



# Société de Cultures légumières (SCL)

Société de Cultures Légumières (SCL SA) was created in 2006 in St Louis, Senegal.

SCL produces, packages, and exports fresh vegetables (principally sweet corn but also sweet potato, asparagus, butternut, chilli, beans) to UK during the winter season in Europe. In this period there is an insufficient supply from traditional producing countries (Morocco, Spain, Israel, Egypt) due to climate constraints (Dec-March). This lack of supply leads to beneficial commercial transactions in terms of unit selling prices and sustainable relationships with business partners to secure their supply chain. Today, SCL develops itself more and more in a 12 month business, targeting local market as well for about 20% of its production (onions, peanuts, sweet potatoes, butternut).

BIO's 2007 and 2008 investments were applied to finance the acquisition of new material during the first years of the company and the 2013 4 million € loan is used for SCL expansion project. This concerns the development of 690 ha (out of 900 ha new acquired land) for the production of sweet corn, sweet potatoes and butternut. The project includes a pumping station for irrigation purposes, packing house (extension) and infrastructure. This new project site (Ngalam) is located 40 km from SCL existing farm.

SCL is liaising with small local farmers for the production of sweet potatoes. SCL also shows a strong commitment to local development, financing the construction of roads to open up isolated communities near the project and the installation of water reservoirs and vaccination posts in favour of cattle care.



Investment amount (€):

**EUR 4 million**

Vegetables

Contract signature :

**2007 - 2008 - 2013**

Nature of intervention :

Loan

Development impacts :

- 1 — Generation of hard currency
- 2 — Job creation
- 3 — Introduction of stringent environmental standards
- 4 — Improved living standards in the project region
- 5 — Growing involvement of small scale farmers (2013 expansion project)
- 6 — Basic food production for the local market
- 7 — Financing of improved infrastructure
- 8 — Increased value chain

Photos :



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