28th March, 2022

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The Director SL Milling Ltd

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The Director Misundu Milling

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The Director Jambo Milling

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The Director Star Milling

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The Director Sunshine Milling

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The Director Hibo Milling

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The Director New World Grain

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The Director Habeeb Investments Ltd

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The Director Global Industries Ltd

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The Director Bwino Milling

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The Director ZAMEFA

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The Director Rainlands Timber and Nursery

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Wood Processing Industry

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The Director TIMCOR KITWE

The Director Neekanth Ltd Co.

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The Director Kitwe Wood and Log **KITWE**

The Director Mpongwe Milling Co. Ltd **KITWE**

RE: INVITATION TO A TRAINING WORKSHOP IN FUMIGATION AND WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL TREATMENT

Reference is made to the subject above.

The Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service (PQPS) is a department in the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) charged with a regulatory mandate as stipulated in the Plant Pests and Diseases Act, Cap, 233 of the Laws of Zambia. Embedded in this law are Fumigation Regulations covered under Statutory Instrument (S.I) Number 83 of 2001. These regulations stipulate the Fumigation Code of Practice and requirements that must be adhered to when conducting fumigation. They apply to all fumigations carried out as commercial or non-commercial activity by any person or company.

Similarly, Wood Packaging Material (WPM) that are moved in international trade are highly regulated and must undergo sufficient heat treatment as stipulated in the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) number 15. ISPMs are international standards developed by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN). They aim to provide guidance to member states on regulation of plants, plant products and other regulated articles in order to prevent quarantine pest introduction and their spread globally. It is therefore, vital that WPM treatment is conducted to an internationally acceptable standard in order to ensure compliance.

Based on the aforementioned, PQPS requests you to nominate a participant or participants to a 3 day training in fumigation and wood packaging material treatment to be held in Kitwe from 17 to 19 May, 2022 at a venue to be communicated in due course. The participation fee is Five Thousand Kwacha (K5,000) per participant. Payment can be deposited into the **Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Operations account No. 0032020000131, INDO Zambia Bank, Chilanga branch** and proof of payment sent to pqps.infor@agriculture.gov.zm or via WhatsApp to Ms. Hellen Nachilombe on +260 977930092. In order to facilitate for smooth organization of the training, you are requested to make your payment by **11**th **May, 2022.**

Further, completion of training certificates will be awarded to participants at the end of the training. Additionally, training materials will be shared with all participants for future reference in their course of duty with regard to fumigation and WPM treatment.

Lastly but not the least, you are all requested to confirm participation including the number of participants your organization will be nominating by 25 April, 2022 for our planning purposes. For any clarification, kindly contact Mr. Martin Siazemo on +260 967332162 or email: Martin.Siazemo@agriculture.gov.zm or Mr. Shepherd Kalumba on +260 977324527 or email: kalumba.shepherd@gmail.com. The training program will be shared in due course.

Your support and cooperation on this matter is highly appreciated.

K.K. Msiska (PhD)

DIRECTOR - PLANT QUARANTINE AND PHYTOSANITARY SERVICE

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