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PROCEDURE ON

"INDIVIDUAL GRIEVANCE"

1. INTRODUCTION

When an individual has a problem, complaint or grievance relating to his/her employment it is the Company policy to resolve the matter as quickly as possible on an informal basis by discussion between the individual and his/her immediate superior.

2. FORMAL PROCEDURE

- (i) Should the grievance remain unresolved at this stage then the employee should put their grievance in writing to their immediate supervisor.
- (ii) Should the grievance still remain unresolved, then the matter may be raised in writing with the individual's Department Manager.
- (iii) The matter, if unresolved, may be taken in stages right through the management structure until the final stage of the procedure is reached at the level of Managing Director.
 - The decision of the Managing Director or an authorised deputy will be final.
- (iv) A hearing may be arranged in order to discuss the grievance. If requested, employees are entitled to be accompanied by a fellow worker or a Trade Union Official at any grievance hearing which concerns the performance of a duty by the employer in relation to the employee.

3. **DURATION**

The Company will endeavour to deal with any grievance as expeditiously as possible, in the interests of all parties concerned.