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LAUNCH OF EARLY WORKS FOR AGRO ECOENERGY SUGAR PROJECT IN BAGAMOYO

Agro EcoEnergy in Partnership with the Bagamoyo District, Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives and the farmers from six villages in Bagamoyo are launching early works of their joint Sugar Project on Saturday 15th March 2014.

The Chief Guests at this launch will be the Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Hon. Eng. Christopher Chiza. The launch event will be held at Agro EcoEnergy demonstration farm at Kigongoni, in Bagamoyo district, Coast Region. Residents of six villages of Fukuyosa, Makurunge, Matipwili, Kiwangwa, Kitame and Kidomole to participate in the project will have the opportunity to engage with the government and other partners to learn of the progress for the implementation of the project.

The Regional Commissioner for Coast Region Mrs Mwantumu Mahiza, Hon. Shukuru Mbato, the chairman of Bagamoyo District Council and H.E. the Ambassador of Sweden to Tanzania, Lennarth Hjelmaker will be amongst the other key speakers.

The Agro EcoEnergy Project in Bagamoyo, is the first new integrated sugar project in Tanzania since 1974. The project is expected to generate approximately 4,000 direct new jobs including smallholder farmers as outgrowers. After three years of operations it is expected to produce about 130,000 tonnes of sugar, 10 million liters of ethanol and deliver enough electricity to the national grid to supply up to 100,000 new rural households.