

**Liaison Committee from Murle Community to facilitate Al Ain
National wildlife Company activities in Pibor County**

Date: 8/6/2009

**H.E the Minister,
Ministry of Environment, Wildlife Conservation and Tourism
Government of South Sudan**

**Ref: Some observations on the contract that signed by your Ministry
and Al Ain National wildlife Company**

Dear Sir,

With all due respect to the agreement signed in Juba on 24th July, 2008 between the Ministry of Environment, Wildlife Conservation and Tourism and Al Ain National wildlife Company, the Murle community represented by Liaison Committee observed that there are some legal articles in the agreement, which do not stipulate clearly the interest of the Murle community. Moreover, the community participation in decision making with regard to project implementation was completely excluded and ignored.

Therefore, to ensure that local community interests are considered in full, the Liaison Committee proposes the following amendments that are deemed necessary to be incorporated in the agreement to ease implementation of the project;

1. Article 4. Responsibility and obligations of the parties.

In the bullet 1 paragraph 2 the word partners should be replaced by local community to consolidate commitment and ownership of the community to the project.

2. Article 4.2.

Bullets eleven paragraph four that stipulates construction of schools and clinics. The committee considered that the statement was so broad without specificity and the following are recommended;

- a. Construction of three secondary boarding schools in Pibor County
- b. Construction of ten primary boarding schools in the County
- c. Construction of referral hospital in Pibor town
- d. Construction of Eight health Centers in Pibor payams

3. Article 5. Division of the total income generated was unfairly made. The share of local Community as stipulated in transitional constitution of the Government of South Sudan was completely

ignored. Thus the committee recommended division of the income as follows;

- a. Government of South Sudan 20%
- b. Al Ain Company 70%
- c. Local community 10%

4. Article 6(2). Provision of water catchments and bore holes.

To ensure stability among the cattle keepers and enhance livestock sector in terms of trade, improvement of animal health condition and promoting livelihood of the pastoral community, we consider that the establishment of water catchments and boreholes are paramount important. Therefore, the committee recommended the following to be provided;

- a. 40 water catchments
- b. 100 boreholes

5. Article 14 (1). Duration stipulated in the contract for implementation of the project (**30 years**), was not justified with detailed events. Nonetheless, the community was not consulted during negotiation process to give its clear position on this issue. For this the Murle community has accepted the duration of 20 years. At the end of this period the agreement may be renewed by parties upon mutual consent.

6. Important point. Al Ain National wildlife Company has violated article 6(12) which stipulates clearly that local community is the primary beneficiaries of employment opportunities. The company has appointed manager who is not son of the Murle community based in Juba. This appointment is completely rejected and the Murle community will not tolerate it. The community has capable and qualified people who can fill this post.

The Ain Company must take it seriously, putting this into effect; removing the so called manager that has been imposed on us through political motives, and should appoint the Murle community's son to fill this post so as to create a healthy working atmosphere with the local community.

Liaison committee members:

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Former Commissioner/ Pibor County
2. **Dr Jacob M Korok** (Deputy Chairperson)
Director of Disease and Vector Control/ Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries-GoSS

3. **Justice Khalid Wono**
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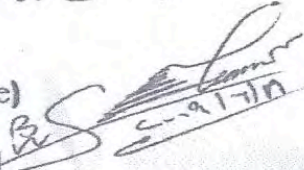
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4. **Pastor. Baba Medan**

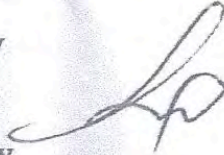
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5. **Mr. Francis Nyachon** (Member)
MP/ South Sudan legislative Assembly

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7. **Mr. Jakor Konyi** (Member)
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