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**MILLENNIUM CITIES INITIATIVE (MCI)**  
**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT**

AKURE, NIGERIA

KISUMU, KENYA

KUMASI, GHANA

BLANTYRE, MALAWI



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# The Millennium Cities Initiative (MCI)

*The Millennium Cities Initiative aims to facilitate African countries reaching their Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by, among other things, attracting more foreign direct investment.*



The MCI, an urban counterpart to the Millennium Villages Project, is assisting selected mid-sized cities across sub-Saharan Africa in their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

The Initiative is focused on the capitals of the regions where the Millennium Villages Project is enabling farmers to transition from sub-subsistence farming to commercial agricultural and non-agricultural activities, with the help of an integrated package of interventions in agriculture, health, education and enterprise development. The MCI was established to complement this work by strengthening the farm-to-market linkages between the countryside and these secondary cities.

By concentrating on policy analysis impacting foreign direct investment (FDI), the MCI aims to engender a climate in which foreign investment can thrive, thereby creating employment, stimulating domestic enterprise development and fostering economic growth. In addition, the MCI is helping the Millennium Cities to carry out needs assessments in a wide array of social sectors, the data from which will enable the Millennium Cities to generate integrated City Development Strategies that are explicitly predicated on achieving the MDGs.

Overall, the Initiative will demonstrate, through its research and policy analysis, that more FDI can be attracted to regional urban centers in sub-Saharan Africa, with the resulting beneficial employment and economic growth effects.

The urban development strategies produced by and for the Millennium Cities themselves will apprise national governments and their donors of each city's priorities and chart a path toward their realization. These City Development Strategies, as well as a MCI Handbook chronicling the project's processes and best practices, will serve as templates for the replication and scaling of the Initiative to other similarly underserved urban settings across sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.

# UNIDO's contribution to the Millennium Cities Initiative

*UNIDO helps developing countries and economies in transition in their fight against marginalization by focusing, amongst other priorities, on Poverty Reduction through Productive Activities.*



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UNIDO mobilizes knowledge, skills, information and technology to promote productive employment, a competitive economy and a sound environment. Furthermore, the Organization enhances cooperation at global, regional, national and sectoral levels.

Economic growth required for eradication of poverty and the achievement of the other associated MDGs depends on capital accumulation (investment) and technical change going hand in hand. Investment in plant and machinery, with its impulse of new ideas and technologies, contributes to productivity growth, as do technological progress, upgrading and diffusion.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in particular is an important driver of economic performance, as it is expected to improve directly industrial productivity growth by infusing new capital, technologies and managerial know-how, and by improving the average skills and efficiency levels of industry.

UNIDO supports the MCI by identifying, together with national counterparts, investment opportunities using its established tools and methodologies including the project appraisal software COMFAR.

Promotion of investment projects is achieved through its Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO) Network which provides a unique combination of value-added services to entrepreneurs and institutions seeking international alliances in industrial investment and technology commercialization in and from developing countries and economies in transition.





# Akure, Nigeria

## BACKGROUND

Akure, population 350,000, is the capital of Ondo State, the largest state in Nigeria's southwest and in the Yoruba cultural region. Endowed with an abundance of natural resources – bitumen deposits and liquid natural gas, extensive tropical forest reserves, a natural port and river – Ondo State is well positioned for an economic take-off.

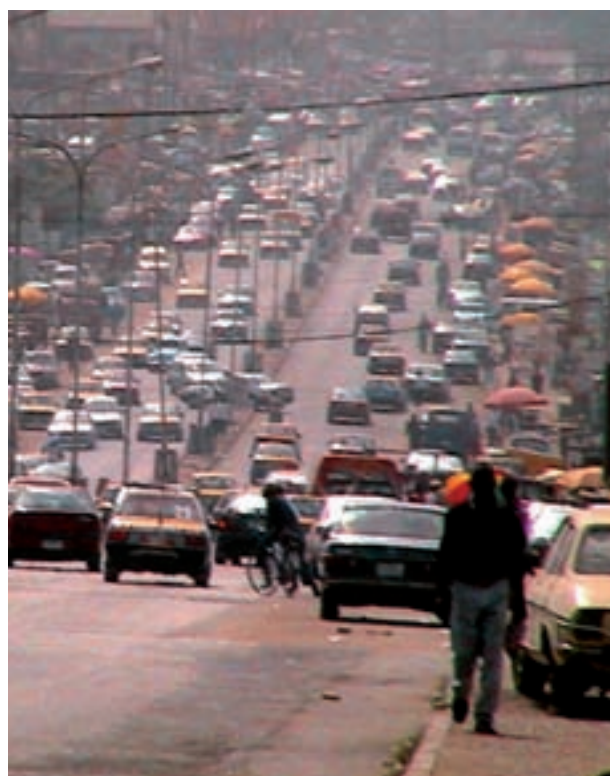
The government in Ondo State has made development a top priority and has committed substantial resources to infrastructure, water management, agriculture, and job training programs. Akure is the key trading center for a farming region growing yams, cassava, maize, bananas, rice, palm oil, okra, and pumpkins; cocoa is the most important local commercial crop; cotton, palm, and teak are also processed for export. Other industries include electronics manufacturing, bottling, banking; weaving, pottery-making, and the marketing of cocoa. Akure is also a tourist destination and departure point for visitors to the nearby Osse River. Connected by road to Lagos and Ibadan, the city has an airport, a state specialist hospital, the Federal University of Technology (FUTA), an agricultural school, teachers college and a bevy of media outlets.

However, Akure still lacks essential infrastructure: the reliable supply of water and power, as well as proper drainage and solid waste disposal. While a major road construction program, dam rehabilitation and solar-powered borehole installations are well underway, rapid in-migration has exacerbated downtown congestion, a serious housing shortage, the infectious disease burden, unemployment and pollution.

## POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The most lucrative opportunities appear to lie in the extraction industries; in the export capabilities opened up by the port has been upgraded, and in the port expansion itself (through concessions, etc.).

Agro-processing, furniture-making, electronics, Internet technology, the insurance industry, and tourism all have room for expansion and modernization.



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ISIC Code:	G5122 - Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco
Date of Submission:	2 Jan. 2007

# Agro Traders Limited

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Agro Traders Limited

### National investor

Agro Traders Limited, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria

### Current markets:

Main Markets are in the International front with US, UK and Switzerland being the largest markets for the company's products worldwide. The markets are growing with demand for Chocolate increasing and also due to uses of cocoa in cosmetic and pharmaceutical applications. The market for cocoa has a growth rate of 5% on year to year basis.

The cocoa production in the world is around 3.13 million tonnes and the demand for cocoa is around 3.25 million tonnes. Agro Traders Limited supplies 0.4% of cocoa to the world markets. The major consumption of cocoa is for food (95%). However, Cocoa is also demanded for pharmaceutical and cosmetic applications (5%).

### Competitors:

Competition for Agro Traders Ltd within Nigeria is very little. There are some Nigerian trading companies which compete with the company but they are very few. In Ondo state, the only company that competes with Agro Traders Ltd is Stanmark Cocoa Ltd. But since they have been privatised recently, they are hardly a competitive threat.

However, competition does pose a problem with regard to supplies and not demand. The supply of cocoa is restricted which has to be purchased by the

### Total employees:

70 full time	35 part time
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### Current products / services of the company:

Dried Cocoa for Exports	15.000 tonnes / year
(Capacity utilization: 71%)	

### Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:

Capacity Utilisation is not a constraint. Capacity utilisation can be increased when value addition to the products will be implemented through the proposed project.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	N/A	31.339	24.720
Domestic Market (in %):	N/A	0.00	0.00
Export (in %)	N/A	100.00	100.00

company and the competition as well. This is where the company faces a problem as the demand for cocoa is greater than the supply. Hence due to competition, the company has a problem with regard to satisfy demands of the customers. This is evident in the company selling lesser in 2006 than what it sold in 2005.

**Company strengths:***Quality control*

The company has a very strict quality control policy. The main problem with Cocoa is moisture content. If there is very high moisture in cocoa, then the product will suffer and hence the company checks each and every bag being exported and if any bag fails to reach quality control standards then the same is rejected even if it means loss to the company. Due to the high level of attention given during the growing, harvesting, drying and export procedure, the company has been successful in exports

*Managerial expertise*

The company's management is lead by team of experienced professionals. Mr. Adekunle Ayoade, CMD, has over 20 years of experience in this business. Mr. Taiwo Ayoade who looks after the day to day management of the company is a Chartered Accountant. Further, they have with them Mr. Alan Davidoff who is a LIFFE qualified Cocoa Grader.

*Exports*

With 100% of the revenues coming from Exports, the company's main strength is in Exports and maintaining relationships with foreign buyers. The company has its own representative office in London and has been exporting to high value and high standards countries in Europe and USA.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	10.250
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	810

*Planned products and services:*

Cocoa Butter	5.054 tonnes / year
Cocoa Powder/ Cake	5.476 tonnes / year

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has been selling raw cocoa after drying. It has been a long term strategy of the company to go into processing of Cocoa. The advantages of processing cocoa are manifold. Firstly, the labour costs are an important part of the cost of operation and in Akure, Ondo State in Nigeria, the labour cost is lower than that of the countries consuming Cocoa. Secondly, Transporting raw cocoa is more expensive than transporting processed cocoa by 20% as the yield of cocoa powder is 80%, and finally, value addition at the origin ensures higher benefits to the local economy.

Due to the objectives mentioned above, proposed project is being planned for the following issues:

1. Produce Natural Quality Cocoa Butter
2. Produce Low fat natural quality cocoa cake/powder

Ancillary purposes of this project is to set up the plant within GMP and HACCP certified premises and to ensure world class production of all products.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Project No.:	NIR-001-2007-01
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### Rationale behind the project:

#### *Access to resources*

Company at the moment exports dried cocoa which is not beneficial for the buyers as well as the company as there is no value addition. Due to this project, the company will increase its profit by value adding and the buyers of cocoa will benefit from lower costs due to cheaper labour advantage of Akure. Overall, it is win-win situation. Further, the company will be able to increase its procurement as company can, after this project afford to pay higher value for the raw cocoa to the farmers.

#### *Access to markets or market niche*

The company due to its past sales of dried cocoa already has good access to high value markets.

#### *Capability, competence*

The company management has proven track record of International trade and has been consistently showing profits from International Business. The promoters of the company have the capability and competence to implement the project. The company also has the goodwill of long standing customers from high quality demanding countries.

#### *Favourable location*

Ondo State provides for 40% of all Cocoa grown in Nigeria. This makes Akure a favourable location for setting up this Cocoa processing project. Moreover, Lagos port is only 4 hours away and with company's 30 trucks, the logistics are also favourable for the project.

#### *Cost competitiveness*

In Nigeria, it is believed, that Ondo state has the best technological manpower available at lowest cost. Due to this, the cost competitiveness factor for the project is also very high. The Company can have advantages from low cost raw material and low cost labour availability.



**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The total Investment for the proposed project is 10.523 million USD. The promoters are looking for a combination of equity and loan for this amount. They already have earmarked 0.64 million USD from their existing operations for this project. They also have balance of accumulated Profit and Loss of around USD 1 million.

*Technical expertise*

In the cocoa butter/ cocoa cake-powder processing business, the main factor is a process called alkalisation. For this process, the promoters would require technical expertise

*Equipment purchase*

The project will required mainly generic machines. At the moment the management of the company has not decided upon the choice of equipment. However, the management feels that equipment for winnowing & roasting of cocoa, grinding and pressing, butter handling and cake handling equipment would be needed by the company. Equity in the form of Equipment is also welcome as a form of collaboration.

COMFAR *III* financial projections available





Project No.: NIR-021-2007-01  
 ISIC Code: N/A  
 Date of Submission: 11 Jan. 2007

# Botadax Fuels Limited, Akure

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Botadax Fuels Limited

### National investor

Botadax Fuels Limited

### Current markets:

The use of briquettes as alternative source of energy in Nigeria. Market shares is 40 %. Export to England, Europe, UK, Asia, China. The market for export needs to be explored.

### Competitors:

As a pioneer project in the state , the project is not prone to any competitor as of now.

### Company strengths:

#### *Access to natural resources*

Raw material is available in abundance and at a very small cost

#### *Technical expertise*

Botadax has invested in manpower training from European Union. These people have technical expertise in producing briquettes from any kind of wood or agro waste.

#### *Exports*

The company expects high demand for exports of these products.

### Total employees:

19 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Ordinary Briquettes	6.000 / year (Capacity utilization: 30%)
Carbonised Briquettes	3.000 / year (Capacity utilization: 70%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

Since this is a new concept, it is very difficult to sell this concept. The competition is very high from substitutes like gas, kerosene and wood from the forest which is free.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Start up/promoter's first investment activity

Total investment (thousand US\$):	374,20
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

The purpose of the project is to make briquettes out of wood and agro waste. The project aims to reduce indiscriminate cutting of wood from the forest and convert the agro-waste and sawdust from wood into briquettes as an alternative fuel.

Planned products and services:	
Carbonised Briquettes	575 tonnes / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The raw material resources are available in plenty and at no/low costs

*Capability, competence*

The company has a very simple, yet modern machine to produce the product.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company is willing to part with 50% equity in favour of a JV partner. The aim is to enhance capacities and also develop export markets through a foreign JV partner

*Market access*

The demand for the products of the company is very low in Ondo state and Nigeria as a whole and hence the company believes that the product will have a very high export potential in Europe and also in USA and Asian Countries. The company wants to appoint agents in these countries to market its products

*Buy-back arrangement*

The company seeks buy back arrangement with a foreign partner.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	1.600
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

The purpose of the project is to increase the capacity utilisation of existing project by ensure regular supply and flow of working capital and also to expand the capacities in the following manner:

Copper Production from 720 Mt to 1500 MT.  
Aluminium Production from 600 MT to 1300 MT.  
PVC from 480 MT to 1000 MT.

The following are purpose of the project:

1. The company is looking for suppliers of raw materials and finished products on need basis and on soft credit terms.
2. Technical training and assistance to develop new products in the same line of business.
3. Financial requirement of the company in terms of working capital requirement and L/c limits are there. The company promoters are willing to part with equity stake and are also interested in look at credit facilities from prospective investors.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The company is facing difficulty in sourcing copper and aluminium in the local market as the company does not have working capital to buy in bulk. Due to this the cost of material for the company is very high.

*Capability, competence*

The company is producing very good quality products but the same is very simple and easy to copy. The company needs to add new products to its portfolio to be more competitive in the markets.

*Other*

The company needs money in the form of working capital to finance the imports of critical raw materials to be more competitive and also to ensure that its customers get delivery of the products on time.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The promoters are willing to part with equity which is at the moment fully subscribed. However the extent to which equity will be provided depends on the investment and resources brought in by the prospective investor.

*Loan*

The company is looking for a long term loan or Letter of Credit limits for importing raw materials. In foreign currency the loan required is 527,424 USD and in addition to this a local currency loan of 432,576 USD is sought. An additional overdraft limit of 160,000 USD is also expected by the company. This entire amount will be used to fund expansion of production capacities and also to infuse working capital.

*Technical expertise*

The company needs training in developing value added products in this industry

*Technology transfer*

The company is looking for some new technology in the production area to increase the yield and reduce the power consumption.

Project No.: NIR-005-2007-01  
 ISIC Code: D3190 - Manufacture of other electrical equipment n.e.c.  
 Date of Submission: 1 Jan. 2007

# Gaytech Nigeria Limited

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Gaytech Nigeria Limited

### Current markets:

The major market is in and around Akure Municipality. The demand for invertors is increasing in neighbouring villages and small towns as they get access to electricity. With invertors, the consumers can access electricity for a longer time than the NEPA supplies.

### Total employees:

13 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Invertors of various capacities

1.305 numbers / year

### Competitors:

Electricity production and transmission agencies of the Government like PHCN, Generator manufacturers and importers. There are no inverter manufacturers in Akure.

### Company strengths:

#### *Technical expertise*

The key success factor of the company is the technical expertise of the Managing Director. His in-depth understanding of the product and quality norms are main factors for the success of the company.

#### *Marketing*

The focus on customised needs of the customer and providing appropriate after sales support is the reason for the company's success.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	160
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	135

**Purpose of the project:**

To produce Invertors on a mass scale after have successfully launched and tested the markets for the product on a pilot basis in the incubator. The project aims at producing over 120 invertors per month.

Planned products and services:	
Invertors of 1 kva to 5 kva capacity	1.305 numbers / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

There are many suppliers of generators. However due to the noise pollution levels, and also due to the high cost of maintaining it, Invertors are carving a niche in the markets of Ondo state.

*Favourable location*

Akure Municipality is the Capital of Ondo State and has been plagued by constant power shortages inspite of the fact that Ondo state produces oil and gas. Average electricity available in the state is for less than 8 hrs per day. Without electricity in the evenings the population is put to great trouble and hence invertors have a good potential for sale in the state.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The proposed project is for setting up a modern facility to produce invertors on a mass scale. The requirement of investment is to the tune of USD 160,000. The promoters are willing to invest USD 25,000. They seek the balance through JV equity partner. This equity can be in the form of cash or kind.

Project No.:	NIR-007-2007-01
ISIC Code:	D2411 - Manufacture of basic chemicals, except fertilizers and nitrogen compounds
Date of Submission:	9 Jan. 2007

# Lizjemson Nigeria Limited

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Lizjemson Nigeria Limited

### National investor

Lizjemson Nigeria Limited is a registered limited liability company currently producing lizdixal germicide and lizdaxetol antiseptic.

### Current markets:

The market covers households, hospitals and public places located in the entire south west area of nigeria with a population of eight million people.

### Total employees:

7 full time

0 part time

### Competitors:

Tisco Pharmaceutical Company and Gongoni Company Limited.

### Current products / services of the company:

Lizdixal Germicide

Lizdaxetol Antiseptic

### Company strengths:

#### *Ownership rights and licences*

The company is licenced by the food and drug agency of Nigeria-NAFDAC

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

Capacity is not fully utilised due to limited finance.

#### *Technical expertise*

The company's products have been issued certificate of analysis by the Federal University of Technology, Akure

#### *Managerial expertise*

The Company's Managing Director is a seasoned Industrialist.

#### *Marketing*

There is enough local market that the company cannot even satisfy.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	2.600
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

Introduction of a new product (Lizdixal Disinfectant) at an additional cost of N3.4 million to be financed by joint venture and meet the market of about 8 million people in the South West area of Nigeria.

**Planned products and services:**

Joint-venture (equity)  
30% Foreign, 70% local

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

There is a market that is inexhaustive.

*Capability, competence*

The promoters are already into production of related products and have the certificate of analysis from a reputable University of technology.

*Favourable location*

The location is favourable.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	6.000
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	2.000

**Purpose of the project:**

The Project plans to set up a new hotel for the Royal Birds Motel Ltd. in Alagbaka, located in the heart of Government Reservation area in Akure. The project will be set up in owned land. The project proposes to set up a state of the art hotel with all modern amenities and create an infrastructure that will be a tourist attraction for the State and also promote other tourists destinations in the state.

<b>Planned products and services:</b>	
Double Rooms	133 rooms
Royal Suites	6 rooms
Presidential Suites	2 rooms

[COMFAR III financial projections available](#)

**Rationale behind the project:***Capability, competence*

The company has already created a goodwill among its patrons and this will help the news hotel in getting better support from its clientele. Moreover, with the lease period of the old premises getting over, the company needs to build new infrastructure to continue its business.

*Favourable location*

The location is very close to the central business district of Akure. It is on the Bank Road through to the Secretariat. Most business travellers frequent these areas for their business meetings and hence the location is most favourable.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company willing to part with 40% equity in favour of equity partners

*Management expertise*

The company is willing to collaborate with Hotel Management companies like Hilton, Holiday Inn or Sheraton to manage this property as a 5-star facility.

Project No.:	NIR-018-2007-01
ISIC Code:	D2109 - Manufacture of other articles of paper and paperboard
Date of Submission:	1 Jan. 2007

# Toyin Paper Converting Company Limited

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Toyin Paper Converting Company Ltd.

### National investor

Toyin Group

### Current markets:

Akure City and Ondo State

### Competitors:

Note book manufacturers from other states of Nigeria like Thomas Wyatt Nigeria Limited, Lagos, Onward Paper Mills, Lagos and Star Modern Mills, Kano

### Company strengths:

#### *Marketing*

The company will gain from the goodwill created by Toyin and Sons. The demand for the products of the company will mainly come from Toyin and Sons and the entire capacity is likely to be taken up by Toyin and Sons

### Total employees:

33 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Notebooks & Exercise Books	3.400.000 numbers / year
Duplicating Books	180.000 numbers / year
Foolscaps	166.700 numbers / year
Graph Books	134.000 numbers / year
Drawing paper books	166.700 numbers / year

### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The project has some of the machines to produce this capacity but require some more machines. At the same time, there is no working capital available with the company to start production.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	365
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

The proposed project will set up production facilities for production of exercise note books and other allied products in Akure. The demand for notebooks in Ondo State is very high and the same is being satisfied by suppliers from other states in Nigeria and also from imports. Toyin Paper Converting Company Limited will ensure production of good quality notebooks to satisfy the demands within the state and will also supply the same to other states in the neighbourhood.

The basic raw materials for the product are wood free bond paper or mechanised paper, printing ink, kraft paper for the cover, stitching pins and packaging materials (cartons). Wood free bond paper or mechanised paper is available within the country. The same can also be sources cheaply from international markets.

Machinery installed for this purpose at the company can process 7 tonnes of paper reams to different products on a single shift of 8 hours daily. Initially the project will start at 60% capacity utilisation which will increase to 90% in the fourth year.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The company has a strong access to markets with the goodwill of Toyin and Sons.

*Favourable location*

The company has a favourable location to its main market. It is on the main road outside Akure and hence logistics becomes very easy.

**Planned products and services:**

Exercise Note books	3.400.000 numbers / year
Duplicating books	180.000 numbers / year
Foolscap book	166.700 numbers / year

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The promoters have planned to invest USD 364,840.00. This represents 100% of the equity. Of this, the promoters are willing to part with 50% in favour of a joint venture partner. The JV partner should bring in this amount partly in the form of cash and partly they can bring it in the form of machinery

*Loan*

The promoters of the project are looking for a loan of USD 160000. They are expecting to pay an interest rate of 8.5%.



# Kisumu, Kenya

## BACKGROUND

Kenya's third largest city (est. 500,000), situated on the Kavirondo Gulf, an arm of Lake Victoria, Kisumu is a regional hub with the potential to become the leading commercial, industrial and administrative center in the Lake Victoria Basin.

The city faces severe challenges, though, from the combination of declining railway and ferry use; cheap subsidized imports; a slump in fishing, sugar, cotton and rice production due to environmental degradation, adverse weather conditions, and inaccessible markets, as well as tremendous population pressure. Kisumu has one of Kenya's highest poverty levels (48% in 2004); severe shortages in housing, water, sanitation and appropriate solid waste disposal have slowed development, and the disease burden (untreated HIV/AIDS, malaria and other infectious diseases) is very high.



Over 60% of the population lives in peri-urban settings practicing unregulated, subsistence-level urban agriculture, thereby silting the lake and deforesting the surrounding hills. Yet the city is undergoing a resurgence in regional trade and tourism, and is working to improve its production and infrastructural capacity with an eye toward regaining its footing as an investment and tourist destination.

## POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Agro-processing activities include refined sugar, frozen fish, textiles, beer, sisal fiber, ethanol, and molasses; there is room for expansion in banking, insurance, Internet technology, and telecommunications.

Plans for improving rail and air access have been budgeted for at the national level, and will, along with the revival of the ferry service, enhance opportunities for tourism, as well as convenient business access to Uganda and Tanzania.



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Project No.:	KEN-012-2007-06
ISIC Code:	D1549 - Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.
Date of Submission:	29 Jun. 2007

# Agro Chemical and Food Company Limited

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Agro Chemical and Food Company Limited

### National investor

The company is a Joint Venture between the Government of Kenya and The Mehta Group. The Government of Kenya has invested 56% and the Mehta Group has invested 44% of the total Equity. Total Investment is USD 923,000 (60 mn Kenyan Shillings).

### Current markets:

The Market for the products is global. Most of the products go to Alcohol producing countries. Some of the Dry Yeast products are consumed in Kenya locally but these are small quantities. Europe, USA and Asia are the major markets for the company.

### Competitors:

In Kenya, Spectre International Limited offers competition especially in the Raw Materials market. However, on a worldwide basis there are many competitors. But the supply of the finished product is limited and hence there is a good scope for expansion.

### Company strengths:

#### *Access to natural resources*

The company is located in the Sugarcane belt of Kenya with proximity to many Sugar Producers and hence access to raw materials is an advantage.

#### *Quality control*

The company produces high quality products due to stringent quality control standards and also due to high quality of equipment and machinery Evaluation notes were added to the output document. To get rid of these notes, please order your copy of ePrint 5.0 now.

### Total employees:

250 full time	0 part time
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### Current products / services of the company:

Alcohol	18 mn litres / year (Capacity utilization: 100%)
Active Dry Yeast	973 tonnes / year (Capacity utilization: 81%)
Wet Yeast	389 tonnes / year (Capacity utilization: 39%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The company has consistently produced at very high capacity. The company faces a problem of availability of Raw Materials due to which there may be a reduction in capacity utilisation in future. This is because many sugar factories around Kisumu are not doing well or closing down.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	14.630	14.652	N/A
Domestic Market (in %):	0.00	0.00	0.00
Export (in %)	100.00	100.00	0.00

*Technical expertise*

The company has a strong technical team which is a mix of Kenyan Nationals and Expatriates. The technical expertise of the team ensures high quality production with a high capacity utilisation.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

*Managerial expertise*

The company has received many awards for managerial excellence. The company received the best Para-Statal Award and The best company in Environmental Practices Award. The company is an ISO 9001-2000 certified company.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has no specific project at the moment. The Resident Director & Chief Executive of the company listed the following issues as issues of immediate concern:

1. Loss of Molasses from Kenya to Uganda for production of country liquor in Uganda (Waragi). The potential for value addition in Uganda is lost due to this.
2. Need supplier of technology to directly convert Sugarcane Juice to Molasses.
3. Technology for processing Cassava and Sweet Sorghum
4. Manpower Training for Quality & Environment Compliances.
5. Suppliers of some critical material like: Wood Naptha, Yeast Separator & Caoutchousine.



*Managerial expertise*

Due to the high qualifications in the industry and vast experience among the directors of the company, the quality of management of the company is very high. Mr. Martin Owegi the fourth Director in the company has 14 years of experience in the business and is considered a very good manager in the industry.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

**Purpose of the project:**

To develop the Fig Tree Tented Camp as a site for a new concept called Responsible Tourism. This will be done in collaboration with the Kenya Wildlife Service and will be located in the Impala Park in Kisumu. There are logistical advantages for the company as the Impala Park is in the vicinity of the Kiboko Bay Resort and the Central Business District of Kisumu.

The company plans to do this new venture in a concept of responsible tourism. This means that the company will actively consider impact on the environment, resources and local indigenous people. More use of local raw materials and local style of construction and giving employment to local people will be the key to the success of this new project.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The concept of Responsible Tourism will be able to create a niche market for the company as it will be able to attract nature lovers and environmentally enlightened people.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	539,15
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Planned products and services:**

Tented Rooms and other Hospitality	
Products (Restaurants etc)	12 tents / day

*Capability, competence*

The company has already proven its capability and competence by managing Kiboko Bay Resort.

*Favourable location*

The propose site at the Impala park is located between the Kiboko Bay Resort and both the Mona Ami restaurants.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company has bid for this project to the Kenya Wildlife Services and expects to receive the lease for the proposed resort. The expected investment is around USD 540,000. The company can raise 25% of this from its own resources. For the balance company is looking for an investment partner from the hospitality industry. If the JV works, then the company can also look for JV in the other expansion plans of the company in Kiboko Bay.

*Loan*

Since the existing shareholders do not want to give away stake of more than 25% in the total equity, the company is willing to take a loan to finance the balance that is not financed by an Equity Partner.

*Technical expertise*

The company expects the JV partner to bring in technical expertise to manage the new concept.

COMFAR III financial projections available



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has no specific projects planned at the moment. However the company needs support in enhancing the value of its network by adding new products. For this the company wants to have marketing collaborations with International Partners for marketing their products in the company's network.

The company also wants to produce more products to its portfolio of manufactured products. The company is looking for collaboration in manufacturing new products under license from International companies.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The company being located in Kisumu has access to high quality Nile Perch which has high potential for value addition. Nile Perch variety of fish has high oil content. The company has a good network with Fishermen around the Lake Victoria who provide the company with constant supply the required Raw Material.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company has a loyal customer base in USA and Europe who can be tapped to market the newly proposed project.

Project No.:	KEN-013-2007-07
ISIC Code:	H5510 - Hotels; camping sites and other provision of short-stay accommodation
Date of Submission:	5 Jul. 2007

# Imperial Hotel

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Imperial Hotel

### National investor

National investor is Mayfair Holdings. The hotel is managed by Ms. Salima Gilani.

### Current markets:

The market is Business and Leisure Travellers to Kisumu. No financial information of sales and market was offered by the management of the Company.

### Competitors:

Kisumu Hotel, Victoria Hotel. But these hotels are managed by University and hence there are efficiency problems.

### Company strengths:

#### *Financial resources*

The Hotel business is a ready cash business and hence the cash flow position of the company is very healthy. Further, the company operates 3 restaurants that generate a very high cash flow every day.

#### *Technical expertise*

The management of the company is very customer friendly and ensure that there is a high degree of customer retention and hence the hotel has become a sought after residential destination for tourists as well as business travellers.

### Total employees:

66 full time	14 part time
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### Current products / services of the company:

Rooms	70 rooms / day (Capacity utilization: 67%)
Appartments	14 rooms / day (Capacity utilization: 75%)
Restaurants	(Capacity utilization: 72%)
Conferences	(Capacity utilization: 50%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The Imperial Hotel has the best capacity utilisation rate in the industry in Kisumu.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic Market (in %):	0.00	0.00	0.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant /  
line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company expects the following support:

1. Rainwater Harvesting project for the hotel.
2. Solar Water Heaters for the Hotel
3. Software Development for Back office Operations
4. Manpower Training in Overall Maintenance of Assets and Services of the Company.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	738.08
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The proposed project is to produce HDPE Ropes and Twine initially and later on to produce fishing nets. The products will be marketed through the existing trading establishment and through a network of retailers in and around Kisumu. The main markets for the products will be around the Lake Basin in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The promoters expect that the ropes and twines will have a market in the Agriculture, Fishing and Industrial Sectors. The company will import machinery from India for this purpose. The company expects to get into the export markets after two years.

**Planned products and services:**

HDPE Ropes and Twines	1.200 tonnes / year
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*Cost competitiveness*

The company will gain a 25% cost advantage due to duty free imports and saving from import duty of finished products which other importers will incur.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The company is located in the Lake Basin which is the biggest market for HDPE Ropes and Twines due to the fishing and agro sector support in the region. At the moment there are only importers of these products and there are no manufacturers. Company expects to benefit from the reduction in import duties which will reduce cost of production and hence provide company a competitive edge. The promoters of the company already have a market for the products through their existing trading establishment.

*Favourable location*

As mentioned above, The company has locational advantage.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Technical expertise*

The company is looking for technical expertise to produce fishing nets and value added products using HDPE Ropes and Twines.

*Technology transfer*

The company is also looking for new technology in its chosen line of business.

Project No.:	KEN-014-2007-08
ISIC Code:	D1711 - Preparation and spinning of textile fibres; weaving of textiles
Date of Submission:	31 Aug. 2007

# Kisumu Cotton Mills

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Kisumu Cotton Mills

### National investor

Kicomi is a fully integrated textile mill comprising of spinning, weaving, bleaching, dyeing and printing.

### Current markets:

Closed for last three years. Last turnover \$4 million.  
Supply to local Industry for manufacture of canvas shoes (Bata, Umoja shoes), Uganda and Tanzania.  
Light cotton material to southern Sudan.

### Competitors:

Mainly imports from China.

### Company strengths:

*Access to natural resources*

Located in cotton growing area.

*Ownership rights and licences*

100% private ownership, family owned, decision easier.

*Quality control*

Kicomi has a name, which sells by itself as the quality of fabric production is the best in the region.

### Total employees:

755 full time

0 part time

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	29.000
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	10.000

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has been shut down for a long time and is looking for strategic partners and investors to produce high value cotton. The funds so received from investors will be used for the following purposes.

To modernize the plant so that the fabric can be produced at a competitive price in comparison to China and India

To provide much needed employment in the Region as the company once was. To be able to export fabric or finished product to the East African Community Region at least.

<b>Planned products and services:</b>	
100% cotton bedsheets	760.000 mtrs / year
Cotton Fabric	600.000 mtrs / year
Others Polyester/cotton	800.000 mtrs / year
Others Polyester/cotton	1.000.000 mtrs / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

All the required resources are at easy reach as the company is located in the cotton growing belt of Kenya. The company is already very well known with cotton farmers of the Lake Basin Region. In the past the company used to provide seeds to the farmers and had a buy back arrangement for cotton from the farmers.

*Capability, competence*

The senior staff is skillful and capable. The company has laid off most of the lower level staff but has access to technical and skilled staff. The company is known for its quality which is derived from the skill and capability of senior technical staff members.

*Favourable location*

The location is very suitable for cotton fabric production as it is cheaper to transport finished fabric rather than cotton. Further, there are no composite textile mills competing with Kisumu Cotton Mills in the entire East African Region due to which the company had a high degree of monopoly for a long time.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

Looking for investment in equipment

*Technical expertise*

Will improve efficiency

*Market access*

To export to USA and Europe

Project No.:	KEN-005-2007-08
ISIC Code:	Q9900 - Extra-territorial organizations and bodies
Date of Submission:	31 Aug. 2007

# Lake Basin Development Authority

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Lake Basin Development Authority

### National investor

Lake Basin Development Authority is a Parastatal established by an Act of Parliament cap 442 of 1979. It undertakes planning coordination and implementation of projects within the Kenyan side of lake Victoria catchment area.

### Current markets:

Market is mainly regional. Most of the products are sold in the supermarkets in Western Kenya and in Nairobi. Market share is about 15%.

### Competitors:

National Cereals and Produce Board for rice sales. Imported rice varieties from Vietnam Pakistan and Egypt.

### Company strengths:

#### *Technical expertise*

LBDA has Technical staff in various fields of Engineering, Agriculture, Environment, Industry etc.

#### *Managerial expertise*

LBDA has been restructured to ensure that the management staff on board have the best skills for the running of the organization.

#### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	135	145	154
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Total employees:

289 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Rice	1.000 tons / year (Capacity utilization: 40%)
Milk	500.000 tons / year (Capacity utilization: 90%)
Bricks	480.000 nos / year (Capacity utilization: 70%)
Cows	200 nos / year (Capacity utilization: 60%)
Sugarcane	1.500 tons / year (Capacity utilization: 75%)
Seedings	500.000 nos / year (Capacity utilization: 95%)
Fingering	500.000 nos / year (Capacity utilization: 70%)
Machinery Hire	96.000 hrs / year (Capacity utilization: 75%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

Rice Mill not fully utilized due to lack of capital to procure paddy from farmers.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	10.610
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	8.460

**Purpose of the project:**

To provide much needed office space and conference facilities to the fast expanding business community in Kisumu town and its environs.

<b>Planned products and services:</b>	
Office	12.890 sq mtrs
Conference	1.200 sq mtrs

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

Market is big and current office accommodation and conference facilities are inadequate within Kisumu town.

*Favourable location*

The proposed LBDA Headquarters building is located away from the hectic Kisumu town center thus offering conducive atmosphere to work and conferences.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

LBDA's existing land and structures to form its percentage contribution to final cost of the project.

*Other*

Build, operate and transfer (BOT) to LBDA after an agreed period of time.

Project No.: KEN-009-2007-07

ISIC Code: D2221 - Printing

Date of Submission: 5 Jul. 2007

# Lake Printers and Stationers Limited

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Lake Printers and Stationers Ltd.

### National investor

Rakesh Mandavia and Sanjay Mandavia

### Current markets:

In and around Kisumu. Mainly in Nyanza Province.

### Competitors:

Many Small printers.

### Company strengths:

#### *Ownership rights and licences*

The company is owned by a family which also manages the company as all the promoters are appropriately qualified to run the operations of the company. The promoters have also divided management functions among themselves to ensure fast decision making.

#### *Quality control*

The company has high standards of quality and depending on the needs of the customers offer customised products and services.

#### *Technical expertise*

The company has a very high team of technical personnel and hence are able to offer highly satisfactory products and services to its customers.

#### *Managerial expertise*

The promoters are professionally sound and also have vast experience in managing business.

### Total employees:

41 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

- Offset, Letterpress and Screen Printing
  - on Paper/Board/Cards/Calendars/Envelopes
- Supply of Office Stationery
- Supply of Computer Stationery and Supplies
- Office Furniture
- Name Plates
- Rubber Stamps & Seals

### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The company produces and trading is based on the needs of their customers. The company has a large capacity and most of it is not utilised as there are many special purpose machines which are used when there are orders. The company also suffers low capacity utilisation because of closure of many large businesses in and around Kisumu.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	246	261	277
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has no specific plans at the moment. But the company plans to pursue a diversification and expansion programme in line with their present level of operations and aimed at cost reduction. The company also plans to expand into regional markets across Kenya and also to Uganda and Tanzania.



Project No.:	KEN-006-2007-07
ISIC Code:	D1541 - Manufacture of bakery products
Date of Submission:	5 Jul. 2007

# Mayfair Bakeries Limited

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Mayfair Bakeries Limited

### National investor

The company is a part of the Mayfair Holdings Group.

### Current markets:

No information about turnover was given. The main markets for the company's products are in and around Kisumu. The company has 6 trucks in which they deliver products to their retail shops.

### Competitors:

There are many small bakeries that distort the market efficiency but the Bakery run by United Millers is the most serious competitor. This is because they have a larger capacity and also have raw material cost advantage due to raw material sourcing done in-house.

### Company strengths:

#### *Financial resources*

The company belongs to Mayfair Holding group which is very cash rich and hence the company has distinct financial advantages.

#### *Quality control*

The company produces its products in very high quality machines and hence has a quality advantage.

#### *Managerial expertise*

Though the company is managed by family members of the promoters, they have a very highly qualified team of managers both kenyans and expatriates.

### Total employees:

104 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

400 Gms Wheat

Bread Loaves                      13,500,000 loaves / year  
(Capacity utilization: 64%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The capacity is synchronised to market demand. Due to new competition from larger players demand has reduced from a maximum capacity utilisation of 70000 loaves/ day to 45000 loaves per day. The company however has the highest capacity utilisation in the region.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company wants help in the following:

1. Improve the efficiency of manufacturing in the factory.
2. Improve quality and housekeeping facilities
3. Training of Manpower to handle higher responsibilities.

No financial information or information on how the company plans to implement the above was given to the UNIDO Team.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

**Purpose of the project:**

The company does not have any concrete projects on hand at the moment. However the company would like to increase yield from its products and also offer value added products to its customers. For this, the company would like to have products like:

1. Fish Oil from Nile Perch.
2. Branded Smoked Fish
3. Ready to Cook Fish Products like Fish Fingers.
4. To set up a fresh water shrimp farm and to process shrimp for export

The company needs technical support for the above projects. However the company is not interested in diluting its equity.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The company being located in Kisumu has access to high quality Nile Perch which has high potential for value addition. Nile Perch variety of fish has high oil content. The company has a good network with Fishermen around the Lake Victoria who provide the company with constant supply the required Raw Material.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company has a loyal customer base in USA and Europe who can be tapped to market the newly proposed project.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Form of collaboration sought:***Marketing expertise*

*The company has requested market access and brand development expertise for its existing and new products.*

*Market access*

The company is looking for new markets for its existing products as well as new products.

*Technology transfer*

The company needs technology for producing the proposed products

*Equipment purchase*

Once the technology is identified for the new products, company will purchase machinery accordingly.



Project No.: KEN-004-2007-07  
ISIC Code: J6592 - Other credit granting  
Date of Submission: 5 Jul. 2007

# Saga Thrift and Enterprise Promotion

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Saga Thrift and Enterprise Promotion Limited

### National investor

Michael Ndeda, Henry Oketch, Ezra Anyango, Edward Osawa and KEY REP.

### Current markets:

The main market for Saga is Kisumu and Bondo Districts of Kenya.

### Total employees:

47 full time

0 part time

### Competitors:

The Micro Finance institutions and the Commercial Banks operating in and around the main markets for Saga are the competitors.

### Company strengths:

#### *Technical expertise*

The company has over the years gained high degree of technical expertise in offering savings and credit solutions for the small entrepreneurs and also to the rural farmers.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The main purpose of the project is to help Saga implement the following:

1. Capacity Building programmes for the officials of the company and also for the members of SACCO.
2. Computerising and Networking solutions for SAGA and all its branches
3. Technical banking support like Risk Management / Liquidity Management / Developing Security Systems and Portfolio Management.
4. Develop an Insurance Model for its Clients : both health and Life Insurance. There is no document for the project with the Company. The company has also not shared any information with the UNIDO team as to how it wishes to implemenent the above projects.

Project No.: KEN-003-2007-06  
 ISIC Code: D1549 - Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.  
 Date of Submission: 29 Jun. 2007

## Spectre International Limited

### C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

#### Name of company

Spectre International Limited

#### National investor

Mr. Israel Otieno Agina

#### Current markets:

The main markets are in Europe. The sale to Domestic markets are also to exporters who export to Europe.

#### Total employees:

215 full time

50 part time

#### Competitors:

Agro Chemical and Food Company Limited in Kisumu. There are many other competitors internationally.

#### Current products / services of the company:

Spirits 30.000 litre / year  
 (Capacity utilization: 50%)

Methane Gas for Own Use

#### Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:

Lack of availability of raw materials. The company is promoting Sweet Sorghum to increase the capacity utilisation.

#### Company strengths:

##### Quality control

The company has a very high quality standard. Hence the products have a high market demand in the International market

##### Managerial expertise

The managerial team is highly professional and committed. They are well qualified and highly experienced to manage the affairs of the company. The company's management team consists of many expatriates.

#### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2004	2005	2006
Total sales:	N/A	3.700	N/A
Domestic Market (in %):	N/A	40.00	N/A
Export (in %)	N/A	60.00	N/A

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant /  
line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has no specific projects at the moment.  
However the company expects support for the  
following:

1. Develop outgrowers for sweet sorghum and cassava  
in the Kisumu neighbourhood.
2. Support in technology acquisition for producing  
alcohol from sweet sorghum and cassava.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	663,20
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

The company is proposing to diversify into producing rotomoulded plastic tanks. The company has already identified technology and machinery from India. The project is in line with the company's existing line - Plastics. There are many manufacturers of plastic tanks in Kenya but most of them are in Nairobi and Mombasa and the cost of logistics makes it very expensive for consumers in Kisumu. The project will be implemented in the existing premises by removing the old rubber manufacturing facility.

**Planned products and services:**

Rotomoulded Water Tanks	600 tonnes / year
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**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The existing suppliers of water tanks transport these tanks from Nairobi or Mombasa which makes it very costly for consumers in Kisumu. This project will be able to reduce costs for the consumers and also provide the much needed water conservation mechanism for high water consumers in Kisumu. The project will be a market niche creator especially in terms of reducing the cost of manufacturing.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Technical expertise*

There is an acute shortage of manpower to support such high technology products. The promoters of the project have requested technically qualified manpower for the project. This could also be in terms of consultancy and manpower training.

*Technology transfer*

The company also need new technology for adding value to its existing projects.



COMFAR III financial projections available



# Kumasi, Ghana

## BACKGROUND

With a population of 1.2m (daytime ca. 2m), Kumasi is the capital of the Ashanti region and Ghana's northern hub.

Gold-mining, teak harvesting, breweries and agro-processing dominate the economy of this largest Millennium City; the rail and airport require upgrading before the potential in those industries can be maximized.

Kumasi boasts a bustling downtown and marketplace; yet much of the city's population lives and farms in peri-urban settings, having been forced off the farms by crop failure and lack of market access.

## POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Hotels are much in need, both for business and tourism (including eco-tourism).

Internet technology is eagerly awaited, and there is room for banks and insurance firms ready to finance and insure small-scale entrepreneurs.

Cotton textile, leather goods, hardwood (teak) furniture production, fish farming, and cocoa processing (chocolate, butter, cosmetics) also have substantial underutilized potential, and the municipal authorities are keen to develop an industrial zone where such activities might take place.

The airport renovation is expected soon, and plans for a new international airport are also underway.



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## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has three broad projects in mind:

1. Take loan to infuse additional working capital to increase production
2. To take Equity Partners or long term loans to finance construction of a new factory in 3 acres of land owned by MD and to finance the purchase of high technology machines.
3. To identify partners to take over the closed down leather tannery owned by the Government of Ghana called the Leather and Tanning Company Limited (LTCL).

The company believes that if the LTCL starts operations, the problem of raw materials will be solved and the company will not have to go in search for tanned leathers. The company has plans for the above but does not have concrete business plans to implement these projects.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	362.50
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	362.50

**Purpose of the project:**

1. The main purpose of the proposed project is to relocate the operations of the company closer to the city where there is more demand.
2. The company also wants to acquire larger size of land for its drying process.
3. The company wants to expand production of current facilities by employing modern efficient technological processes.
4. Company wants to add new products using the same technology like production of cement pavement blocks, interlocking tiles, prefabricated cement pillars etc.

**Planned products and services:**

Cement Blocks	550.000 / year
Pavement Slabs	2.500.000 / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The demand for cement blocks and related products is increasing at the rate of 30% and hence the company feels that it would be necessary to expand production.

*Favourable location*

The company is in Kumasi which is one of the fastest growing cities in Ghana and hence company feels that the demand for the products will be sustainable for long time.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Loan*

Company expects a loan from a foreign partner at a reasonable rate of interest (negotiable) repayable within 5 years.

*Technical expertise*

The company needs support for improving its existing technology and training the manpower in the new technology.

*Equipment purchase*

The company wishes to purchase new equipment with the loan received.





P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Purpose of the project:**

The company has already commenced its expansion plan with setting up of high technology fully automatic Buhler AG machine from Germany. The Company needs funding support for the second and third phase of expansion to produce fish feeds and soyabean meal. The company is willing to offer Joint Venture Partner equity. The company has a business plan and is willing to share it with any interested investor.



**Rationale behind the project:**

The proposed project is for a New Animal Feed Production Plant with a capacity of 10 Tonnes per hour. The proposed project will help in installation of new high technology feed production plant from Buhler AG - Switzerland complete with pelleting facility. The proposed project will also help in installing a 810 KVA capacity stand by electricity generator.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

1. Relocate production facilities to a more modern facility to improve efficiency.
2. Expand production capacity and automate major processes.
3. Modernise labour intensive work and improve workers' safety and health (improve spraying booth for example in painting)
4. To improve woodworking equipment to reduce wooden waste.

The company has a plan for the same but it is not in a professional format. The company will make available a professional format for investors.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	65
Loan from any sources (thousand US\$):	65

**Purpose of the project:**

- To increase production capacity
- To purchase high-technology machines to improve quality and to meet higher demands
- To enhance working capital
- To intensify marketing efforts

<b>Planned products and services:</b>	
Fruit Juice	120.000 bottle / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

Raw material is available in large quantities.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The demand for the product is more than the ability of the company to supply

**Form of collaboration sought:***Loan*

Loan to purchase new machinery and improve production facilities including factory building, machineries, working capital (raw materials and labour) and improved marketing.

*Technical expertise*

Technical training in improved methods of production and also for identifying new technology for increased production and quality management.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company is at the moment implementing its diversification project into producing corrugated boxes. The company plans to increase its production capacity. However the company does not have any immediate date to start this project. There was no information available on the new project.

**Rationale behind the project:**

Company wants to enter into printing of Big Packages



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

**Purpose of the project:**

1. The company needs capital to increase its level of operation
2. To enter into hospitality industry

The company has a business plan.

**Rationale behind the project:***Favourable location*

The company feels that Kumasi has a great potential for increased level of commerce and industry and hence there will be a boom in the real estate both for commercial and residential properties. The company also feels that the tourism flow to Kumasi will increase and hence its interest in hospitality industry.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company wants new equity partners for a Joint Venture with investment capability of at least USD 500,000 for the entire project.

Total investment (thousand US\$):	516.00
Local partner equity (thousand US\$):	34.00
Foreign partner equity (thousand US\$):	482.00

Project No.:	GHA-009-2008-01
ISIC Code:	D1810 - Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel
Date of Submission:	18. Jan. 2008

# Uni-Jay Fashion

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company

Uni-Jay Fashion

### National investor

Uni-Jay Fashion was established as a small-scale Fashion Designing & Dressmaking Company in 1982. It was registered with the Register General Department as a sole proprietorship type of Company owned by Mrs. Abobigu. It was later turned in to a company and registered as such in 9th February, 2004 under the Companies Code 1963, Act 179 with Mrs. Jane Abobigu, Mr. Thomas Abobigu and John Tanko Bawa as owners with Mrs. Jane Abobigu as a majority shareholder.

### Current markets:

The main market for the company's products is in Kumasi. The company has an overall market share of around 20% in the institutional markets in Kumasi. The main customers are institutional customers like schools, departmental stores, security companies and customers for uniform. The company also makes custom made garments for walk-in customers. Most customers are located in Kumasi.

### Competitors:

The company has a fair knowledge of its competitors in the Ashanti. On a peer group analysis the company has three firms, which are above the company's status.

### Company strengths:

*Access to natural resources*

*Ownership rights and licences*

*Quality control*

An important aspect of the production process is quality control. The company has put in place measures to ensure that products of the company conform to acceptable standards. Its products compared with those of its competitors in the Garment industry are unique. It is always concerned about the finishing of its products. It has carved a niche for itself due to the quality nature of its produces.

### Total employees:

49 full time

30 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Designer Wear	(Capacity utilization 15 %)
Protective clothing	(Capacity utilization 9 %)
Uniforms	(Capacity utilization 17 %)
Casual wears and apparel	(Capacity utilization 10 %)

### Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:

Capacity is not fully met because of low funds and low capacity of machinery. The company produces many things using the same machinery and manpower. It is very difficult to assign capacities to each product as allocation of machinery and manpower depends on the orders received. The capacity utilisation figures mentioned above are based on information given by the Director.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	120	160	210
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

*Managerial expertise*

The company has a Board of Directors comprising the promoters and experienced individuals who provide efficient leadership and service for the smooth and successful management of the business. Furthermore, the company is structured into (3) main departments, and these are:

- Production and Technical Department
- Administration, Marketing and Sales Department
- Accounts Department

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

**Purpose of the project:**

The main purpose behind the project is that, there has been a large demand for the products and services of the company. Looking at the current increase in demand for the company's products/services; it has become necessary to expand current facilities to meet the high customers demand.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The major raw materials are fabrics, sewing threads, zips, buttons etc. These materials are bought on the local market without any difficulties.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The Company adopts direct and indirect distribution strategies. Individual consumers within the market are reached using intermediaries like wholesalers and market agents etc and heavy user customers such as institutions would be reached by direct distribution services. To this end the company will continually improve our packaging for better corporate identity, providing a more attractive package, is a very

<b>Total investment (thousand US\$):</b>	100.00
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important ingredient in the Fashion Designing & Dressmaking industry.

*Capability, competence*

The company is capable of handling any size of order because of its hard working management and employees.

*Favourable location*

The company is currently located at Lake Road, Ahensan-Bonsum. The facilities of the Company include a parking lot, an office and operational premises. The area is already served with utilities of water, telephone and electricity. The site is connected by paved road to the main the main road making the location accessible.

*Cost competitiveness*

The Co provides consumers with value for money products (lower price/high quality). This can be achieved through purchasing of raw material at economic ordering, quality in - service training or operatives to be quality conscious and efficient leading to high productivity and lower production cost and therefore a higher profit margin for the company. The Company calculates its production cost and then adds its profit margin normally between 15% - 30%.

**Form of collaboration sought:***Loan*

The main project under review is the purchasing of additional equipment for the expansion of the existing facilities. Inview of this, the company is seeking for a loan to purchase the needed equipments for the epansion its facility to boost up the companies production and revenue. This loan will be repaid with an interest rate of 10% within five years of which one year will be moratorium period.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company plans to have a new facility for printing all its books at low cost in Ghana itself. The company however does not have any project at the moment. If they find suitably interested parties, the company will prepare a project report for the same.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The main purpose of the project is to add new product designs and in developing International markets. The company is interested in technology and design partnership with international companies and would like to have international consultants for technical improvements in its existing production.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

1. The company needs support for increasing its working capital for creating a group of outgrowers of oil seeds with whom the company can enter into rationale: agreements for buying back their produce.
2. The company also plans to go into oil seed cultivation and hence is interested in investments in farming



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company is planning a diversification project to produce plastic containers for packing vegetable oil that is produced by the company. At the moment, the pet bottles and jerry cans used by the company for packing its vegetable oil is purchased from Accra. This is costly mainly due to the cost of transportation of empty containers. The company can save substantially if the company starts producing the containers within the factory. Preliminary analysis by the company also indicates that there would be many customers locally in Kumasi to purchase containers that the company will produce in excess of its requirements. With this clear understanding, the company is embarking on the diversification project and the company requires support in technology transfer, technical know-how, equipment purchase, loan/equity to finance the project and access to sources of raw material. The company would also need support in project implementation and management of the project during operations phase.

The company does not have any project report at the moment. It is in the process of preparing one and the same will be available to investors/facilitators of the project.

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

At the moment, the pet bottles and jerry cans used by the company for packing its vegetable oil is purchased from Accra. This is costly mainly due to the cost of transportation of empty containers. The company can save substantially if the company starts producing the



containers within the factory. Preliminary analysis by the company also indicates that there would be many customers locally in Kumasi to purchase containers that the company will produce in excess of its requirements.

Project No.:	GHA-014-2008-01
ISIC Code:	D2109 - Manufacture of other articles of paper and paperboard
Date of Submission:	2 Jan. 2008

# Three Stars Paperworks Enterprise

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Three Stars Paperworks Enterprise

### National investor

Three Stars Paperworks Enterprises is a Domestic Company wholly owned by Mr. Joseph Akwasi Agyemang

### Current markets:

Local in Ghana. All products are sold in Kumasi. Educational institutions and bookshops buy 45% and General public buys 55%. The estimated market share of the product is 12%.

### Competitors:

There are many competitors but the demand is far greater and the need is for custom made books. The competition from Chinese toilet paper suppliers is causing some difficulty in that business.

### Company strengths:

#### *Ownership rights and licences*

Sole proprietorship and hence decision making is fast

#### *Quality control*

The quality of the products of the company is regarded as one of the best among competition and hence has higher demand. There is a trained quality control team in the company.

#### *Managerial expertise*

The Managing Director is highly experience in this business with large experience of selling stationery from earlier jobs.

### Total employees:

6 full time	15 part time
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### Current products / services of the company:

Exercise Books	316.8000 / year
Envelopes	253.440 packets / year
Toilet Rolls	120.384 bags / year

The exact capacities are not available

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	500	1,459	N/A
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	1,612
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	760

**Purpose of the project:**

The purpose of the new investment is to expand capacity and enhance working capital. There is a detailed business plan ready for investors .

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to markets or market niche*

The company is at the moment having a higher demand than what it can supply and hence the increase in production capacity.

*Favourable location*

The Ashanti Region has a tradition for higher education. Further being located almost in the centre of the country it is easy to move goods around the country from Ashanti Region.

**Form of collaboration sought***Loan*

The company requires working capital loans.

*Equipment purchase*

The company has identified the machineries it wants. These are Beilomatic Exercise Book Machine from Germany, W&D Envelope Making Machine from Germany and Toilet Roll machine from China. The expected cost of these machineries is around USD 698032.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	550
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	338

**Purpose of the project:**

1. Expand production of tablet soap by 50% by end of 2008
2. Add new production line to produce liquid soap by end of 2008
3. Employ modern and efficient technology to achieve the above.

**Planned products and services:**

Tablet Laundry Soap	1.200.000 / year
Liquid Soap	120.000 / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The main raw material for the project is potash which is a by-product of cocoa husk and is available in abundance in the Ashanti Region.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company is one of the two indigenous manufacturers of soaps in the northern region with access to markets in entire northern region of Ghana and also to emerging markets of Burkina Faso.

*Favourable location*

The firm's nearness to the target markets and the understanding of these markets is a major reason for the expansion cum diversification project.

**Form of collaboration sought***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company is willing to offer equity to investors interested in the project.

*Loan*

The company wants low interest loans for its expansion cum diversification plans.

*Technical expertise*

The company needs support in improving the skills of production and also on handling the new technology it proposes to buy.

*Technology transfer*

The company wants to procure technology for mechanising the tablet soap manufacturing and also wants technology for production of liquid soap.

*Equipment purchase*

The company wants to purchase equipment for manufacturing and packing both tablet soap and liquid soap.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

Modernization and/or expansion of existing plant / line of business

Total investment (thousand US\$):	175.70
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

**Purpose of the project:**

The company wants to expand production by 30% each year for the next three years, improve efficiency without compromising on quality and production techniques. The company also wants to establish effective export marketing channels.

**Planned products and services:**

Kente Fabric	36.000 sq mtrs / year
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**Rationale behind the project:***Capability, competence*

All the weavers of the company are very highly skilled and the company has a training plan to add more weavers regularly to its workforce.

*Market access*

The company is interested in partners who can provide market access to European and American Markets. The company also wants such partners to invest in brand building and working capital for increasing production.

*Favourable location*

The company is located in one of the main districts traditionally famous for kente fabric.

*Unique technology*

The traditional system of kente weaving is unique to the location where the company is located.

**Form of collaboration sought***Technical expertise*

The company wants technical expertise to make yarn for kente fabric locally. At the moment the company is purchasing imported yarn.

*Marketing expertise*

The company needs support from a marketing expert to build export markets. The company targets to export 50% of its total production in 2008.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to generate employment, reduce poverty and ensure the achievement of Millennium Development Goals. The company plans to set up 4 projects at the millennium village:

1. Silk Production
2. Liquid Soap
3. Activated Carbon
4. Cassava Processing

The company plans to set up these projects and use the produce from the Millennium village and offer employment and also improve the company's profitability.

*Technical expertise*

The company requires technical assistance to develop a project report and also to implement the new projects

*Market access*

The company wants European and American Market Access for the new products.

*Technology transfer*

The company is interested in new technology for the new products proposed to be produced

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The company plans to use the increased production of raw materials coming from the millennium village

*Favourable location*

The company expects to benefit from the specific advantages offered by being in the Millennium Village.

**Form of collaboration sought***Joint-venture (equity)*

The company wants partners to share equity in the new projects

*Loan*

If JV partners are not available for the equity, the company is willing to take loans at low cost.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	30
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	30

**Purpose of the project:**

The company plans to formalise its activity by setting up a proper workshop. The company plans to increase its production by 10 times and set up a planning system to ensure higher yields and greater profits. The company needs financial support for investing in Fixed Assets and also for working capital.

**Planned products and services:**

Wooden Dolls	5.000 / year
Masks	4.000 / year
Drums	3.000 / year
Walking Sticks	4.000 / year
Serving Trays	3.500 / year
Coffee Tables	3.000 / year

**Rationale behind the project:***Access to resources*

The Raw material and Skill for production (artisans) are available in the area where the company is located.

*Favourable location*

Kumasi City and Ashanti Region as a whole is well known for its handloom and handicraft business.

**Form of collaboration sought***Loan*

Loan for purchase of land, construction of building and for working capital to procure raw material in bulk



Project No.:	GHA-019-2008-01
ISIC Code:	D2109 - Manufacture of other articles of paper and paperboard
Date of Submission:	21 Jan. 2008

# Jolly World Cool Ltd

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company

Jolly World Cool Ltd

### National investor

The company is a part of the Addai Family business. The Addai family is into trading in Agricultural tools and musical instruments. The Family started this company with a view to benefit from the higher demand for disposable food packaging and toilet papers. The company set up its waste paper recycling project which is the basic raw material for toilet paper. Subsequently looking to demand for disposable food containers, the company set up another production facility for producing the same. The company is at the moment in the process of setting up production facilities for Nails for construction and carpentry. The company used to produce candles but due to pressure of competition from imported cheap candles, the production is at the moment stopped.

### Current markets:

Main markets for the company's products are in Ghana. Jolly toilet rolls are sold exclusively in Ghana. Sweetie Toilet Rolls are made for markets in Togo. Lunch boxes are exported to Nigeria. The main customers for toilet rolls are households and these are sold to supermarkets and retail shops. The market for lunch boxes are more institutional and the network used is wholesale distributors.

### Competitors:

There are many competitors for toilet rolls. The competition from Chinese hurts the most. This is because they import toilet paper as fillers (scrap paper) when they import electronic and plastic items. These toilet rolls are then packed and sold at a very low cost. There are very few competitors in Lunch Box business. However there are competing products like plastic bags, paper bags and aluminum foil packs.

### Company strengths:

#### *Technical expertise*

The company has latest equipment and expatriate Chinese Technology Support for its production facilities and hence the company provides the best quality materials in the region.

#### Total employees:

101 full time	115 part time
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#### Current products / services of the company:

Toilet Paper Rolls	200.000 rolls / year (Capacity utilization: 75%)
Lunch Boxes	50.000 nos / year (Capacity utilization: 40%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

New Project and competition fom cheap Chinese imports.

#### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	3.600	5.000	7.000
Domestic Market (in %):	80.00	70.00	55.00
Export (in %)	20.00	30.00	45.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The company is planning to produce in Nigeria.  
The company is also planning an unrelated diversification to Quarry Business in Buoho, Ghana.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

**Project type:**

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

**Purpose of the project:**

The main purpose of the project is to expand the existing business by doubling capacity.

The company also plans support in getting hatchery technology and to buy chicks from Belgium.

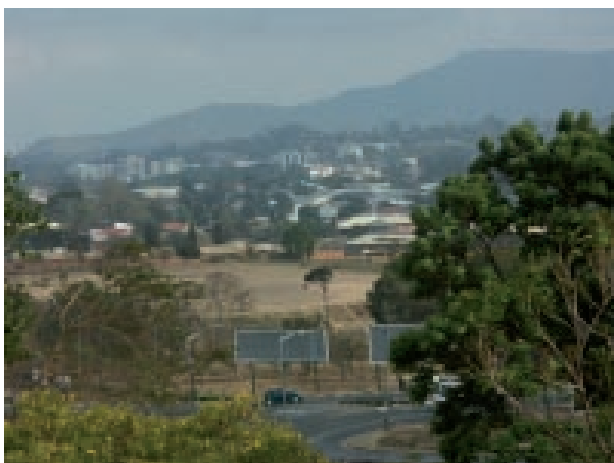


# Blantyre, Malawi

## BACKGROUND

Malawi's most populous city (est. 750,000), Blantyre is also the country's main commercial and industrial center, with road, rail, and air links to all parts of the country and rail links to Indian Ocean ports in Mozambique. Key industries include cement, soap, food and tobacco-processing, and textiles, with the latter ripe for revitalization, given the potential for locally produced cotton.

The City Assembly has developed extensive plans for improvements both in infrastructure and in the delivery of essential services, but has few resources with which to implement its plans. HIV/AIDS has had a debilitating presence (over 17%) on the urban community, with an immeasurable cost in human resources.



Although enjoying bumper harvests in recent years, Malawi is still prone to famine from droughts; child and maternal mortality rates (137 per 1000 under fives and 950 per 100,000 deliveries respectively) are extraordinarily high, and life expectancy which was at 39 is now at 42 thanks largely to growing availability and use of ARVs and behavioural change with respect to HIV/AIDS.

## POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Successful private and joint ventures include fish farming and a range of agro-processing activities, with opportunities for expansion into tea blending, tobacco processing, dairy production and the processing of macadamia nuts, oranges, pineapples, tomatoes, potatoes, cassava, mushrooms, soya beans and coffee.

Other opportunities include the revitalization of cotton and textile production; tourism (focused on wildlife viewing and eco-tourism), and Internet technology and telecommunications, as well as ready access to regional markets and transnational partners in South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Tanzania.

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## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	3.171
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	3.171

## Purpose of the project:

The objective of the project is to expand the customer base for the famous Sacha's products by developing a production and distribution network which will make inroads into the semi-urban and rural areas.

Planned products and services:  
Bread & Confectionary

The concept of the project is to make available to more people including those in rural areas baked and confectionary products. This will be achieved by offering franchises to business entrepreneurs in the cities and townships to open bakeries on the Sacha's label. The first phase will begin with eight (8) such franchises. There will be eight such franchise units starting with the main cities during the first phase. Smaller satellite bakeries will be opened in a few selected places which can not be supplied economically from the franchise units. These will be limited in their range of products concentrating mainly on baking products on a Sacha's label.

produced fresh bread and confectionary using high standard raw materials and machinery is available to the rural population.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Loan*

The promoters are also looking for soft loan from investors as this is both a financially viable project as well as a social objective project.

*Equipment purchase*

The promoters are willing to receive suppliers' credit for machinery for the satellite bakeries.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

The project will involve creating franchise bakeries as a satellite to the main company production facility. The company will offer the franchisees all the raw material and standard equipment to ensure high quality and good health and safety standards. The company will train the franchisees and their employees in all aspects of bakery and food production management.

*Other*

The new project is one of its kind in Malawi and is expected to create large number of rural jobs. Further the project will ensure that good and hygienically



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	11.010
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0

## Purpose of the project:

The company has a large plot of land measuring 200 acres within its existing production area. The project is being proposed to utilize the land so that the company can produce its own feed and also utilize the land for other profitable purposes.

## Planned products and services:

Maize  
Soyabean  
Fish - Tilapia  
Beef and Dairy  
Broiler Chicken  
Pelletized Chicken Feed

1.0 Crop Production

2.0 Fish Farming

3.0 Beef and Dairy Cattle

4.0 Broiler Chicken farming

5.0 Feed Pelletization

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The promoter is willing to share equity. It is negotiable

*Loan*

A loan with a reasonable interest rate

*Management expertise*

Promoter is looking for an investor who has experience in integrated farming

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

The proposed projects are very viable and have huge demand. There is a large market which is already available.

*Capability, competence*

The company has the market networks and the capacity to produce and sell.

*Favourable location*

The Entire tract of land is very close to Blantyre which is the largest market in Malawi.

Project No.:	MLW-003-2008-11
ISIC Code:	H5510 - Hotels; camping sites and other provision of short-stay accommodation
Date of Submission:	10 Nov. 2008

# Hotel Victoria Ltd.

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company:

Hotel Victoria

### National investor:

Victoria Hotel and The Gani family

### Current markets:

No information was provided about Annual turnover by the Management. The Market is tourists and official visitors to Blantyre and Institutions requiring Conference facilities in Blantyre.

### Competitors:

Hotel Malawi Sun/ Hotel Mount Soche and a host of small hotels and lodges. The company does not perceive these as competitors but as collaborators as the demand is more than supply and every hotel faces over booking of rooms and hence shares information with them.

### Company strengths:

#### *Financial resources*

High Capacity Utilisation and hence high availability of cash flows

#### *Access to natural resources*

Ideal Location

#### *Quality control*

High Quality of service

#### *Managerial expertise*

Professionally Managed

### Total employees:

70 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Hotel Rooms	50 rooms / day (Capacity utilization: 60%)
Conference	60 persons / day (Capacity utilization: 75%)

### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The hotel has a capacity utilisation higher than the industry standards in Blantyre.

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	12.500
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	12.500

## Purpose of the project:

The Hotel Proposes the following projects:

1. Expansion of the hotel rooms to add 35 more rooms in the existing premises
2. New conference facility with a capacity of 1000 persons in the existing premises
3. New hotel complex in Blantyre with shopping mall

Total investment expect to the tune of USD 12.5 million.

The company is willing to have Joint Venture partners with equity partnership. The equity partner will have a pre-planned exit route.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

Victoria Hotel is a very well known hotel brand name in Blantyre and there demand for the hotel room is very high and hence the hotel has access to markets

*Favourable location*

Blantyre is the largest and the biggest commercial city of Malawi. The demand for hotel rooms and conferencing is very high and hence Blantyre is a favourable location.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

Hotel Victoria would like investors to participate in Equity with an exit plan.

Project No.: MLW-004-2008-11  
 ISIC Code: F4520 - Building of complete constructions or parts thereof; civil engineering  
 Date of Submission: 14 Nov. 2008

## Pacific Ltd

### C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

**Name of company:**

Pacific Ltd

**National investor:**

Pacific Ltd - the holding company with interests in Food and Agro processing sector, Tourism & Hotel Sector, Finance and Banking Sector, Textile and Garment Sector and in Construction and Infrastructure sector.

**Current markets:**

All around Malawi. The company has a group turnover of over USD 10 million.

**Total employees:**

2.203 full time

0 part time

**Competitors:**

There are many competitors to the various businesses of the company.

**Current products / services of the company:**

Real Estate and Construction

**Company strengths:**

*Financial resources*

The company has many business that generate large cashflows and hence has adequate financial resources for its current level of operations.

*Access to natural resources*

The company has a large bank of land resources for development of future projects in real estate and construction business and for fish farming

*Ownership rights and licences*

The ownership of the business is with Aboo Family with Mr. Faizal Aboo controlling the overall management of the company.

*Capacity not applicable.*

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

## Purpose of the project:

The company is proposing the following projects:

1. Low cost housing construction for Lower and Middle Income groups
2. Fish Farm for farming Tilapia as a low cost protein substitute for the people of Malawi
3. Hydroelectric power project in partnership with Government of Malawi.

The company has already done prototypes of the projects mentioned in 1 and 2 above.

The company is expecting partners for taking these pilot projects across the nation and seeks Technical, Managerial and Financial support both in terms of Joint Venture Partnership and Loan.

The company requires a management and technology partner and also a financial partner for the project mentioned in 3 above.

The company can provide detailed project reports for all the projects mentioned above.

The company has not offered UNIDO any details of the projects above. They would like to discuss with prospective investors before revealing their plans.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

## Purpose of the project:

The company has many plans for development and growth. Some of the plans are related to its existing business and some are not. Given Below is a small list of the projects planned:

## 1. New Project for production of Bed Linen:

This is a project which the company was already doing in the past and exporting to South Africa but due to quota problem under the SACU agreement, the company is now unable to produce and export. The company also is at the moment short in manpower. The company requests support for training manpower. The company is willing to partner with organisations/institutions which can train manpower.

## 2. Dyeing House Project:

The company can generate more profits and greater access to US, Europe and South African markets if the company can import grey cloth instead of printed cloth. They can then dye the cloth in Malawi and get advantage of double transformation and hence get greater access to Export Markets. The total investment in a dyeing house would be approximately USD 2 million. The company is willing to partner with any investor. The company expects to generate business for the dyeing house from other small Malawian Garment manufacturers too. The proposed project has a huge dependence on water and the company would like to warn the prospective investor in this project that water is a major problem in Blantyre.

3. The company plans to invest in Olive Plantation in Malawi for 100 acres. The company is looking for technical support and also if possible an investor. The company also wants to diversify into Olive oil production.

4. The company plans to invest in cultivation and production of Lime and Lime juice. The company can offer a detailed project report on all the projects mentioned above. The company has not shared details of the above proposed project with UNIDO Team.

Project No.: MLW-006-2008-11  
 ISIC Code: H5510 - Hotels; camping sites and other provision of short-stay accommodation  
 Date of Submission: 17 Nov. 2008

## Office World - Hotel Project

### C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

Name of company:

Office World

National investor:

Office World - A partnership firm promoted by the Tayub Family of Blantyre.

Current markets:

Institutions like Govt., NGOs, Banks, Private sector companies, Schools, Other Educational Institutions and small traders and Individual buyers including school children.

Competitors:

Many small retailers.

Company strengths:

*Financial resources*

Financial Sources of the Promoters are secure and they have enough cashflows to support new ventures

Total employees:

40 full time

0 part time

Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	1.695	1.839	2.633
Domestic Market (in %):	0.00	0.00	0.00
Export (in %)	100.00	100.00	100.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

Total investment (thousand US\$):	715
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	315

## Purpose of the project:

The proposed Hotel Project is as per the Govt. policy of promoting tourism business in the country. The proposed hotel is likely to have good self contained and well furnished rooms, excellent conference facilities, auditorium halls, dining halls and secretarial services.

## Planned products and services:

Hotel Rooms  
Seminar Hall  
Conference Room  
Auditorium  
Board Room  
Restaurant

The project is expected to have a turnover of USD 1.43 million in first year and will increase to USD 2.25 million in the 3rd year. The project is likely to break even in the second year with a turnover of USD 1.8 million. The project will provide employment to 43 people in the first year and will go up to 70 people in the third year.

The Expected investment in the project is USD 0.7 million and is likely to pay back in 3 years.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

There is a huge demand supply gap for Hotel and Conference rooms in Blantyre

*Favourable location*

The company has acquired land for the project and has got the plans for the hotel approved from the Authorities.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The investor is expected to invest USD 315,000 as equity for the project.

Project No.:	MLW-007-2008-11
ISIC Code:	D2010 - Sawmilling and planing of wood
Date of Submission:	15 Nov. 2008

# Hamwood Ltd.

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company:

Haamwood Ltd

### National investor:

Haamwood Ltd commenced business in July 2004 by taking over the assets of M/s Steel and Wood Works Ltd. The factory and office is situated in Mapanga, which is 7 kms from Limbe on Zomba Road. Haamwood Ltd is managed by a group of professional managers who have over 20 years combined experience in the wood industry in Malawi.

### Current markets:

Current markets are in and around Blantyre and Lilongwe. The customers are mainly institutional customers like Government Agencies, NGOs, Schools and Construction companies.

There are very few individual customers.

### Competitors:

There are many competitors. The largest is Kenyan Investor called Raiply. However, the company has not faced market problems due to competition.

### Company strengths:

#### *Ownership rights and licences*

The company owns logging rights in Zomba near Blantyre. However the forest there is depleting and there is no effort on the part of the government or the locals for afforestation. The company is paying money to the locals for planting but the same is not being honored by the local population.

#### *Technical expertise*

The company has highly skilled manpower - both Local and Expatriate and hence the quality of the products of the company is considered very good.

### Total employees:

110 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Block Boards, Ply Wood Flush Doors/Panel Doors/Door, Frams/Windows/Window frames, Construction Timber, Tounge and Groove, Cornice, Skirting wood, Furniture - Office/School/Residential, Pallets, Bee hives and small joinery items

### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

The capacity of the company is to handle 250,000 cubic metre of wood in a year. At the moment the company is handling approximately 100000 cubic metres which is 40% capacity utilisation. Low capacity utilisation is due to lack of raw material availability in the neighbourhood and also due to working capital constraints..

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	300	410	495
Domestic Market (in %):	100.00	100.00	100.00
Export (in %)	0.00	0.00	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	1.500
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	1.000

## Purpose of the project:

The Board of Haamwood Limited believe that the company is not utilising the resources available to them to the maximum. They feel that though they are better than most companies in Malawi, their efficiency is less than the Italian or Asian Manufacturers of Plywood. They want to develop a project to improve utilisation of wood in the manufacture of plywood. They require technical assistance for this purpose.

Planned products and services:	
Sawn Logs for Blantyre factory	2.500.000 cubic metres per year

They also plan to expand production by setting up another factory facility in Mzuzu. For this they have already identified a sick saw mill in Mzuzu and require a Joint Venture (equity) partner.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to resources*

The company has already identified a saw mill with logging license (concessions) and having its own private estate.

*Favourable location*

The new project area is very close to the logging site and hence the cost of production is expected to be very low.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The company is expecting a total investment of USD 1.5 million. Of the 1.5 million USD, the existing promoters will invest USD 500,000. The company expects a partner to invest USD 1.00 million as equity for which the promoters are willing to give 49% holding in the company.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	500
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	500

## Purpose of the project:

The company requires partners to invest money in the working capital of the company. The company management is willing to discuss the form of partnership which the investors may want.

The company requires the following support:

1. Working Capital: USD 100,000
2. Refurbishment of Equipment: USD 200,000
3. New Product Development: USD 200,000

Total: USD 500,000

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

Tambala foods limited is at the moment rejecting orders due to lack of working capital. The company will be able to increase its sales if investors invest in the company's working capital.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

Investment of USD 500,000 in equity for working capital, equipment refurbishment and new product development.



Project No.:	MLW-009-2008-11
ISIC Code:	D2010 - Sawmilling and planing of wood
Date of Submission:	17 Nov. 2008

# Timber Export Africa Ltd.

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company:

Timber Export Africa Ltd.

### National investor:

Timber Export Africa Limited is a company registered in Malawi in the year 2007. The main investors of the company are Mr. Farook Ibrahim, Mr. Syed Mohammad Amin and Mr. Syed Mohammad Shahzaib. Currently the company is operating a saw mill and exporting timber.

### Current markets:

The company has currently markets for export to Dubai, Kuwait, India, Pakistan, South Africa. The company has orders for logs, sleepers and finished furniture too.

### Competitors:

The company is working with a group of customers who have a long standing relationship with the promoters and hence the company does not expect any problems from the competitors. There are many competitors in the local market but the company has so far not ventured into the local markets.

### Company strengths:

#### *Financial resources*

The Promoters of the company are financially secure and have no third part liabilities

#### *Technical expertise*

The company has employed 6 skilled technical personnel from various Asian Countries. These expatriates ensure that the production is maximised and wastegages are reduced. Due to this efficiency, the company is able to generate extra revenues.

### Total employees:

134 full time

0 part time

### Current products / services of the company:

Sawn Timber

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

Capacity not calculated as there is a raw material constraint. This is the first year of operation and hence actual capacity not calculated.

### Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):

	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	N/A	N/A	2.000
Domestic Market (in %):	N/A	N/A	100.00
Export (in %)	N/A	N/A	0.00

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

## Purpose of the project:

The company has many projects. They are listed below:

1. Expanding to Mozambique for logging.  
(investment USD 2 million)
2. Establish a furniture joinery business in Malawi  
(investment USD 1 million)
3. Establish a saw dust pellet manufacturing busines  
(investment USD 1 million)

The promoters have prepared project report for the first two projects. They have not shared the same with UNIDO. The same is available to prospective partners on request.

The promoters want financing partners for the first two projects and technology partner for the third project.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to resources*

The company has access to large concessions of forest.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

## Purpose of the project:

The company has not yet prepared a detailed business plan for its future operations. The new management is still diagnosing the existing problems. Based on the problems diagnosed so far, the company requires the following support:

1. Manpower training
2. Working Capital Support of USD 1 million
3. Oil Refining technology

The company has not prepared any business plan but if there is any investor/technology provider who is willing to partner the company in any of the activities mentioned above, the company is willing to offer a business plan.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to resources*

There are many kinds of oil seeds available in and around Malawi which is going waste. The company has access to these resources which can be exploited for improving the company's financial position. For this the company requires additional working capital.

*Unique technology*

The company requires a unique technology as there are no manufacturers of refined edible oil.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The company requires investors who can invest in refining technology and working capital of the company. The working capital requirement is estimated at USD 1 million. The company does not have any estimate of refinery.

*Other*

The company has requested for manpower training for its employees in utilising the proposed new refining technology.



*Exports*

The company has very good export networks. The company is exporting a small portion of its production. The company can increase its exports when the capacity utilisation increases.

*Marketing*

High Brand Recognition and good network

Total investment (thousand US\$):	2.500
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	2.500

## Planned products and services:

Edible Oil

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Diversification from current activity of promoter

## Purpose of the project:

The company is looking for Joint Venture Partner to start a new business of Edible Oil Processing and Refining. The company is willing to partner with an investor who can offer finance and technology. The expected investment in the project is approximately USD 2.5 million. The company will be able to offer land and infrastructure. The Joint Venture Company can also use the Rab Processor's marketing network across Malawi. The JV partner will have to contribute to the equity for plant and machinery.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company has access to the markets of Malawi through its three branch offices and 64 outlets. The company also has a good brand image which will improve the market access to the new project.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The company requires equity partners to invest approximately USD 2.5 million for the project and also offer technology for the business.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	900
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	900

## Purpose of the project:

The holding company M/s Trust Auctioneers and Estate Agents (1980) Ltd. wants to convert the lodge into a Three Star Hotel by improving the existing facilities, adding new rooms and by adding more professional manpower. The total investment proposed is USD 0.9 mn.

## Planned products and services:

Hotel Rooms Rentals  
Conference Facilities

A detailed business plan will be made available to any body who is interested in Jointventure or any other form of partnership.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

The existing lodge facility is located in the middle of the CBD of Blantyre and hence the proposed project has great potential for generating profits for investors.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The company expects the JV partner to invest USD 0.9 million for the upgrading of the lodge and adding new facilities.





## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

## Purpose of the project:

The main purpose of the proposed project is to identify partners with whom the company can produce on a license all speciality pharmaceutical products for the Malawian and SADC region Markets. The company also wants to expand its production to Monoclonal Antibodies, New Molecule development for diabetics and blood pressure. The company is looking for sourcing technology for the same.

Planned products and services:
Hotel Rooms Rentals
Conference Facilities

The company als wants training support for its manpower.

The company does not have detailed plans for the proposed project and have not shared any plans with UNIDO team.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company has very good opportunity to market the products of the proposed project in the SADC Region.



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	14.445
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	6.445

## Purpose of the project:

The company is planning this USD 14,445 million to increase production from the existing 1.2 million blankets per year to 3 million blankets per year. Currently the Malawi produces only 25% of its total requirement of Blankets. The investment does not include land which the existing promoters already have.

Planned products and services:	
Blankets	3.000.000 pieces / year

The proposed project is for expanding production capacity by setting up a new factory building block, to put into operation all the 21 machines and to add additional 12 machines. The project will also include provision for additional working capital.

*Technology transfer*

Company is interested in new technology also

*Other*

Training of Manpower

A detailed project report can be offered to a prospective partner.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to markets or market niche*

At the moment on 25% of the market potential is tapped. There is a very good opportunity to improve sales.

*Capability, competence*

The company has the technical and marketing capability.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

Investment in Equity for purchase of additional 12 machines

Project No.:	MLW-015-2008-11
ISIC Code:	D1549 - Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.
Date of Submission:	24 Nov. 2008

# Nali Limited

## C O M P A N Y I N F O R M A T I O N

### Name of company:

Nali Limited

### National investor:

Nali Limited was originally established on 10th November 1974 by Late Nali-Lo Alford Khoromana in Thyolo District of Malawi. The company was then a proprietorship. The company was incorporated as a company on 15th December 1983 as Nali Farms Limited which was later changed as Nali Limited on 12th November 1985. The company is owned by the Khoromana family. The company is chaired by Mrs. M. Khoromana (wife of the Late Mr. Khoromana) and the day to day activities of the company is handled by Mr. Endward Khoromana (son of the Late Mr. Khoromana) who is the Asst. Managing Director.

Nali Limited is the only company in Malawi involved in the processing and selling of sauces and condiments for both local markets and export markets. The company has over 90% market share in the Malawi markets.

### Current markets:

The main market is in Malawi through retail stores. All the major retailers in Malawi stock the companies products. The company also exports within the SADC region. The company has individual buyers who are catered to from the retail shops. The company also has direct institutional sales.

### Competitors:

There are no competitors in the organised sector.

### Company strengths:

#### *Access to natural resources*

The company grows around 40% of its requirement of bird's eye chillies in its own farm and has a network of dedicated high quality farmers of bird's eye chillies.

#### *Ownership rights and licences*

The company's brand name is well received in the whole of Malawi and SADC region

#### *Quality control*

The company's products are produced in high quality factory that meets the Malawi Bureau of Standards, has Hallal Certification and FDA certification

### Total employees:

70 full time	0 part time
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### Current products / services of the company:

Sauces and Condiments	150.000 litres / year (Capacity utilization: 90%)
Agriculture products	25.000 tonnes / year (Capacity utilization: 0%)

#### *Reason(s) for low capacity utilization:*

For Sauce and Condiments, the capacity utilisation is higher than the industry standards. The company is not producing at 100% as the company has to clean equipment due changes in different sauces and condiments. As far as the Agriculture products is concerned, the company is trading in it and hence there is no capacity constraint. The sales and procurement is based on orders.

#### *Marketing*

The company has very good marketing network and is available in all the retail stores selling food in Malawi. The company's products are also available in 2600 outlets in the SADC region.

Annual turnover for the last three years (in thousand US\$):			
	2005	2006	2007
Total sales:	400	420	480
Domestic Market (in %):	95.00	85.00	85.00
Export (in %)	5.00	15.00	15.00

Total investment (thousand US\$):	N/A
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	N/A

Planned products and services:	
Sauces and Condiments	100.000 litres / year

## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

### Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

### Purpose of the project:

Nali Limited wants to improve its quality and technology for exploiting the export markets. The company has been receiving export orders from USA and Europe but due to various quality and technology constraints, the company is not able to offer its buyers entire range of products. The company is looking for partners who can invest in technology and quality improvements. The company is willing to negotiate with investors various forms partnerships which would create a win-win situation for the investor as well as for the company.

### Rationale behind the project:

#### *Access to markets or market niche*

The company has been receiving inquiries from USA and Europe.

#### *Capability, competence*

The company has the capability to produce for the Developed markets of Europe and has the quality. The company requires better technology, equipment and quality control for this project.

### Form of collaboration sought:

#### *Joint-venture (equity)*

The company requires a JV partner to invest in technology and quality control system. The company is open to discussion on equity and other forms of partnership

#### *Market access*

The company's new expansion plan will leave the company with adequate spare capacity. The company would like the JV partner to offer market access to ensure that the spare capacity is utilised.

#### *Technology transfer*

The company has problems in the existing raw material sorting process and also in the quality for export markets.

#### *Joint R&D*

The company would like to take support from JV partners and other investors to develop new products using local Malawian raw materials

#### *Equipment purchase*

The company wants to invest in new equipment for the export markets



## P R O P O S E D P R O J E C T

## Project type:

New project - Same as current activity of promotor

Total investment (thousand US\$):	6.001
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	4.001

## Purpose of the project:

The company plans to increase its production by 10 times. The company is at the moment producing 10 tonnes of rice per day, the company plans to increase this to 100 tonnes per day. For this the company requires additional machinery which requires an investment of USD 530600 and requires construction of warehouse to the tune of USD 2.1 million, transportation vehicles to the tune of USD 1.09 million and a working capital requirement of USD 2.27 million. The total investment is USD 6.00 million.

Planned products and services:	
Rice	30.000 tonnes / year

The company will offer a detailed business plan to any investor willing to join as a Equity Partner.

## Form of collaboration sought:

*Joint-venture (equity)*

The company requires 6 million USD for the expansion. The company is in a position to invest 2 million USD. The balance has to be brought in by the JV partner. The company management can negotiate appropriate equity sharing with potential investor.

## Rationale behind the project:

*Access to resources*

At the moment only 10% of the total production of Malawi's paddy is processed in the organised sector. The farmers are willing to sell their paddy directly to the company.

*Access to markets or market niche*

The company has huge market demand which it is at the moment unable to satisfy due to capacity constraints and working capital constraints.

*Capability, competence*

The company has developed good quality control systems and has professional technical experts.



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# African Cotton Ginnery Ltd.

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### Name of company:

African Cotton Ginnery Ltd

### National investor:

The company is a new venture promoted by three industrialists who are into various diversified manufacturing businesses. The promoters have their own businesses but have decided to keep African Cotton Ginnery as a business independent of their existing businesses. The promoters decided to launch this venture as they felt that there would be good opportunity for cotton farming as the Government of Malawi has launched an Anti-Tobacco drive. Tobacco is the main export commodity of Malawi.

## PROPOSED PROJECT

### Project type:

New project - Start up/promoter's first investment activity

In Mwanza district the population does not have enough employment opportunities. This project is likely to generate a direct employment of 250 new jobs and another 250 jobs through the cotton farming activities.

### Purpose of the project:

The project is to set up a Cotton Ginning Plant with an annual capacity of 5000 metric tonnes to separate cotton lint from organically grown Cotton Pods. The cotton lint so extracted will be packed by use of hydraulic baling presses to reduce volume and is intended for export market while the cotton seed will be crushed to extract cooking oil for the local as well as export market. Further the cotton seed deoiled cake will be used as organic dairy and poultry feed.

The project will be located in the Neno area of Mwaza district 30 kms from the main Mwanza Township which is 30 kms from the Mozambique border and around 50kms from Blantyre. The company has already acquired 200 hectares of land for cultivation of cotton as raw material for the Ginnery. Further the company will train the local population to grow cotton and also offer buy back from the farmers.

### Rationale behind the project:

#### *Favourable location*

The company is located in a very favourable location which is suitable for cotton cultivation.

### Form of collaboration sought:

#### *Loan*

Investment in the Land, Building, Plant and Machinery

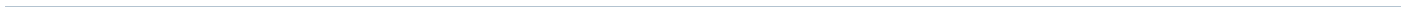
Total investment (thousand US\$):	1.909,18
Foreign contribution (thousand US\$):	0,00

### Planned products and services:

Cotton Lint	2.071.800 kgs / year
Cotton Seed	2.302.000 kgs / year

COMFAR III financial projections available









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