To: H.E Governor,  
Central Equatorial State - Juba

Thru: H.E Commissioner,  
Lainya County

Subject: **MUKAYA PAYAM PETITION ON 49 YEARS LAND LEASE**

We the chiefs, elders, religions, leaders and the youth of Mukaya Payam unanimously with strong terms condemn disavow or deny the Land Lease agreement reached on 11th March 2008 between the two parties. Mukaya Payam cooperative, “Leasor” and Nile Trading and Development, A Delaware corporation, “Lessee” for the following reasons.

1. The community of Mukaya Payam as Indigenous inhabitants of their ancestral Land, and the law gives rights for the community to own the land, we weren’t consulted on the matter and therefore we are not part and parcel of the deal negotiated by the two patties.

2. Mukaya Payam cooperative is an individual entity and does not represent the community of Mukaya. The three influential natives leased the land behind the backs of the entire community and without concerned of the ancestral inhabitants of the land.

The three concerned influential natives:

➢ Mr. Scopas Lodou Torujo - Paramount Chief Mukaya Payam
➢ Mr. Samuel T. Youziel - Ministry of Housing, Land and Public Utilities – GOSS
➢ Mr. James Yosia Ramadalla - 2nd Class Judge

Who claimed the responsibility of representing Mukaya Payam community at the grass root never followed the right procedure. Instead their lease of the land has created a dilemma in the minds of the people and clearly undermines the livelihood of the entire population in the area which signals risks in causing food insecurity, Displacement of subsistence farming, Conflicts, Environmental Devastation and many other Hazards
that may account for instability in the whole of Mukaya Payam Community and Lainya County in general.

3. Mukaya Payam Community welcomes any investment deal to the area but the approach should be in line with our aspirations for development. We as Mukaya or Pojuru of Lainya County Community are not against any investment in our area but should be through the legal procedures accepted by the law. Therefore the deal reached between Mukaya Payam Cooperatives and Nile Trading and Development Company where the entire community of Mukaya was excluded is invalid document.

4. The land deal is the largest in our state of central Equatorial State that covers 600,000 Hectares which later to be increased to 1,000,000 hectares that covers the whole ancestral land of our people and therefore it is not acceptable and agreeable to the entire Mukaya Community.

5. We also appeal to the state ministry of Physical infrastructure Directorate of land administration and physical planning as the agreement violates the South Sudan Investment Law and Local Government Act 2009 for not consulting the Indigenous people before signing the deal. Then it is not in order for the Ministry of Infrastructure to collect the sum of Sudanese pounds Seventy five thousand (25,000 USD) from the chairperson Mukaya Cooperative valid letter No. MPI/CLAE & PP/CES/38.A.I, from the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure signed by Cornelius Lado Kulang Director General, Directorate of Land Administration and Physical Planning. Copies to all Executive Directors of Central Equatoria State Counties of Terekeka, Lainya, Kajo-Keji, Yei and Morobo including Director of Survey Department CES/Juba, Chairperson Mukaya Payam Cooperative (name and office location not mentioned.
The land of Mukaya Payam belongs to the community and not to be leased out by the individuals. The revenue collected not for Mukaya Payam land.
The so called cooperative of Mukaya Payam wherever it may exist with its administration is answerable to any issue that may arise thereafter.

Your Excellency we once again as community of Mukaya Payam bring to your full knowledge that no deal of lease land was reached by entire community with any other firm. We would like also to reaffirm your
esteemed office that the agreement signed between Mukaya Payam Cooperative and Nile Trading & Development A, Delware Corporation is illegal and not binding deal with entire community of Mukaya Payam, Lainya County.

Therefore we the Chiefs, Elders, Religious Leader and the Youth of Mukaya Payam, on behalf of the entire community hereby affix our signatures on this 23rd day of the month of July in the year 2011.

1. Chief Dickson Lenga Surur
2. Chief Contino Kwaje Logulomon
3. Chief Isaac Roji Ware
4. S/Chief Bathuel Laku Fataki
5. S/Chief Raimon Lasu Lokoyome
6. S/Chief George Laku Elias
7. S/Chief Martin Sebit Benjamin
8. Rev. Apolo Ladu Satimon
9. Elder Morris Lasu Lumaring
10. Elder John Jigo Godo
11. Mrs. Gladly Moro Saimon
12. David Lomude Conasi

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Mukaya Archdeaconry
Mukaya Payam
Biri Boma
C/Lady Mukaya
Youth Leader Mukaya

Sign:

C.c. Payam Director – Mukaya
C.c. Chairperson Mukaya Community – Juba
C.c. Chairperson Mukaya Community – Yei
C.c. Chairperson Mukaya Community – Lainya
C.c. Youth Leader – Mukaya Community-Juba