# PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL AS A TOOL FOR EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT (A STUDY OF WAPCO LAFARGE PLC)

## OBANLA RASHEEDAT TITILAYO 13PAC00498

# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES COVENANT UNIVERSITY OTA, OGUN STATE

## PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL AS A TOOL FOR EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT (A STUDY OF WAPCO LAFARGE PLC)

#### BY

#### OBANLA RASHEEDAT TITILAYO

#### 13PAC00498

#### Being a research project submitted to the

Department of Business Management, College of Business and Social Science,

In partial fulfillment of the requirement for the award of Master of Science (M.Sc)

Degree in Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management of the Department of

Business Management, College of Business and Social Science, Covenant University,

Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria.

JUNE, 2015

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that Obanla Rasheedat Titilayo with matriculation number 13PAC00498
carried out this research work titled Performance Appraisal as a tool for Employee
Development (A Study of WAPCO LAFARGE Plc) under my supervision that this research
work has not been previously submitted for the award of the award of any degree in this or any
other university.

(Signature & Date)

DR. OSIBANJO, O.A.

(Supervisor)

#### **DECLARATION**

I declare that this project is based on a study undertaken by Obanla Rasheedat Titilayo in the Department of Business Management, College of Business and Social Science, Covenant University under the supervision of Dr. O.A. Osibanjo.

This project report has not been submitted elsewhere for the award of a degree. The ideas and views of the research project are products of the research conducted by the researcher. Where the ideas and views of other researchers have been expressed, they have been duly acknowledged.

Obanla Rasheedat Titilayo	
(Researcher)	(Signature & Date)
Dr. Osibanjo, O.A.	
(Supervisor)	(Signature & Date)
Dr. Worlu, R.K.	
(Head of Department)	(Signature & Date)
(External Examiner)	Signature & Date

## **DEDICATION**

I dedicate this research to God Almighty who is the Alpha and Omega of my life. I also dedicate it to my loving parents Mr. and Mrs. M.A.O Obanla who stood by me all through this research.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I give glory to my Father in heaven for the grace and wisdom to write this project.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my project supervisor Dr. O.A. Osibanjo. for his time, valuable suggestions, guidance, understanding, and constructive criticisms throughout the duration of the study. Special thanks to my Head of Department Dr. R.K. Worlu for his words of advice.

I also wish to express my profound gratitude to my wonderful parents Mr. and Mrs. M.A.O. Obanla for their inestimable love, care and support towards me and for believing in me. By God's grace, you will reap the fruits of your labor.

Many thanks to my brothers Uncle Bayo, Dewumni, Jibola, Bimbo, Bola, Femi and my sweet sisters Lara, Yinka, Nike, Ola, Kemi, Moji and Tola for their moral and financial support and for being my back bone. Also to my nieces and nephews Feyi, Fiyin, Chris, Caitlyn, Ayomide and Adewole for being a source of joy to me.

I am greatly indebted to all my lecturers Prof. Adeyeye, Dr. O. Iyiola, Dr. A.A. Adeniji, Dr. S.T. Akinyele, Dr. J.O Abiodun, Mrs. E. Oni-Ojo and Mr. O. Olujobi who have impacted in me one way or the other, God will continue to bless the works of your hands. To Dr. O.O. Ogunnaike for his support and encouragements in the course of this research. God bless you.

To my classmates Ronke, Layo, Dami, Esther, Oni, Kayode, Iyiola, Dami, Ohiz, Princess and others, I appreciate the push and your support towards this research. Also to Abiola Asaleye who was of great help in gathering journals for this research. The Lord will reward you.

To my wonderful friends Bimpe and Ifelara who have always being there for me, God bless you abundantly. Special thanks goes to Seun Awokola who is my major source of inspiration and for his unremarkable mark of care and support. I appreciate you.

Also to my boss Dr. A.O. Adigun, and my colleagues at work Mr. B. Hamzat, Mrs. T. Onifade, Mr. F. Sanyaolu, Mr. D. Adesanmi, Mr. K. Lawal, and Mr. A. Ogundeinde for their support. Thank you and God bless you.

Many thanks to Mr. Daniel Adedokun of Wapco Lafarge Plc for his assistance in the distribution of my questionnaire.

Finally to all those who have impacted in me one way or the other, I am so grateful and may God bless you. I wish you all success in all your endeavors.

#### **Abstract**

The research work is titled performance appraisal as a tool for employee development in Wapco Lafarge Plc. The objectives of this research is to identify whether the open appraisal system enhances employees training, determine if confidential appraisal leads to employee development, to ascertain if performance appraisal enhances employee empowerment and to investigate if semi-secret and semi-open system of appraisal allows for delegation. The questionnaire method was used in the collection of data relevant to the research. Two hundred and twelve members of staff of Wapco was selected as sample size for this research. The questionnaires' where analyzed using simple percentage and hypotheses were tested using regression on the statistical package for the social sciences SPSS.

It was discovered and concluded that the open appraisal system enhance employee's training in WAPCO and the confidential appraisal does not lead to employee development. It was also concluded that performance appraisal does not enhances employee empowerment and that the semi-secret /semi-open system of appraisal allows for delegation.

It was recommended that managers should encourage the open appraisal system for better performance. The confidential appraisal should not be accepted by organizations because, employees are unaware of their performance and there is no trust among managers and subordinates.