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7.2.6 - Does your university as a body have a policy on divesting investments from carbon-intensive energy industries, especially coal and oil?

Policy on Responsible Investment and Divestment from Carbon-Intensive Industries

Review Cycle: Every 3 years

1. Policy Statement

NALSAR University of Law upholds its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability by ensuring that its financial, academic, and training initiatives align with the UNSDG 7 & 13.
The University **does not maintain direct investments in carbon-intensive sectors** such as coal, crude oil, and related fossil-fuel industries.

2. Ethical Investment and Divestment Principles

1. **No direct investment** in companies primarily engaged in coal mining, crude oil extraction, or thermal-coal power generation.
2. Preference for **renewable-energy, clean-tech, and ESG-compliant enterprises** in any partnership or endowment management.
3. Continuous **review of indirect financial exposures** through banks or mutual-fund holdings to minimize links with carbon-intensive portfolios.
4. **Periodic disclosure** of sustainability-aligned investment practices in the university's annual sustainability report.

3. Training, Research, and Capacity-Building Initiatives

Recognizing that divestment alone is not sufficient to drive the energy transition, NALSAR integrates **education and enterprise support** as core strategies to accelerate sustainable development.
The University, therefore:

- Conducts **training programs and legal-policy workshops** for **Startups, MSMEs, and NGOs** on sustainable business models, green finance, and climate-responsible governance.
- Through its **Centre for Law, Entrepreneurship** & Action Research and **Centre for Environmental Law, Climate Change and Sustainability**, it offers modules on:
    - Renewable-energy law and regulatory compliance
    - ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) frameworks
    - Carbon accounting and sustainable supply-chain management

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4. Monitoring and Review

- The **Finance & Investment Committee**, in coordination with the **Centre for Sustainability and ESG Studies**, will conduct an **annual screening** of all financial holdings to ensure alignment with this policy.
- The **annual sustainability report** will include a section on:
    - Investment exposure in carbon-intensive industries (if any)
    - Number of Startups/MSMEs/NGOs trained under the low-carbon and sustainability programs
    - Measurable outcomes (e.g., number of enterprises adopting green-energy solutions).
- Policy review will occur every three years or upon major national/international updates to ESG and sustainable-investment norms.

5. Expected Outcomes (by 2030)

- Zero direct financial exposure to fossil-fuel–based enterprises
- At least **100 Startups/MSMEs/NGOs** trained in sustainable-energy transition practices
- Institutional recognition as a **carbon-responsible academic body** contributing to SDG 7 and SDG 13 targets.

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