

THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

RAILWAY AND PORT WORKS EXPENDITURE, 1ST APRIL 1913 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

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I have examined the Magadi Railway and Port Works
Construction Accounts for the half year ended the 30th
September 1913 and, subject to the criticisms appended below,
I find the statement of Capital Expenditure to that date, as
rendered to the Government by the Magada Soda Company, to be
correct.

2. The following charges properly belonging to the December Quarter 1913, have been prematurely included in the Statement of Capital Expenditure:

Nºg	ong Water	Survey			£		s		d.
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		Morton & Co:	• • •	***	48	:	0	:	2
	t Railway	•••	• • •	•••	1379	:	3	:	11
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- 3. A sum of £77:9:11, transferred in the Company's Ledger from the Head "Travelling Expenses, Engineering Staff" (Railway Construction Survey Account) to the Head "Camp Equipment" should have been deducted from the amount of expenditure shown under the former head in the Statement. This omission will be rectified in the next statement furnished by the Company.
- 4. The charge of £5:12;8 in respect of "Agency Fees, B.E.A." is a charge against the Magadi Soda Company for services distinct from Railway and Port Works Construction. The charge should be withdrawn in the next statement rendered by the Company.

Magadi Railway and Port Works Account I mentioned that Rs:1,000, being part of Petty Cash Imprests in the hands of the Company's supervising staff in Africa, remained unaccounted for on the 31st December 1912 and that the amount had been temporarily placed to Suspense pending explanation by the Resident Engineer. As a result of correspondence between this officer and the Secretary of the Company the matter has been settled by charging the Capital Expenditure as follows:

N'gong Water Survey ... £23:10:0.(Rs:348.43)

- do: - ... 16:19;4.(Rs:251)

Native Wages ... £26:19:7.(Rs:400)

I was unable to obtain vouchers or other satisfactory documentary evidence in support of these charges.

- 6. The accountant responsible for the local accounting in connection with the expenditure of the Company's supervising staff in Africa absconded in September 1913. The local accounts for the period 1st April to 31st August were prepared and rendered by a firmof Chartered Accountants, Messrs: Gill and Wheelock of Nairobi. The accounts thus furnished were properly supported by the necessary vouchers except in a few unimportant instances.
- 7. Messrs: Gill and Wheelock reported a cash deficit at the close of August 1913. The net deficit, exclusive of sums subsequently recovered, amounted to £106:16:2. As this loss has been deducted from "General Expenses" in the Statement of Capital Expenditure rendered by the Company to the Government, no further action in the matter is required.
- 8. All outstanding questions raised in my report on the accounts for the period 1st April 1912 to 31st March 1913

have now been satisfactorily settled excepting that the charge of £667:10:0 to Construction Expenditure, referred to in paragraph 2 of that report, still awaits the covering certificate of the Consulting Engineers.

(Signed) H. D. FISHER.

7th August, 1914.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERIA.

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The Under Secretary of State. Oplonial Office S.W.

Sir,

I have the henour to enclose herewith a Atatement of Capital Expenditure in connection with the Magadi Railway and Port Works in the Exition Bast Africa Protectorate. The period severed by the Statement is from April let to September 30th 1915.

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Your obedient Servant,

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Secretary.

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Travelling Expenses, Engineering Staff	560 .17. 8.	86, 9, 6	667. 7.2
Surveying Instruments & Stationery	941. 5. 4.	380,37, 3	1092. 2.7
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Cables	8. 7.11.	1,16, 0	10. 3.11
Sundries	70. 4. 7	19. 7. 2	87.11.9
Railway Enspection Car	348. 7. 9		345. 7.9
Salaries - Engineering Staff	9808. 1. 4	2461. 1. 8.	11764. 3.
Vater Survey. Parkinson	1875.11. 2.	1879.10.	2055, 1.2
Morton & Co.	1805.15.10.	74.38. 8	1879 . 9 .3
lative wages - Provisions	2872,36,30.	948,34. 8	3635,33.3
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Live Steek	290,19, 2.	28. 6.30.	834. 6.
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THE MAGADI SODA COM	PANY LED					
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