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MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES

LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL GREEN MANUFACTURING

STRATEGY 2020/2021 – 2024/2025

19th NOVEMBER 2021

**HON. MINISTERS PRESENT,
HON. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT,
REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
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REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES PRESENT,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR
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SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRESENT,
ALL ONLINE PARTICIPANTS AND INVITED GUESTS,
THE MEDIA FRATERNITY,
ALL PROTOCOL OBSERVED,**

I welcome you all to this occasion of launching the Green Manufacturing Strategy 2020/2021 – 2024/2025.

I would like to first of all thank my predecessor, Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, the European Union (EU), the UNEP/UNDP, the UNCDF, the MDAs including NPA, NEMA, UCPC, the Academia and Private sector for

supporting the Development and the launch of this Green Manufacturing Strategy. Your efforts are highly acknowledged.

The world today is faced with various challenges that are economic, social, and political and most important environmental. Environmental challenges have been largely contributed by population growth that has created demand and exerted pressure onto natural resources be it water, land and other basic necessities of life for human survival such as habitants, food, water et cetera. This has therefore pushed human beings into encroaching on natural biodiversity such as forests, wetlands, lakes and rivers that are naturally meant to assist us in climate and weather modulation.

Globally, all countries are establishing programs, projects aimed empowering their citizenry economically and socially through creation and provision of employment opportunities, industrialization, good healthcare, education, and housing among others.

This has led to exploitation of their natural resources and converting them into high value commodities/products for economic gains and day to day use. The challenges of

the negative impacts of industrialisation and Manufacturing in particular such as depletion of the non-renewal natural resources, generation of hazardous waste and environmental pollution that have contributed global warming leading to natural calamities such wild fires, floods, draught.

Uganda being at its initial stages of industrialisation, we are privileged to pursue the path and principles of sustainable industrialisation that will enable us avoid the above consequences of unguided industrialisation processes. Therefore, working together with our partners (NEMA, UCPC, UNEP/UNDP-Switch Africa green, Government Ministries Departments and Agencies and the private sector, we have developed the green manufacturing strategy through a consultative process as a framework that will guide Uganda to change its growth model towards an inclusive economic development while protecting natural capital, addressing climate change, creating jobs and accelerating economic growth.

This is in line with the Uganda Vision 2040, the National Development Plan III, the Uganda Green Growth Development Strategy (2017), the Uganda Integrated

Sustainable Development Goals (iSDG) model, and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which Uganda signed in April 2016 and ratified in September 2016

The Green Manufacturing Strategy aims at supporting development and adoption of green business strategies and use of Sustainable Consumption and Production practices in enterprises within the manufacturing sector in order to improve resource productivity, environmental performance, competitiveness and contribute to sustainable industrialization while creating jobs and improving livelihoods.

It means Manufacturing enterprises need to control pollution, improve energy efficiency or use alternative energy sources, minimize waste, use biodegradable waste materials, and adoption of green technologies.

I therefore encourage all the manufacturing firms to adopt and implement this strategy and the media to disseminate this strategy. I call upon all stakeholders in the manufacturing sector to get copies and internalise the strategies there in so that we all become change agents for the benefit of our country.

Lastly I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the organisers and sponsors of this event, specifically the UNCDF and the GGGI. Thank you all.

**AT THIS MOMENT I DECLARE THE NATIONAL
GREEN MANUFACTURING STRATEGY OFFICIALLY
LAUNCHED
FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**