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SUBJECT: THESIS EXAMINATION REPORT FOR DHOR MARGARET KUEI-MBA/SCH/001/21

Thank you for according me the opportunity to examine a Master of Business Administration (Finance Option) thesis entitled: Investment Practices and Financial Performance of Insurance Firms in Juba County, South Sudan for the above named candidate.

The study is relevant as it tries to address the current issues that financial institutions face especially the Insurance Firms. The candidate demonstrated an understanding of the subject and has contributed knowledge in the field of study. The work is scholarly and original.

Enclosed, find a detailed report of the examination and a copy of the thesis. I award the

Investment Practices and Financial Performance of Insurance Firms in Juba County, South Sudan By Dhor Margret Kuei

Abstract

- Specify the theory used to guide your study
- Missing statement of the problem
- Missing values of the results and the level of significance per hypotheses tested

Table of contents

- List of figures should not be presented between table of content
- Center the heading
- Need a lot of editing

List of Figures

- Match numbering of figures with what is in the text
- The same to table numbering and pagination, need to be re-done

Operation definition of terms

Give standard definition of items and cite the source then define how it is used in the study

CHAPTER ONE; INTRODUCTION

Background

- Stated his problem from global perspective to local perspective however there is need to link the study variables at every level
- Poor conceptualization of the investment practices
- Literature given for global, regional, has no relation to the study
- Give status of insurance firms in Juba in relation to your study variables
- Several lines without citations risk plagiarism
- Reduce the introduction part to be at least 2 pages

Statement of the problem

- Too short
- Is the investment practices your problem or financial performance
- This part need to be re-done

Purpose of the study

The purpose of the study is in line with the tittle of the study and to far extent the objectives of the study.

Specific Objectives

- Be specific on whether you are addressing effect or relationship
- Objective four on financial management does not relate to financial performance in any way

Research Hypotheses

Stated correctly

Justification of the study

- Well explained

Scope of the study

- Well stated.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

- Explanation of the key concepts making up the development of literature review is well
- Literature was derived from varied sources

The student has demonstrated that she has read widely and has good grasp of the subject area. He has fairly rich citation of reference. Relevance of the literature cited has been made to the objective of the study.

CHAPTER THREE: METHODLOGY

Research design

Appropriately explained and justification for its choice given

Target population

- okey

Sample size

- why purposive sampling
- does it mean companies have more than one CEO for you to sample one
- the sample size is too small for a population of 316
- pg 38 has been repeated severally and after page 42 why?

Data Collection instruments and procedure

- You employed primary method to collect data? Which method is this?
- Type of data was not clear
- Tools for data collection are not clear

Reliability of Research Instrument

Well explained

Validity of Research Instruments

- How did you check on construct validity?

Data analysis

At what level of significance was the hypotheses tested

CHAPTER FOUR: DATA ANALYSIS, PRESENTATION, INTERPRETATION AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

- Follow the SGS manual and indicate the right heading for this chapter

Introduction

- Well done

Response rate

okey

Data processing

Better known as Data Screening and Cleaning was not reported

Not clear on treatment of missing values. Did you have missing values of above 50%? What did you do about it? And those with less than 50% how did you treat them?

What is the impact of such to the rest of the observation?

4.4 Descriptive Analysis

- Well explained and reported
- avoid tables crossing to the next page
- most of the tables does not show the source of information
- indicate the overall mean and standard deviation in the table for every variable

4.5 Correlation Analysis

- Just reported the results, but, missed out on interpretation and discussion
- discussion of the results is not complete some results have been left out
- lack the p-values in which the level of significance was tested
- if values are not significant at the level what does it imply to the rest of the analysis

Regression analysis

- Results reported at this point are not significant but the researcher is reporting as significant
- Also the level of significance in which the hypotheses were tested is not clear/stated
- Missing results for moderating hypothesis
- Need to check how analysis of moderating variable is done

CHAPTER FIVE: SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Summary of the findings

Need to re-do this part after working on chapter four

Conclusion

To be re-done

Recommendation

Recommendation are clearly explained

References

References list is well done