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Business and Human Rights Resource Center: Joseph Kibugu (Eastern Africa Researcher & Representative),
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Date: 2nd August, 2016

Re: REQUEST FOR YOUR ACTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LIQUID POLLUTION BY CALSBURG MALAWI INTO MUDI RIVER

As the above subject refers, I write on behalf of the Institute of Sustainable Development-ISD a local NGO registered under the laws of Malawi. Our organization promotes corporate accountability.

We are an organization that promotes environmental standards compliance by companies. We believe environmental rights are human rights.

In April, 2016 we wrote Blantyre City Council a petition detailing the alarming pollution of the Mudi River. In their response they invited us for a meeting where the City Council explained efforts being made to control this pollution. During the meeting it was revealed that Carlsberg Malawi Limited has been a main polluter of the Mudi River over the years and warning letters have been sent to the company. We have noted with regret that the situation has not changed despite this approach to the Blantyre City Council.

We have evidence on this link that this is not a first time for Carlsberg Malawi to be reported to have been polluting even in Lilongwe city: <https://business-humanrights.org/en/malawi-local-authority-warns-sabmillers-carlsbergs-subsidiary-against-discharging-effluent-into-local-river-companies-respond>

We understand that Carlsberg Malawi has a reputation of promoting environmental conservation. In the past it has been providing tree seedlings in exchange for bottle tops. We are aware that polluting the environment is contrary to Carlsberg Malawi's reputation and brand all over the world. We therefore demand an immediate action from your office to stop this practice.

Our organization is currently working with the Business and Human Rights Resource Center: <https://business-humanrights.org/> and also a member of the Africa Coalition on Corporate Accountability (<https://the-acca.org/>).

Our organization also coordinates with the Wildlife Environmental Society of Malawi Blantyre and Lilongwe Branches in Malawi which has over 600 individual members including foreign dignitaries from



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diplomatic missions. This grouping consists a great number of your customer base in Malawi and has influence over your brand both locally and internationally.

We strongly believe that as a Chief Executive Officer of Carlsberg Malawi you will stop this gross violation of human rights.

We are aware that it is not prudent for Carlsberg Malawi a well- known reputable brand all over the world to be associated with liquid pollution of Mudi River in Blantyre City.

Your company has a reputation to protect on the international scene and locally. Please your response and action is needed.

Warm Regards,

Godfrey Mfiti

Executive Director