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COOPERATIVES

FIELD VISIT TO GRAPHIC SYSTEMS
LUZIRA

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The General Manager, Graphic Systems, Mr Rajesh Chaplot
Invited Guests
Members of the Media Fraternity
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am honored to visit and take a tour of the Graphic Systems premises in Luzira Industrial Park.

The Government recognises the major role played by Foreign Direct Investment in the socio-economic development of Uganda. These include job creation, entrepreneurship development, income distribution and driving innovation among others.

One of the industrial development challenges identified is inadequate and expensive externally sourced packaging materials. Industrial printing and packaging solutions for advertisement is critical for industrial development and trade facilitation. I commend the leadership of Graphic solutions on the huge investment in Uganda in the packaging subsector; and for ensuring Green Manufacturing and Environmental friendly practices; as exemplified by the usage of your waste as raw materials by other industries to produce egg-trays and cardboards.

The Ministry has taken note of the under utilization of your machinery; and is aware that operating at full capacity would

create more jobs, increase turn-over and enable the Company to pay more taxes. The main objective of the BUBU Policy is to promote the consumption of locally produced goods and services. The Policy provides for preferential treatment to local companies with regard to Government procurement.

The Ministry will engage with the Ministry of Education and Sports to impress upon them to procure the services of Graphic Systems in the printing of educational materials. I request the Company to send us a list of other potential MDA clients to enable us recommend Graphics Systems to them.

The Ministry welcomes any request for support under the EAC, COMESA and AfCFTA Protocols and Agreements.

On the matter of unstable electricity supply at Luzira Industrial Park, the Ministry will contact with UIA, UMEME and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development to seek for solutions. As you are aware, Government is investing heavily in the energy sector, including Karuma Dam and Isimba Dam.

I thank you.