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Investments

**Responsible Investment
Policy Annex on
Controversial Weapons**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Definitions

Abbreviation (A-Z)	Definition
LPPI	Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd
the Policy	Responsible Investment Policy Annex on Controversial Weapons

1.2 Summary of relevant regulations and legislation

There is no relevant regulation or legislation expected to affect the Policy.

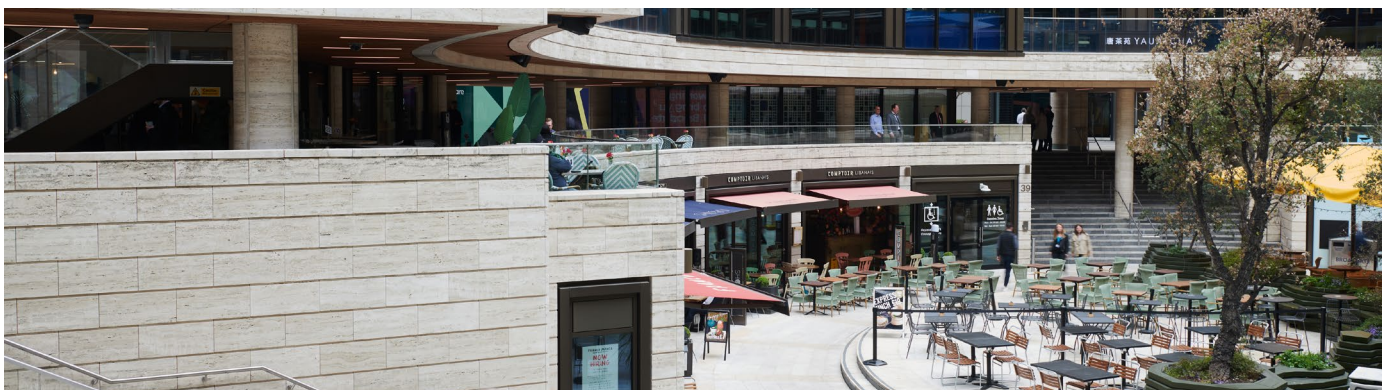
1.3 Purpose

As a responsible investor, Local Pensions Partnership Investments (LPPI) supports internationally recognised norms of corporate good practice and seeks to avoid investments in companies which produce controversial weapons.

LPPI's Controversial Weapons Policy has been adopted in line with the principles set out in its Responsible Investment Policy and in recognition of international conventions and treaties, ratified by the UK government, that deem the production of such weapons to be unacceptable. Controversial weapons are those that have an indiscriminate

and disproportional humanitarian impact on civilian populations; the effects of which can be felt long after military conflicts have ended. The Policy reflects LPPI's commitment to avoid funding these activities by not investing in companies which are known producers of controversial weapons.

In addition, we acknowledge that our treaty-based approach may need to be supplemented with other national policies, legislation or international standards should they arise in relation to escalating conflicts, the use and impact of new technologies and changing views of the national interest that take precedence over the existing normative standards outlined in this Policy. These include sanctions put in place by the UK government on Russia and Belarus as a result of their involvement in the Russia-Ukraine war. If such developments occur, our operational due diligence, investment decision making, and portfolio monitoring activities will be updated to accommodate, as outlined in the implementation section of this Policy.



2. Policy standards and criteria

2.1 Scope of the Policy

The Policy applies to companies involved in the production of cluster munitions, anti-personnel landmines, biological and chemical weapons, and nuclear weapons. Screening will be carried out and exclusions applied where there is evidence of non-compliance with the following treaties:

- The Convention on Cluster Munitions (2008): prohibits the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions.
- The Anti-Personnel Landmines Treaty (1997), also known as The Ottawa Treaty: prohibits the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of anti-personnel landmines.
- The Biological Weapons Convention (1975): prohibits the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of biological weapons.
- The Chemical Weapons Convention (1977): prohibits the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of chemical weapons.
- The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1968): does not prohibit the use of nuclear weapons, and rather it limits the spread of nuclear weapons to the so-called Nuclear Weapons states (US, Russia, UK, France and China).

The Policy is applicable to publicly listed, private and state-owned companies on the following basis:

- The company is involved with the core weapons system, or their core components, considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of the weapon;
- The company is involved in production (as opposed to systems maintenance/service, integration and testing of the weapons);
- The activities are carried out by the company and not by a parent owner or a subsidiary.

2.2 Implementation

At the date the Policy was published, a review of available information on LPPI's investments indicated LPPI did not hold, directly or indirectly, any confirmed producer of controversial weapons as defined by the Policy.

In practice, implementation means LPPI will not knowingly make new direct investments in the production of cluster munitions, anti-personnel landmines, biological weapons, chemical weapons, and nuclear weapons produced for non-nuclear weapon states. The Policy is also applicable to indirect investments.

In listed markets (public equity and fixed income), where information on investee companies is readily available, funds are screened automatically against a pre-defined list of excluded companies (see Appendix 2). Fund holdings are also reviewed against the Policy on a quarterly basis. In private markets and alternative asset classes, where information on investee companies is significantly limited, LPPI works closely with delegate managers to avoid investment. Should any unintended investment in controversial weapons be identified, LPPI will seek divestment through active redemption, or through natural maturity of the fund when divestment imposes material financial detriment.

LPPI has produced and will maintain a list of companies excluded under this Controversial Weapons Policy (Appendix 2). The list will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Beyond complying with this list, LPPI welcomes the use of alternative screens by delegate managers whose own policies go beyond the minimum requirements set out within the Policy.

The Policy is subject to an annual review by the LPP Stewardship Committee, and its implementation will be supported by LPPI's Responsible Investment Team.

3. Appendix

All companies listed below are to be excluded from the LPPI investment universe.

This list represents a minimum standard for complying with our policy commitment on Controversial Weapons.

Where delegate managers have adopted their own policies on controversial weapons and these place a more extensive range of conditions and restrictions on this sector, we expect them to be applied.

Date of last review: March 2023

Company	Exclusion
Avibras Indústria Aeroespacial S/A (Avibras)	Cluster munitions
Bharat Dynamics Limited	Cluster munitions/nuclear weapons
China Aerospace Science and Industry	Cluster munitions
Korea Defense Industry Corp. (KDI)	Cluster munitions
LIG Nex1	Cluster munitions
Norinco (China North Industries Corporation)	Cluster munitions
Poongsan	Cluster munitions
S&T Dynamics	Anti-personnel mines
Larsen & Toubro	Nuclear weapons
Walchandnagar Industries Limited	Nuclear weapons



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