

Article: - THE INAGUARATION OF FIRST SESAME OIL FACTORY IN SOMALI REGION OF ETHIOPIA, JIGJIGA.



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His Excellency Mr. president Abdi M Omar, inaugurating The Factory

Ethiopian-Somali region has witnessed tremendous economic and societal transformation, which based on developmental policies and strategies envisioned by HE Mr. President **Abdi Mohamed Omar** and his administration. Due to security improvements, the diaspora community decided to investment and contributes to their home country. As of February 7th, 2016, President **Abdi Mohamoud Omar** has inaugurated first oil factory in Somali region in Jig-jiga. The president expressed his pleasure to see such great investment by the people of the region including diaspora and local investors, who are investing their capital to advance their region.

President Abdi stated that government welcomes free enterprise and investment. He further encouraged entrepreneurs to invest the region with tangible and profitable projects like this oil factory. “We are officially inaugurating the first sesame oil factory right now,” he said at the ceremony. The president mentioned that government has created effective policies and strategies that support investors to do their business here in the region. President said, “Government is highly committed to support investor who want to invest the region as well as the country.” He further insisted that the federal government and regional state have committed to support investors including foreigner with their development projects.

Furthermore, the president underscored—that the government had many public debates and consultative meetings with the diaspora community and encouraged them to invest with their capital, skills, and talents in order to create opportunities in the region. Because of the security improvements, large number of diaspora community dared to return and created business such as factories, hotels, and restaurants.

His Excellency Mr. president **Abdi Mohamoud Omar** specified that the government exerted with great efforts to build the trust of the diaspora around world. As a result, many people from around the world came to visit the region for the first time, so they have been able to witness and see what is really going on in the region and observe the security status, developmental progress, and political stability of the region. Thus, the anti-peace groups and their associates were defeated both in the diaspora and here in the region, and it has become clear to everyone that their propaganda against the region was both baseless and far from the reality on the ground.



His Excellency Mr. President Abdi Mohamoud Omar, remark speech

The president underlined the importance of privatization and private sectors in economic development of the region and the country as a whole, with existed business friendly policies that would attract any investor who wants to participate the development of the region because leaders are committed and strategies are in place to help and support such projects.

The President HE Mr. **Abdi M Omar** stated during his opening speech—that there is a need of many other different small factories like this in the Somali region since we have untouched raw materials and natural resources that can be a useful for manufacturing and potentially exporting to surrounding countries in the horn of Africa.

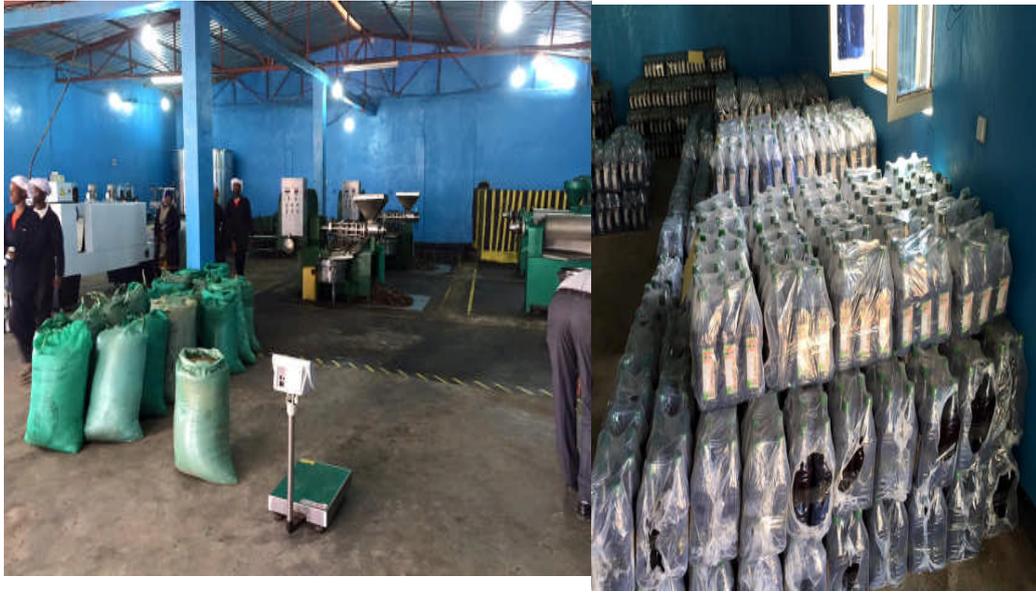
Furthermore, the manager of factory Mr. **AbdirisakHesKhalif** on his opening remarks expressed his heartfelt thanks to HE Mr. President **Abdi Mohamoud Omar** for his precious time to attend the inauguration ceremony of oil factory and officially inaugurated the factory by himself. **Mr. Abdirasak** said “This has unforgettable moral support and motivation to develop better confidence for strengthening the efforts, productions and factory carrying capacity.”



Mr. AbdirisakHesKhalif, Factory Manager (UK diaspora), opening speech

Mr. Abdirisak, who is the manager and probably the owner of the factory never been in the country, and he lived most of his lifetime overseas. However, last year he met with President Abdi Omar in UK, so he decided to come the region, observe and study the situation. Thus, he finally came and realized the potential business opportunities in the region and came up with an invest idea for establishing oil factor in Jigjiga.

Mr. Khalif described the process of establishing the factory from its inception till its final implementation of project by telling the attendees that this sesame oil factory is a Shareholder Company, owned by a group of individuals both from diaspora as well as local investors. There are technical experts from foreign countries who has provided assistance for the setup of the factory, so the process took up to 10 months to reach at its final stage.



Inside factory & sesame oil production

The factory has the capacity to produce 28000 kg of sesame oil seed per day, so it could be used all kinds of oil seed manufacturing; he also mentioned that approximately about 100 citizens will be able to get job opportunity. Whereas 50 of them are already recruited including technical expert from abroad, and remaining 50 are under process of employing within this month. Further, he said “20 % of workers will be female, whereas 98% of them are from the 12 kebele of Jigjiga City, where the Factory is located.” Mr.Khalif stated that there are reliable, political stability and promising developments that gave him better hope to make the decision for investment.

Mr. Abdirisak said I am here to contribute the Growth and Transformation Plan 2 of my region and country and I am very proud the current governmental system at federal government and regional state led by young visionaries and dedicated leaders.

Finally, Somali region has potential economic opportunities, reliable peace, security, and has the most stable political system in the East Africa region. Therefore, I encourage our diaspora community not hesitate to come and see the Somali region of Ethiopia, make investment, and become a contributor to your region.

**“Come and See to contribute economic development of your country
and region with positive mental attitude”**

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