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Dear Ms Mollet,

we acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30th May 2014 and express our satisfaction that you are addressing our concerns regarding the situation of the villagers from Chisumbanje and Chinyamukwakwa. We very much appreciate your opening up a dialogue.

Firstly we would like to state that the letter to GreenFuel was emailed and faxed on 23rd May to the contacts indicated on your website. On 26th May we communicated with Ms Jane Witz who had difficulties in opening the attachment. Despite numerous attempts, the fax failed to get through. We intended to communicate with you first before making the letter public. Given the urgency of the situation on the ground, we, however, decided to share our concerns with the general public.


We want to assure you that the letter has been written in good faith out of a deep concern for the humanitarian situation of local farmers. Some of us have had several opportunities of visiting the affected communities from 2010 until October last year, when we also visited the factory with a group. For the past years these farmers were successfully producing as outgrowers for the market and managed to yield a good income. 0.5 ha is certainly not what can compensate them for the lost basis of their livelihoods.

We are aware of the complexity of the issues at stake with conflicting genuine interests of various stakeholders from the Nation, to business, various local communities and affected individuals. In view of the polarised situation in the country especially along political parties we are convinced that only an inclusive multi stakeholder dialogue with respect for the weaker partners can bring a lasting and therefore sustainable solution. This conviction was behind our call for the revival of an institution such as DEPIC.

We take note of your invitation to hear the position of Green Fuel in detail which we are in principle willing to accept provided that our sincerity is not questioned and that no litigation for defamation is taken against us.

We hope to engage in further exchange with you.

With best regards,



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