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Minutes of Meeting Between Okomu Community And Okomu Oil Palm Company.

ATTENDEES: *SEE ATTACHED*

Copy to: MD, HSE & CO
 Location: MD. Office
 Date: 27th July 2018
 Time: 3.00pm

1. OPENING PRAYER:

No opening prayer was said.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting was not read.

MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING PREVIOUS MINUTES:

S/N	Item	Action	Responsible	Due Date
1.	MD Welcome address	The MD welcomed the elders and representatives of the community to his office stating that he was very pleased to have them around and also see all of them in good health. He stated that he hoped that the purpose of the meeting would be achieved and at the end of the day both parties would be happy and satisfied.		
2.	Greetings from the community	Hon. Godwin Wuluku speaking on behalf of the King and the people of Okomu community at large stated that the purpose of their visit is to apologise to the MD and management of the company, on the inappropriate actions committed by one of their own Sunday Ajele during the visit of the MD to their community, and to also appeal with the MD to please ignore the actions of Ajele and continue with the good deeds the company has been doing in the community. Stating that the accusation of Sunday Ajele is not in accordance with the King and people of Okomu community, that Sunday Ajele acted on his own accord and wasn't speaking the mind or on behalf of the Okomu people.		
3	MD's Response	In responding to the claims of Hon. Godwin Wuluku, the MD made it clear that he cannot take what the representatives of Okomu community has come to his office to say because from the letter of accusation read during his visit to Okomu community and also sent to his office, it stated that the speaker Sunday Ajele was acting as the spokes person of the community and spoke on behalf of the community. The MD explained that the only way he		



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	<p><i>neighbouring</i></p> <p>i Sign an EFPIC with the Community.</p> <p>ii. Obey the CLO</p>	<p>would look beyond the accusation letter and continue to deal with the community as one of its host communities is if the community writes an apology letter to his office stating that Sunday Ajele acted on his own accord and his accusation does not represent the ideas of the Okomu people, so the the community is disassociating itself from the claims of Sunday Ajele and are willing to discuss with thr MD to that regards. Stating that the board would like to see an apology letter from the community or more preferably from Sunday Ajele only then would the company be ready to go into discussion with the community.</p> <p>The MD informed the community reps that after the apology letter is sent to his office and the board accepts the letter then the company would sign an MOU or EFPIC agreement with the community to avoid a reoccurrence only then would the company be willing to continue to treat the community as one of its host communities and bring back the peace and harmony that once existed between the company and the community.</p> <p>The MD also told the community reps that it is the duty of the community to obey the CLO being that the company is the one paying the CLO and the CLO represents the MD when he is dealing with the community and report to him. That the community should stop the claims that they are the ones to choose their own CLO since they are not the ones to pay the CLO.</p>		
4	CLO Response	<p>The CLO appreciated the coming of the two chiefs and the effort they have shown towards bringing peace to their community. He went forward to say that other communities are at peace with the company so he doesn't see why Okomu community would be the only one always fighting with the company, that the community should try to change their strategy used in dealing with the company from violence to peace and see the outcome.</p>		
5	HRM response	<p>The HRM while speaking to the community representatives explained that he doesn't see why the community is continuously fighting with the company when the community obviously stands to gain more if they are at peace with the company. He told the reps to try to ensure that they are united as a community to avoid such occurrences in the community</p>		
6	(Lt V Godknows)	<p>Lt Godknows speaking on behalf of the Nigerian Army said that from what he has seen regarding the issue, the company is ready to settle with the community so the community should be willing to do same. He complained that the Army is getting</p>		

		tired of the community actions and are willing to take drastic measures but because the company is always interceding on behalf of the community insisting that the community is one of their neighbours the army is forced to tolerate the community.		
7	Hon. Chief Wuluku Godwin	Hon Chief Wuluku Godwin speaking on behalf of the King and people of Okomu community thanked the MD for even giving them the opportunity to come to his office after the ugly incident that happened in their community. He went further to explain that the letter written and read by Sunday Ajele was not read to the king or the chiefs before that eventful day because if it was read the king would have certainly opposed the letter. He promised that from henceforth the community would build a new relationship with the company but if they have to wait for the apology letter as the MD has asked it may take a while so therefore the MD should try to continue in his dealings with the community while he await the letter. But he is certain the community would send the apology letter soonest.		
8	MD's Response to Chief Wuluku	The MD replied by stating that before the emergence of Sunday Ajele it was Lawrence, that the community should check and make sure it has its cabinet in order because the board is tired of the actions of the people of Okomu community and thats why he is asking for an apology letter and an MOU because if he should allow the relationship continue smoothly in no distant time the community would come up with another issue again.		
9	Chief Wilson Wuluku	Chief Wilson replied the MD saying that the King of Okomu community is ready and willing to work with the company that is why he sent them to apologize to the MD for the actions of Sunday Ajele. He also said that it would be of great appreciation if the MD can take out time to visit the king so they can discuss in person although he agreed to take the message of the MD to the king.		
10	MD Concludes Meeting	The MD concluded the meeting by appreciating the reps of the Okomu community for coming to his office and the effort they have also shown towards fostering peace in their community. He said he hoped to hear from the community in regards to the apology letter and the MOU he asked for soonest.		

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3. AOB

Nothing was said under AOB.

5. Close/Next Meeting

The meeting came to an end by 4:15 pm with a prayer from Hon. Chief Wuluku Godwin.

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