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Thresa Nabuyanda - Principal Inspector

Environmental Assessments

Zambia Environmental Management Agency

Corner of Church & Suez Roads

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ESIA case reference: ZEMA/INS/101/4/1

Dear Ms Nabuyanda,

Response to the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for Proposed Integrated Farming Projects in Mapepala/Nabowa Mapepala/Nabowa Area Chitambo/Serenje Districts by Lake Agro Industries Limited

Please personalise your message – a few notes for you to consider the ESIA did not mention bats and 7000 ha within a game management area are planned to be destroyed. The company has already deforested 560 ha illegally. Straw-coloured fruit bats (Eidolon helvum) are a IUCN Red List Near Threatened species and Kasanka National Park is home to the largest fruit bat roost in the world and part of the largest terrestrial mammal migration on Earth. Kasanka also has a rich bird diversity and the impact of water extraction for this area will not only have an impact on the wildlife but also the communities living around Kasanka NP.

Yours sincerely,