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Dear Sir,

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON MALWATTE VALLEY PLANTATIONS PLC (MVPL) – ILLUSTRATIVE PUBLIC COMPANY DISCLOSURE

The current COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected many businesses across the Globe.

The government has identified the plantation sector as an essential service and encouraged the stakeholders to continue their operations during the period of lockdown. The company continued its operations in the estates during the curfew days. Since the lockdown, the Colombo Tea Auctions have gone online and have seen an upward trend both in demand and price. This trend still continues and augurs well for the industry. Further the company carried out its export business as usual.

The company has converted approximately 65% of its rubber extent into Organic Latex, which still attracts remunerative prices.

In order to meet the challenges created by the COVID -19 Pandemic, Malwatte Valley Plantations PLC has taken recommended measures to mitigate the effect of the COVID -19 virus on its day to day business operations by following the guidelines issued by the government and health authorities and has been continuing its strategic business continuity plans.

This includes maintaining social distancing among the staff and workers wearing masks, using sanitizers, checking temperature of the employees, working from home and conducting management and board meetings online. The company has restricted its capital payments, applied for debt moratorium and revised its six-month estimates. Its cash flows are being strictly monitored.

The company has also commenced the branding and marketing of its spices during the month of March 2020 under its diversification program. The project includes a wide range of quality spices obtained from its own farms and purchased through farmer communities. The company has also invested on machinery to provide superior quality spice products to its customers.

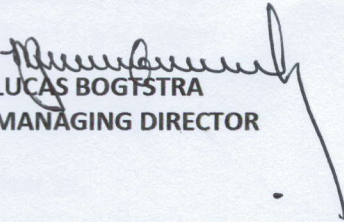
Although it is still too early to comment on the repercussions of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are hopeful that the Agricultural sector will remain robust and can continue its business activities in the future.

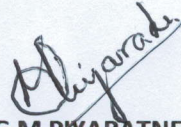
The company's total turnover (unaudited) for the three-month period ended 31 March 2020 was Rs. 1066.6 Mn (Previous year corresponding figure was Rs. 1150.8 Mn)

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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