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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

UCDA. Uganda Coffee Development Association

BUAC Busitema University Arapai Campus

SMS Sustainable Management System

ICS Internal Control System

GAPS Good Agronomic Practices

GPS Global Positioning System

PFS Promoter Farmers

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ABSTRACT

Coffee is the main commercial cash crop that supports the livelihoods of most people in Sipi region that is Kapchorwa, Kween and Bukwo districts and in order to have sustainable coffee production, Kawacom has facilitated increase in quality coffee production by assisting growers adopt better farming practices, obtain certification and encourage value addition thus empowering live hoods.

We arrived in Kawacom on 28th/02/2022 and the industrial training started on 28th/02/2022 to 06th/05/2022. The activities performed throughout the internship included; GAPS training of PFS and demo farmers, farm inspections, data entry that is updating farmer coordinates and growers lists, reviewing field reports, quality control, receipting farmer purchases, reconciling buying documents, data collection, filling farmer entrance forms, taking records of farmers supplied with coffee pulps, preparing bio fertilizers and pesticides and trainings on coffee buying, how to use ICS documents, gender aspects and group dynamics. The purpose of industrial training which was to equip us with practical knowledge and skills, methodology of monitoring and evaluation of research in advanced agriculture was successfully achieved basing on the above activities.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

This academic document is a field attachment report carried out at KAWACOM Uganda Limited a private certified agro industrial company which is a subsidiary organizational under the mother umbrella of Ecom trading based in Switzerland with several Sustainable Management Systems (SMS) that run throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. Kawacom's total workforce strength is 271 Permanent employees, 33 Semi Permanent and over 1,000 Temporary workers and it operates in line with policy guidance of UCDA.

Chema wet millis the main station of the Sipi Kawacom project located in Chema sub county ,10 kilometers from Kapchorwa with five departments that is production, processing, quality control, field and accounts. The main substations include Sipi, Kaserem, Kamoko, Kaproron, Masira and Tegeres. The Sipi Kawacom project covers the districts of Bukwo, Kween and Kapchorwa.

BACK GROUND OF KAWACOM UGANDA LIMITED

Kawa com Uganda limited is a private business company, a subsidiary of Ecom Agro industrial Corp. Limited (a Swiss based commodity trading multinational) which started as a small coffee processing unit under the coffee development Authority (UCDA) in 1996 with its headquarters located at Plot 2921 Block 111 Kampala Industrial Business Park Namanve and several satellite Offices in all major coffee producing regions of; Mt. Elgon, West Nile, Mt. Rwenzori, Kigezi, Ankole and Kibogain order to decentralize research on Arabica coffee, import agricultural inputs to local farmers and export processed coffee under Ministry of Agriculture of which all products were based on certifications from UTZ certified, organic and Halai control. In 2005, Kawacom opened a wet mill in Sipi where all farmers were able to sell and process coffee.

Earlier on, the company obtained it's capital from the sale of its products and by 2009 international bodies such as Taylors of Harrogate International, Dutch Aid and Irish International joined hands with Kawacom. By 2010 the company joined Rain Forest Alliance certification and a pulping unitwas established in Chema, Sipi regionin Kapchorwadistrict producing 150 tonsof coffee beans per day and where all operations in eastern are carried out. In 2015, Solidaridad partnered with Kawacom with the aim of carrying out research on banana and coffee production.