

ROYAL SWAZILAND SUGAR CORPORATION

STATEMENT

RSSC notes with concern allegations that are circulating to the effect that RSSC has been involved in evictions of families in Vuvulane.

RSSC wishes to state categorically that we are not aware of and have absolutely no involvement in any alleged evictions. We do not own any land in Vuvulane and therefore we do not have any basis to evict anyone. As a company we subscribe to high standards of governance and we respect the rights and interests of others. We are audited by various organisations on our sustainability programme which includes our practices relating to human rights issues.

We believe in the rule of law and where there has been any dispute we have always relied on the courts to provide guidance.

It is worth mentioning that RSSC has typically maintained a cordial relationship with the communities around it, including farmers in the area. Many of our interactions with the community are based on aiding social development, improving access to water, cultivating enterprise development, promoting quality education, providing quality health services as well as other areas of mutual benefit.

Some of these projects include water harvesting at the Vuvulane Community Church and a youth entrepreneurship development programme. Many participants of this programme are from Vuvulane. There are other activities that Vuvulane and surrounding communities continue to enjoy as a result of the positive relations between RSSC and these communities. Our ongoing social investment targets initiatives that are geared towards ensuring that the community continues to find some benefit in the Agribusiness in our region. We have just partnered with the Farmer's Federation in our area to promote youth participation in Agribusiness. More information on these and other projects can be found on our www.rssc.co.sz website.

We would like to assure all our stakeholders that any allegations of evictions do not involve RSSC, and that our company is on course to maintain and improve its governance and to widen its social investment footprint.


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