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The Executive Director,
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REQUEST TO RELEASE THE BALANCE OF 8.2 BILLION SHILLINGS TO ZEUS-AGRO LIMITED TO SUPPLY RICE SEEDS TO THE FARMERS IN THE DISTRICTS OF PALLISA, BUDDAKA, BUTEBO, BUTALEJA, NGORA, NAMUTUMBA, MAYUGE, LUUKA, KUMI AND BUKEDEA.

The above captioned subject refers.

As you are aware, the Government of the Republic of Uganda represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and Microfinance Support Centre (MSC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Zeus Agro Limited (Zeus) to support Rice Farmers in Eastern Uganda to access high quality seeds in sustainable manner, guarantee market for rice produced, and provide loans for other inputs.

As part of monitoring the implementation status, MAAIF carried out an assessment of the progress of the MoU and noted that Zeus had received 1.8 Billion Shillings against the total budget of 10 Billion Shillings. This made them supply fewer farmers with limited seed packages as they expected to receive the balance before the planting season ends.

This is therefore to advise that you prioritise and release the balance of 8.2 Billion to Zeus Agro Limited to enable them supply the remaining seeds to farmers in the Districts of Pallisa, Buddaka, Butebo, Butaleja, Ngora, Namutumba, Mayuge, Luuka, Kumi, and Bukedea.


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