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To

All Trade bodies in India

Copy to: (i) Director (ITP), Ministry of External Affairs; (ii) JS (FT-Africa); and (iii) US (FT-Africa), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to our letter of even number dated May 18, 2015 circulating thereby instances of cheating/fraud against Indian companies by Tanzanian nationals/companies in the field of Cashew nuts (copy enclosed).

- 2. The undersigned met the Director General of Cashewnut Board of Tanzania to discuss the modalities of Cashewnut exports from Tanzania. The Board conducts auctions every week through Tanzanian cooperative societies producing raw cashew. To participate in the auctions, a company registered/established in Tanzania has to register itself with the Cashewnut Board for license. The license is valid for one year only and the companies should renew their licenses every year. The auction period is generally between September to January. For any further query or clarification about export of cashewnuts, registration of company or credential of registered companies, please contact: Mr. Mfaume Mkanachapa Juma, Director General, Cashewnut Board of Tanzania, Mobile: +255 787 282 220/717058492, Email: mfaumemj@gmail.com, dg@cashewnut-tz.org, info@cashewnut-tz.org, website: www.cashewnut-tz.org.
- 3. We would like to remind that any queries related to genuineness of a firm in the field of cashewnut export or any other business, please contact following persons at Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), who would charge a nominal fee ranging up to Tsh.50,000 (US\$25) towards service charge for sharing the information: Mr. Emanuel Nnko, Mobile: +255 784810048, email: ennko@tccia.com Ms. Fatuma Hamisi, Mobile: +255 655453640, email: fhamisi@tccia.com
- 4. The above information may kindly be widely disseminated to your member-community including State level, regional and district level Chambers of Commerce.

With regards,

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Deputy High Commissioner



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Dear Sir/Madam,

There have been instances of cheating/fraud against Indian companies by Tanzanian nationals/companies in the field of Cashew nuts.

- 2. We have come across incidents of cheating of Indians by a Tanzanian company called M/s Acclimatise International Group. Their modus operandi is to operate on internet and lure Indian businessmen who are interested in import of Cashew nuts. The company employs some Indian nationals/Indian origin employees particularly well versed in speaking in Hindi and/or other Indian languages to win the confidence of Indians, most of whom are first time traders. A Police investigation is underway against this company on a complaint by an Indian businessman. The High Commission has also taken up at higher levels of the Tanzanian Government.
- 3. In view of the above, the High Commission advises Indian businessmen to be extra cautious of this company and its subsidiaries. Some of the available details of the company are reproduced below:

M/s Acclimatise International Group, Dealers: Agriculture Commodities, Gold, Copper Cathode and Precious Stones, P.o. Box 6133, Dar es Salaam, Cell: +255 778 855 556 or + 255 772 616188, email: acclimatisegroup@gmail.com/info@acclimatiseinternational.com, www.acclimatiseinternational.com,

M/s Black Rock Minerals (T) Ltd, Near Millennium Tower, Opposite Oilcom Petrol Pump, Bagomayo Road, PO Box 8142, Dar es Salaam

Names of the operators: Mr. Rahul Patel, Mobile No.+255 715 498 166, Mr. James Maina, Mobile No.+255 772 616 188, Ms. Mitali Shah, Mobile No.+255 659 939 934, email: mitalishah305@gmail.com, Mr. Rajesh Patel, Mobile No.+255 779 267 041, email: rajeshpatel7041@gmail.com, Mr. Juma Shabani, Mobile: +255 684 884 488, email: sjumaa1983@gmail.com; and Mr. Sameer Vyas, Mobile No.+255 657 416 068, email: sameervyas007@gmail.com.

4. In view of the upcoming season for procurement of Cashew nuts from Tanzania starting from September/October 2015, the High Commission sought meeting with the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania. Further details including rules and regulations for procurement of raw cashew from Tanzania, as also participation in auctions held by cooperatives/individuals, reference of consultants for guidance on rules and regulations, etc. will be circulated by us after the meeting. Meanwhile, to avoid any such incidents of cheating/fraud, the Indian companies/businessmen are advised to seek the services of Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), an apex Chamber of Commerce body of Tanzania, who provide information on the genuineness/authenticity of Tanzanian companies dealing not only in Cashew nuts export but also all areas of exports from Tanzania, at a nominal fee ranging up to Tsh.50,000 (US\$25). The contact details at TCCIA for seeking information are given below:

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