**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCE OF PETROLEUM COMPANIES IN UGANDA: A CASE OF HASS PETROLEUM UGANDA**

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**Introduction**

The study is about the financial management practices and performance of petroleum companies in Uganda using Hass Petroleum Uganda as a case study.

**Study Objectives**

1. To establish how liquidity management practices advances performance of Hass Petroleum Uganda.
2. To examine whether budgeting and budgetary control improves performance of Hass Petroleum Uganda.
3. To examine how working capital management enhances performance of Hass Petroleum Uganda.

**Methodology**

The study used a population of 320 selected from Hass Petroleum Uganda staffs and a sample of 178 respondents was selected using Neumann’s formula (2000), but the study focused only on 176 respondents who returned questionnaires for analysis. Cross sectional research design was used and both quantitative and qualitative approaches of data collection were used. The used questionnaires, interview guide and documentary checklist to collect data from the field.

**Key Study Findings**

Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and multiple regression analysis; where the statistics proved that R2=0.786; significance level was found and the hypothesis testing proved that there is a positive relationship between financial management practices and performance in Hass Petroleum Uganda. The multiple correlation results of .788or 78.8% revealed that effective liquidity management practices; proper budgeting and budgetary controls and working capital management enhance performance of Hass Petroleum Uganda.

**Recommendations**

The study recommended that petroleum companies should adopt a general framework for liquidity management to assure a sufficient liquidity for executing their works efficiently, and there is a need to make an analytical study of the liquidity evolution rates to assess the petroleum companies’ ability to achieve a balance between sources and uses of funds.

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