

Muchinga Province posed a multi-million Kwacha Sugar Plantation

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Consolidated Farming Limited, producers of Kafue Sugar have expressed their intention to establish a multi-million Kwacha Sugar Plantation in Muchinga Province.

The company also intends to set up an agro processing plant that will process sugar as well as setting up a thermal power generation plant.

This came to light yesterday when Muchinga Province Permanent Secretary Jobbicks Kalumba accompanied by Muchinga Assistant Director for Planning Davison Mapiza visited the sugar processing plant and the sugar plantation.

The visit to the Kafue Sugar plantation by the Muchinga Province Secretary Dr. Kalumba comes in the wake of a survey by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) team led by the Technical Specialist, who were in the province to check on investment potential.

Dr. Kalumba said the establishment of the sugar plantation in Muchinga will create jobs and help in poverty eradication in line with the 7th National Development Plan and Vision 2030 of making Zambia a middle income country.

The PS said traditional leaders in the province are ready and willing to offer huge pieces of land for investment.

And Kafue Sugar General Manager, Essof Alloo said his company is now ready to move into Muchinga and establish a Sugar plantation.

Mr. Alloo said his company is ready to work with Government and the private sector through investment such as the establishment of a Sugar plantation aimed at growing the country's economy and improving people's lives through job creation.

He said a team of experts from Kafue Sugar will soon be visiting Muchinga that, the province has potential in agricultural production because of generally favourable climatic conditions that supports the growth of various types of crops including sugar canes.

Kafue Sugar was established between 1990 and 2000 after purchasing several commercial farms.

The sugar plantation for Kafue Sugar is on a 9,000 hectares piece of land employing about 2,500 people and by next year, its workforce will expand after completing and commissioning of a 40 kilowatt thermal power generator at its Shibuyunji Kafue Sugar processing plant.

Mr. Alloo said the 40 kilowatts power that will be generated at the Kafue processing plant will be offloaded on to the ZESCO power grid and boost supply in the country.

Kafue Sugar currently produces 6 kilowatts of thermal power that it uses for production of Sugar at its plant and to pump water from Kafue River to the plant over a distance of 32 km.

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