: +27 11 484-8300

Fax: +27 11 484-7146



Website: www.sahrc.org.za

Email: PAIA@sahrc.org.za

## 5. Information Regulator

Any queries where you believe The African Sales Group has not adequately dealt with your request, or to lodge a complaint should be directed to:

#### The Information Regulator (South Africa)

33 Hoofd Street

Forum III.

3rd Floor Braampark

Braamfontein,

**Johannesburg** 

Website: www.justice.gov.za

Email: inforeg@justice.gov.za

## 6. Categories of Requestors

The capacity under which a Requestor makes a request for records defines the category in which the Requestor will fall into. There are four categories of Requestors:

- a) A Data Subject who makes requests about themselves.
- b) A Representative who makes a request on behalf of the Data Subject(s).
- c) A Third Party who requests information about a Data Subject; or
- d) A Public Body who requests information in public interest.

## 7. Categories of Records held by The African Sales Group

This manual sets out a description of the subjects on which The African Sales Group holds records, and categories of records held on each subject (refer to Appendix A). These include operational records



utilised in the day to day running and administration of the business. Access to the listed records /information per Appendix A does not guarantee access requests will be approved / granted.

## 8. Automatically available information

Information that is obtainable via the websites about The African Sales Group is automatically available and need not be formally requested in terms of this manual.

The following categories of records are automatically available for inspection, purchase, or photocopying:

- a) Brochures
- b) Press releases
- c) Publication
- d) Various other marketing and promotional material

## 9. Request Process

POPIA provides that a data subject may, upon proof of identity, request The African Sales Group to confirm, free of charge, all the information it holds about the data subject and may request access to such information, including information about the identity of third parties who have or have had access to such information. POPIA provides that a data subject may object, at any time, to the processing of personal information by The African Sales Group, on reasonable grounds relating to his/her situation, unless legislation provides for such processing.

A data subject may also request The African Sales Group to correct or delete personal information about the data subject in its possession or under its control that is inaccurate, irrelevant, excessive, out of date, incomplete, misleading, or obtained unlawfully; or destroy or delete a record of personal information about the data subject that The African Sales Group is no longer authorised to retain in terms of POPIA's retention and restriction of records provisions.

If a data subject that wishes to:

- object to the processing of their personal information must complete the form attached hereto as Appendix B and,
- request a correction or deletion of personal information or the destruction or deletion of a record of personal information must complete the form attached hereto as Appendix C and submit it to the Information Officer.



The purpose of this section is to provide directive and guidance on the process to follow when requesting information from The African Sales Group.

- The Requestor should contact The African Sales Group's Information Officer to obtain guidance on the process to follow when sending documentation containing personal information. This includes application forms and proof of identification documents.
- The prescribed form must be used and completed to make the request for access to a record. The form can be downloaded from the Department of Justice website (refer to Appendix E).
- Proof of identification of the Requestor (and related third parties acting on behalf of the Requestor) must be provided on submitting the request form.
- The requester must specify the right that they are seeking to protect or that
  they wish to exercise and provide an explanation as to why the requested
  records are required for the protection or exercise of that right.
- If the request is made on behalf of another person, then proof is required of the capacity in which the requester is making the request.
- Proof of identity must be provided in the form of a certified copy of the Requestor's and/or delegate's identity document or passport via secure methods provided by the Information Officer in the initial correspondence.
- An initial response to a request will take approximately 30 days. The Information
  Officer may extend the period by an additional 30 days depending on the
  complexity of the request requirements.
- Please note that an application for access to information can be refused if the application does not comply with the requirements of PAIA.
- The successful completion and submission of the access request does not automatically allow the Requestor access to the requested records.
- If access to a record/information is granted, the Requestor will be notified, and the notification will include the following: - An indication of the access fee that should be paid upon gaining access (if any). - An indication of the form in which the access will be granted.
- If access to a record/information is denied, the Requestor will be notified, and will include the following: Adequate reasons for the refusal. Process to appeal the refusal.



Should the requester not be satisfied with the decision of the Information
 Officer, the Requester may apply to court for relief. In terms of PAIA, the said
 application must be made within 180 days after the decision has been made by
 the Information Officer.

#### 10. Prescribed Request Fees

Prescribed fees were published by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development in the Government Gazette No. 23119, General Notice No. 187 of 15 February 2002. Please refer to Appendix D for The African Sales Group's fee structure.

#### 11. Information Available In Terms of POPIA

In terms of POPIA, personal information must be processed for a specified purpose. The purpose for which data is processed by The African Sales Group will depend on the nature of the data and the data subject. This purpose is ordinarily disclosed, explicitly or implicitly, at the time the data is collected. Please also refer to the The African Sales Group's Privacy Policy https://www.africansalescompany.co.za/privacy-policy for further information.

#### Categories of personal information collected by The African Sales Group

The African Sales Group may collect information relating to an identifiable, living, natural person, and where it is applicable, an identifiable, existing juristic person, including, but not limited to-

- information relating to the race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, national, ethnic, or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental health, well-being, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language, and birth of the person,
- information relating to the education or the medical, financial, criminal or employment history of the person,
- any identifying number, symbol, e-mail address, physical address, telephone number, location information, online identifier, or other assignment to the person,
- the biometric information of the person,
- the personal opinions, views, or preferences of the person,
- correspondence sent by the person that is implicitly or explicitly of a private or confidential nature or further correspondence that would reveal the contents of the original correspondence,
- the views or opinions of another individual about the person, and
- the name of the person if it appears with other personal information relating to the person or if the disclosure of the name itself would reveal information about the person. The purpose of processing personal information in terms of POPIA, data must be processed for a specified purpose. The purpose for which data is processed by The African Sales



Group will depend on the nature of the data and the data subject. This purpose is ordinarily disclosed, explicitly or implicitly, at the time the data is collected. In general, personal information is processed for purposes of on-boarding clients and suppliers, service or product delivery, records management, security, employment, and related matters. Please refer to the The African Sales Group Privacy Policy <a href="https://www.africansalescompany.co.za/privacy-policy">https://www.africansalescompany.co.za/privacy-policy</a> for further details.

#### **Categories of data subjects**

The African Sales Group holds information and records on the following categories of data subjects:

- Clients of The African Sales Group.
- Employees of The African Sales Group.
- Independent contractors of The African Sales Group.
- Suppliers of The African Sales Group; and
- Any third party with whom The African Sales Group conducts business.

#### Categories of recipients to whom personal information may be supplied

Depending on the nature of the personal information, The African Sales Group may supply information or records to the following categories of recipients:

- statutory oversight bodies, regulators or judicial commissions of enquiry making a request for data.
- any court, administrative or judicial forum, arbitration, statutory commission, or ombudsman making a request for data or discovery in terms of the applicable rules.
- South African Revenue Services, or another similar authority.
- anyone making a successful application for access in terms of PAIA or POPIA; and
- subject to the provisions of POPIA and other relevant legislation, The African Sales Group may share information about a client's creditworthiness with any credit bureau or credit providers industry association or other association for an industry in which The African Sales Group operates.

#### Transborder flows of personal information

The African Sales Group may need to transfer a data subject's information to service providers in countries outside South Africa, these countries may not have data-protection laws which are similar to those of South Africa. Where this is done, The African Sales Group does so in accordance with applicable laws.



## 12. Appendices

## Appendix A: Record Categories

Business Information	
Documents of Incorporation	Memorandum of Incorporation
Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings	Appointment of Directors/Auditors/Secretaries
Public Officer and other Prescribed Officers	Share Register and other Statutory Registers
Management Reports	Strategic and Business Plans
Annual integrated Reports	Services and Products (incl. pricing)
Records held in compliance to specific legislation, reg	. , .
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Finance and Accounting	
Annual Financial Statements	Tax Records (company and individual employees)
Accounting Records	Banking Records Banking Statements
Paid Cheques	Electronic Bank Records
Asset Register	Rental Agreements
Invoices	General Correspondence
Management Accounts and Records	Budgets
Insurance	Share Register
Financial Transactions	Purchase and Order Records
Banking Records	Contracts
Financial Policies and Procedures	Risk Management Records
Internal Audit Records	Statutory Returns Records
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Income Tax records	
Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Records	Documents Issued to Employees for Income Tax
Payments to SARS on Behalf of Employees	Statutory Records
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Human Resources	
Employment Contracts	Employment Equity Plan (if applicable)
Medical Aid Records	Pension Fund Records
Salary Records	Disciplinary Records
Disciplinary Code	Leave Records
Training Records and Manuals	Identity Documents
Bank and Address Particulars	Background Check (criminal records, credit checks)
Life Cover and Provident fund: tax reference number	
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Environmental Health and Safety	
Environmental Assessments	Accident Investigation Reports
Safety Organizational Structures	Accident Investigation Reports Policies and Procedures
	Machinery Tests Records
Information Relating to the Fire Systems	,
Contractor Agreements	CCTV Footage



Sales & Marketing		
Pricing Information	Sales Policies Procedures	
Sales Forecasts	General Correspondence	
Product Sales Records/ Statistics	Customer Complaints	
Customer Information	Customer Engagements	
Logistics		
Information Relating to Freight Agents	Inventory	
Shipping Information	General Correspondence	
Policies and Procedures		
Customs Documentation		
Information Technology (IT)		
IT Policies and Procedures	Network Diagrams	
Configuration Setups	User Manuals	
System Performance Records	General Correspondence	
Asset Registers - IT hardware and software	User Awareness	

Appendix B: POPIA Form 1



FORM 1 OBJECTION TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION - SECTION 11(3) REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2018

#### Note:

Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the objection may be attached. If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.

#### Complete as is applicable

Α	DETAILS OF DATA SUBJECT
Name(s) and surname/	
registered name of data	
subject:	
Unique Identifier/ Identity	
Number	
Residential, postal or	
business address:	
	Postal Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number / E-mail	
address:	
В	DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Name(s) and surname/	
Registered name of	
responsible party:	
Residential, postal or	
business address:	
	Postal Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail	
address:	
С	REASONS FOR OBJECTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(1)(d) to (f) (Please provide detailed reasons for the objection)
Signed at	this day of 20
Signature of data subject/designated	person



## Appendix C: POPIA Form 2

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OR DELETION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OR DESTROYING OR DELETION OF RECORD OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(1) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013) REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2018

#### Note:

Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the request may be attached. If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.

Complete as is applicable.

Α	DETAILS OF DATA SUBJECT
Name(s) and surname/	
registered name of data	
subject:	
Unique Identifier/ Identity	
Number	
Residential, postal or	
business address:	
	Postal Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number / E-mail	
address:	
В	DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Name(s) and surname/	
Registered name of	
responsible party:	
Residential, postal or	
business address:	
	Postal Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail	
address:	
С	REASONS FOR OBJECTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(1)(d) to (f) (Please provide detailed reasons for the objection)
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D	REASONS FOR *CORRECTION OR DELETION OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION
	ABOUT THE DATA SUBJECT IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(1)(a) WHICH IS IN POSSESSION
	OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY; and or REASONS FOR
	*DESTRUCTION OR DELETION OF A RECORD OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATA SUBJECT IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(1)(b) WHICH THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY
	IS NO LONGER AUTHORISED TO RETAIN. (Please provide detailed reasons for the
	request)



Signed at	this	day of	20
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Signature of data subject/desig	nated nerson		

## Appendix D: Fees Payable

#### Request fees:

- Where a Requestor submits a request for access to information held by The African Sales Group relating to a person other than the Requestor, a request fee in the amount of R50.00 is payable up-front. Upon receipt of payment, The African Sales Group will further process the received request.
- If access to a record/s is granted by The African Sales Group, the Requestor may be required to pay an access fee for the search for, the preparation and for the reproduction of the record/s. The access fees which apply are set out below.
- An access fee is payable in all instances where a request for access to information is granted, except in those instances where payment of an access fee is specially excluded in terms of PAIA or an exclusion is determined by the Minister in terms of Section 54 (8). This includes the following: A single person whose annual income does not exceed R14,712.00; or Married persons or a person and his/her life partner whose annual income does not exceed R27,192.00
- The African Sales Group, as a registered Private Body, will add VAT to all aforementioned fees in terms of the Value Added Tax (VAT) Act.
- A Requestor may lodge a complaint with a court of law against the payment of the requestfee.
- All payments shall be made in the form of an Electronic Funds Transfer(EFT) to the The
  African Sales Group bank account. Banking details to be obtained from The African Sales
  Group's Information Officer. The African Sales Group is entitled to withhold a record
  until the required access fees have been paid. The applicable access fees which will be
  payable are:

Access Fees for Reproduction	
Each photocopy of A4 sized part or a part thereof	R1.10
Each photocopy of A4 sized page or part thereof held on a computer or in electronic or machine-	R0.75
readable form	



Copy of a computer readable memory stick	R7.50
Copy of a computer readable compact disc	R70.00
Transcript copy of visual images of an A4 sized page or part thereof	R40.00
Copy of visual images	R60.00
Transcription of an audio record on an A4 sized page or part thereof	R20.00
Copy of the audio record	R30.00
Times reasonably spent to locate a record and preparation for the disclosure or part thereof	R30.00
	per
	hour
Request Fees	
Access to a record containing personal information of the Requestor	Free
Any other access to a record as a public body made by a Requestor and another person other than	R50.00
the Requestor	
Postal Fees	
Postage of a record to the Requestor	R9.75
Courier of a record to the Requestor	R99.00

#### **Deposits:**

- Where The African Sales Group receives a request for access to information held on a person other than the Requestor himself/herself and the Information Officer upon receipt of the request is of the opinion that the preparation of the required record/s of disclosure will take more than 6 (six) hours, a deposit is payable by the Requestor.
- The Requestor may make an application to Court to be exempted from the requirement to pay this deposit.
- If a deposit is made and access to the record/s requested is subsequently refused, the deposit will be repaid to the Requestor. The amount of the deposit is equal to a 1/3 (one third) of the amount of the applicable access fee.

## Appendix E: Request Form

The application form can be obtained from:

https://www.justice.gov.za/forms/paia/J750\_paia\_Form%20A.pdf