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- Thomas Sankara

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SOCFIN Agricultural Company set to establish \$ 100 million oil project in Malen chiefdom

A lease agreement for the establishment of over 16,000 acres of an oil palm project alongside component investments was on Saturday March 5th 2011 signed at Sahn, the chiefdom headquarter, between Malen Chiefdom in the Pujehun District and Socfin Agricultural Company Sierra Leone Limited under the watchful eyes of the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Dr. Sam Sesay.

The long awaited Agreement comes amidst various speculations much of which are now being put to rest following a day-long open engagement of all the parties involved in what has largely been described as a dream come true for the war torn people of Malen to once more bounce back to full time development activities as was the case when the then SLPMB was in operations.

Speaking at the ceremony, the General Manager of Socfin, Gerben Haringsma assured the Government of Sierra Leone and the people of Malen Chiefdom that the Company would live up to their corporate social responsibilities including the construction of a resident hospital, network of roads, schools, housing facilities, job opportunities for 10,000 people with special preference given to natives of the chiefdom.

Speaking further the General Manager disclosed said the investment in question involved the staggering sum of \$ 100 million and that the lease was for 40 years. He also said that the second phase of the project would include the establishment of a rubber plantation and that full payment would be made for existing plantations in the areas of operations to be followed by an annual payment of lease rents to land owners.

Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr, Sam Sesay explained the MOU entered into with the Socfin Agricultural Company and elaborated on the agreement signed between the people and the company noting that Government was very open about the arrangements put in place.

He encouraged the people to honour their own side of the bargain as Government would monitor each and every aspect of the project.

Resident Minister South, Moijue Kaikai spoke of Government's monitoring mechanism put in place for the success of the project poised to help rebuild the lives of the people of Malen and the rest of Pujehun District.

Earlier in his welcome address, Hon. Paramount Chief BVS Kebbie promised the company of the fullest support of the people of Malen as the initiative was meant to bring about the felt needs of development activities to the war-torn chiefdom as was the case during the heyday of his late father who he said helped establish the SLPMB which succeeded in bringing about huge development into the Chiefdom.

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Reports on Emerging Technologies officially launched at African Innovation Summit

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National Sevens Series kick off at Kyadondo

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Kyadondo will host two legs with Hima Cement Heathens and Toyota Buffaloes hosting on June 9 and June 30 respectively



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United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Aid for People Affected by Conflict in Nigeria and Surrounding Countries

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More than two million people remain uprooted by the violence, and nearly 11 million people need assistance to survive



South Africa: Police Committee seriously concerned about SAPS Operational Readiness following four incidents

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This will contribute towards ensuring the optimum safety of citizens at all times



London Scottish FC Coach To Condition Ghana Rugby Eagles

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This move follows closely on the just ended 2018 Rugby Africa Bronze Cup that was hosted and won by Ghana Rugby on the Nduom Sports Stadium pitch in Elmina on 12 May 2018 when they beat Mauritius by 23 points to 17



South Africa: June 13 Briefing with Pamela Fierst-Walsh, Senior Advisor for Conflict Minerals and U.S. Focal Point for the Kimberley Process on the Kimberley Process Intercessional

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Senior Advisor Fierst-Walsh will provide a briefing on the Kimberley Process Intercessional and take questions from participating journalists



We have high hopes and expectations for your country, Adesina tells President of São Tomé and Príncipe

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The International Center for Tropical Agriculture, established by the government to oversee phytosanitary inspections, received US \$5 million in funding from the African Development Fund



South Africa: Committee warns against deviations and expansions in the Public Sector

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The report revealed that some government departments and entities continued with deviations and expansions, even when their applications to do so were declined by the National Treasury



South Africa: Costs of Ministerial Homes Renovations under scrutiny

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The Director-General was also ordered to investigate the circumstances around the employment of department Chief Financial Officer Mr Cox Mokgoro

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