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East African  
Industries, Ltd

1914

5th November

Last previous Paper.  
42144

MAKUPA BRICKFIELDS  
SALE TO RAILWAY

Requests arrangements may be made for payment  
of £6000 on account in London.

Er. G. Fiddes  
Mr. Reid

*4 p.p.*

These papers have been circulating  
in another connexion. I gather that  
we can save the cost of the tel. which  
I proposed on 42128 (the postman),  
but the matter is one which should  
be brought up later.

As regards the brickfield, this  
letter appears to agree with Mr  
Taylor's offer. I.e. the Co. request  
of £7,500 for land buildings & plant  
from which £1586 has subsequently  
deducted - leaving the £5914 of  
Mr Taylor's offer - & the £300 for  
the bricklayer's <sup>agrees</sup> expenses. All that  
remains is the valuation of the  
stock.

*2 p.p. con. 16 Nov. 14*  
*Mr. Reid con.*  
*Copy sent for 1029 } 28 Nov. 4. 45589. n.l.*  
*20 Oct.*

Next subsequent Paper.  
45589

"You despatched 23 Oct Conf-155  
proposal approved Company ask  
for £6000 to be paid in London at  
once. Telegraph whether you can  
arrange immediate payment and  
whether you prefer to pay in London  
or E.A.P."

A decision <sup>is</sup> required on Gp/40352 (Strike)

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14.11.14

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Registered Offices:—1 & 2, GEORGE STREET,  
MANSTON HOUSE,

TELEPHONE NO. 5018 BANK.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"EASAFRIND, LONDON."

LONDON, 5th November 1914.

To

His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Sir,

I am instructed by my Directors to enquire if you would be good enough to bring some pressure upon the British East Africa Government and the Uganda Railway to make payment of money due to this Company. The facts are as follows:—

In March last the sale of the Company's Brick Works, Land, Buildings, Plant and Stock of bricks, coal etc., was arranged on the following terms:—

Land, Buildings & Plant	£7,500
Bungalow	300
Stock- at cost price, about	1500

The letter from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway is as follows:—

Uganda Railway, General Manager's Office  
Nairòbi. 5th March 1914.

To the Managing Director.  
The East African Industries, Ltd.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 2nd March

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The East African Industries, Limited.

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MANSION HOUSE,

LONDON, 5th November

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"and reminder of 31st March and in continuation of  
"my telegram of date I beg to offer a sum of £7,500  
"seven thousand five hundred pounds for your Company's  
"brickfield property & plant such being free of any  
"liabilities plus the cost price of coal and bricks in  
"stock and also plus £300 three hundred pounds for the  
"bungalow.

"I wired to you today "Your letter 2nd March do not  
"understand your valuation stop offer half figure stated  
"by you plus cost of stock am writing sending letter today  
"by Barton Wright also passenger by Matiana."

"I regret I could not reply to you at an earlier  
"date as I was awaiting a rough valuation of the property  
"by our Engineer at the Coast."

"His figures to 1. £6383 six thousand three hundred  
"and eighty three pounds.

"How do you arrive at the figure of £15,000 Fifteen  
"thousand pounds ?

"The Uganda Railway are not keen on running the  
"brickfield but the Railway is in a better position than  
"another to do so. The position of the Works though is so  
"bad and as traffic increases it will be more and more  
"difficult to place trucks in the siding even if the  
"Railway work the Shce themselves. We have 16 trains  
"daily now and in two years time there will be 24 trains at  
"least."

"If you care to consider the matter further please let  
"me hear at your convenience. There is one advantage in  
"selling to the Railway as the purchase price would be cash  
"down. Wishing you a pleasant voyage, I am, yours faithfully  
"H.B. Taylor, General Manager."

Subsequently, as there appeared to be some doubt as to the  
actual acreage involved this Company agreed that in consideration of  
prompt settlement of the remainder of the contract the sum of £1586 mil

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MANSION HOUSE, 532

TELEPHONE NO. 5016 BANK.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"EASAFRIND, LONDON."

LONDON, 5th November

19 14.

might be retained by the Uganda Railway as representing the value of the land in dispute pending the completion of the Company's Title thereto. After the outbreak of War, about the 10th August last, the Government commandeered all the bricks in stock, the cost price thereof being Rs.50 per thousand, but to the time of writing no advise has been received that payment has been made for these bricks. The purchase of the property was to have been completed by the end of last month, but the Company have received a cable from Mr. A. Morrison, their legal adviser in Mombasa requesting the Directors if possible to obtain your sanction to the purchase and apparently nothing can be done without this.

At the present time the Company's finances are a source of anxiety to the Directors; not only as a shipment of railway material for the Company which has been paid for has been lost for the time being on the Steamship "General", which is a German boat and was, when last heard of, acting in Turkish waters in conjunction with the "Goeben" and "Breslau"; but all shipments of sisal on which the Company depend for financing current expenses have been stopped, and the Company has to rely on private loans even to maintain the payment

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MANSION HOUSE,

LONDON, 5th November

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of salaries etc.

The Uganda Railway is also indebted to the Company for the balance (of over One thousand pounds) in respect of building contracts which have been completed by the Company.

The Directors would be grateful if you would sanction the purchase of the property by the Uganda Railway and urge upon the Authorities in British East Africa the need for at least making a payment on account of the property, say, Six thousand pounds, in addition to the money due on the Contracts, leaving the balance to be settled when acreage and other points have been agreed.

As the purchase money for the brickworks property when received must be remitted to London the Company would be glad if you could make arrangements for the same to be paid direct to the Bankers in London.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

*David B. Cull*

Secretary.



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London.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jno. B. Snell.

Secretary.

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Attorney General's Office,

NAIROBI.

October 8th 1914.

Re: Makupa Brickworks.

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With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to state that I am informed that the General Manager appears to have conducted the negotiations without any sanction and that sanction is now being sought from the Secretary of State who has been asked to send a telegraphic reply. Pending such reply I regret that matters must remain at a standstill.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) J.W.Barth.

Attorney General.

Morrison, Esq.

Advocate.

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16 November  
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Your despatch of 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. has  
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DRAFT Telegram

Govt. Nairobi

[For  
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155 confidential  
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proposal approved  
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Mr. Harper 16/11/14

Mr. Bottomley 16/11/14

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Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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in London at once  
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