



## **PRESS RELEASE / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

### **OUT OF CROP (OOC) FACTORY CLOSURE**

This is to bring to the notice of our farmers and other valued stakeholders that management of Mumias Sugar Company limited wishes to take advantage of the prevailing weather conditions to shut down the factory for routine OOC repairs and maintenance. Consequently, the final run boil-out is scheduled to take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 followed by a shutdown on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for a period of three months. This strategically takes advantage of the onset of this year's long rain season. Heavy rains have traditionally been an impediment to smooth harvesting and transport operations given the heavy farm machinery, tractors and loaders used in the process; apart from damaging the subsequent sugarcane crop. It will also be a good opportunity for the young cane to grow and mature.

However, during the OOC, farmers will continue receiving the usual crop husbandry and related services as normal to boost the productivity of their sugarcane crop.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of our Board of Directors and Management to thank all our esteemed stakeholders for their unrelenting support over the duration of the ending crop season and look forward to an even stronger partnering over the closure period and upon resumption of milling operations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Errol Johnston', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Errol D. Johnston

**Chief Executive Officer**