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Five Thousand Miles Infrastructure

Five Thousand Miles (5TM) invests in business development infrastructure in various countries and makes that infrastructure available to its clients. In fact, Five Thousand Miles only promotes projects in countries in which it proactively invested in the first place.

Offices

Five Thousand Miles' offices are physical spaces with local teams trained in Portugal, equipped with the most recent technology, fluent in the local languages and in Arabic, English, Afrikaans, Portuguese, Spanish, German and French. Today, Five Thousand Miles has 7 offices:

- Headquarters in Portugal, Lisbon
- Office in South Africa, Johannesburg
- Office in Nigeria, Lagos
- Office in Brazil, São Paulo
- Office in Madrid, Spain
- Office in Accra, Ghana
- Office in Miami, USA

Team

Five Thousand Miles has a team with more than 50 members of 9 nationalities in the permanent board of human resources, which work at company's offices.

Telecommunication processes

Five Thousand Miles invested significantly in technology and telecommunication processes with the objective of building and managing relations in any point of the planet. This investment has two main pillars – (1) mass B2C communication via social media and (2) B2B communication through professional technological platforms.

1. Mass B2C communication via social media

Since it was founded, Five Thousand Miles invested in maximizing the transparency and exposure in social media, allowing clients, suppliers and team members – current and potential – to get to know the company at its highest level.

This communication effort results in the creation of communities in social media with relevant dimension:

- More than 70 thousand followers on LinkedIn;
- More than 100 thousand followers on Instagram;
- More than 28 thousand followers on YouTube;
- More than 10 thousand followers on Facebook;
- More than 17 thousand followers on Twitter;
- More than 40 thousand followers on TikTok.

2. Communication B2B through professional technological platforms

- Capacity to contact high-level executives from dozens of thousands of companies;
- Mobile application specifically designed to support intercontinental project management;
- Capacity to support more than 3000 phone calls per week;
- Capacity to hold more than 200 business development meetings per month;
- Capacity to develop catalogs, brochures, institutional videos and other image elements to promote individuals or companies for the abovementioned markets, using an internal media team equipped with cameras, drones, computers and professional software's.

These resources in 4 continents – 6 companies, 7 offices and a team with more than 50 members in 10 countries – result from a continued relevant investment from Five Thousand Miles and together materialize a business development infrastructure that Five Thousand Miles offers as a service provider to its clients. Naturally, the use of these resources by our clients doesn't have guaranteed results and it's not expected that most of potential commercial contacts will result in business transactions.

In particular, Five Thousand Miles doesn't guarantee:

- That the products or services of its partners are competitive in quality and price in the target markets;
- Demand for the products or services of its partners in any given time;
- That is possible to have business transactions in a short period of time – in fact, it's normal that B2B international business transactions require a commercial cycle of over 9 months, and most of Five Thousand Miles' short-term projects didn't result in sales;
- That its partners have commercial skills – languages, websites, brochures, availability to travel – adequate to the target markets;
- That the success of previous partnerships, including those documented with published testimonials, will be replicated in new partnerships. Previous success doesn't promise future success;
- That the probability of any partnership resulting in sales is, at an initial moment, above 20%. In fact, the commercial success is highly dependent of human relations that have to be developed between our partner and its potential clients in the target markets.

Five Thousand Miles infrastructure was implemented to facilitate exposure to international markets, offering an important support to the commercial process:

- Support from an experienced operations team involved in internationalization processes of various companies, from various economic sectors, in various countries;
- Support from a native team from the target market with a high-level of know-how of the culture and business processes of its country;
- Direct communication between the partner and key-people – for instance, importers, distributors, retailers – in the target markets, through both videoconference and in-loco meetings. This direct communication enables obtaining information about the target markets not edited or intermediated by Five Thousand Miles;
- Support in the field to hold meetings and visits with total flexibility to talk with persons suggested by Five Thousand Miles and with any other persons that the partner finds relevant and proactively schedules meetings. Five Thousand Miles resources – offices, cars and executives – are available to its partners in order for them to directly collect information in the field with any source they deem relevant. In fact, Five Thousand Miles strongly recommends its partners to travel to the target markets so they can see, hear, collect and directly analyze information and communicate personally with those local protagonists.