

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**RE: ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING WATER TREATMENT AT CARLSBERG  
MALAWI'S LILONGWE PLANT**

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Regarding the articles which have recently surfaced in online publications claiming that Carlsberg Malawi is polluting Nankhaka River in Lilongwe through release of effluent, we would like to underline the following:

- In December 2014, the company became aware of an environmental issue related to treatment and disposal of waste water at the brewery in Lilongwe.
- Carlsberg Malawi immediately took action and drew up an action plan to address the issue, in agreement with the Environment Ministry.
- All actions due to be completed to date within the action plan have been completed.
- Recently-published results of an April 2015 inspection by Lilongwe City Council indicate non-compliance of Waste Water.
- The company has been closely monitoring the water, and internal tests indicate that all parameters have been compliant in the months of June, July and August.
- We are currently awaiting a report by the Department of Environmental Affairs, resulting from their tests conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Carlsberg treats environmental issues with the highest degree of importance and truly regrets the incident in Lilongwe. In accordance with our policies, we reacted promptly when we became aware of the issue. We have installed waste water treatment plants all over the world and work hard to make sure they live up to the highest standards everywhere, including in Malawi.

We are committed to working in cooperation with government departments to ensure environmental protection, and continue to work with the Malawi Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, and the Environmental Affairs Department to ensure compliance with environmental regulation.