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From The Capital Issues Department.

TO *The Secretary, Colonial Office* 413
~~for observations please.~~
I am also consulting

*Case was sent you 3/1/19.
Pro D. H. B. 4/1/19.*

Fraser & Neave Soda Company, Limited,

Shell House,
25 & 27, Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.2.

6th February, 1919.

Secretary to the Treasury.

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Dear Sir,

Form No. 2.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) E.M. Fay,

Secretary.

THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY LIMITED,
SHELL HOUSE,
25 and 27 BISHOPSCATE,
LONDON, E.C.

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27th January, 1919.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE
COLONIES
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET,
S.W.1.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose, for your information the following documents:-

- (1) Copy of the Capital Issues Department of the Treasury's form No. 2, on which the Magadi Soda Company Limited, applies for permission to issue £500,000 6% Convertible Debentures, and
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1. Nil.
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3. Nil.

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Providing working capital. Paying off liabilities of the Company. Providing additional machinery and erecting buildings for the Soda operations at the above mentioned Works. Purchasing cargoes of liquid fuel for running the Company's Diesel engines and Calciners in British East Africa. Purchasing supplies of

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- 2. £120,000. It is estimated that this amount will be expended in EAST AFRICA for upkeep, labour, Uganda Railway freight, Export royalties to the East Africa Protectorate; in INDIA for Gunny bags, upkeep and labour at the Company's Caustic Soda Works in Calcutta; OTHER COUNTRIES, such proportion of sea freight upon shipments of Soda as may be payable at Ports of discharge.

Public.

First Mortgage Convertible Debentures, redeemable within 15 years, carrying interest at 6% per annum, at par, the holders of such Debentures to have the option of converting them into fl. Ordinary shares at par at any time within a period covered by the life of the Debentures. For this purpose it will be necessary to increase the capital of the Company, the new shares not being issued at present but held in reserve to meet the right of conversion conferred upon the holders of the Debentures. Underwriters and Commission to be arranged.

Nil.
Nil.
Nil.

Herewith.

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Indenture dated the 12th April, made between the Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of the East Africa Protectorate and the Company covering lease of Lake

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Sir H. J. Read, K.C.M.G., C.B., Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.
W.C. Bottomley, Esq., O.B.E., of the Colonial Office.

The carrying on of hostilities in British East Africa resulted in the Military Authorities in that country requisitioning the Magadi Railway, the water supply, and other of the Company's properties, with the consequence that while it contemplated starting its trading at the end of 1914, such trading had to be deferred for nearly four years. Even now it can only be carried on in a restricted manner and under very great difficulties, which have been caused by the withholding from the Company of such vital facilities during the most crucial period of its operations. Notwithstanding the serious setback which the Company has had to encounter during the past 4 1/2 years of war, it has utilised such periods in completing important works in East Africa, with the result that it is now producing its Soda and shipping it to various parts of the World in such quantities as sea transport permits. Similarly, the Company has completed its works in Calcutta and is now manufacturing Caustic Soda there and has to make provision for working capital to run the Works and to purchase various materials required and to provide, also, the requisite packing for the Caustic Soda.

The Magadi Branch-Line Railway and Water Supply in the East Africa Protectorate, which, under the Company's Agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been taken over and

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are being worked by the Uganda Railway Administration, have all cost considerably more money than was estimated, with the consequence that the working capital provided for in the Company's prospectus has had to be utilised for this purpose, with the result that fresh working capital is now necessary. Additionally, by reason of the incidence of the war, the Company has to face substantially higher disbursements for all materials, wages, and freight charges.

The operations of the Company are a means of bringing considerable revenue to the East Africa Protectorate. For every ton of Soda the Company produces from Lake Magadi and despatched to Kilindini at the Coast for shipment it pays to the Uganda Railway a railway freight of 1d. per ton per mile, equivalent to about 16/-. Again, for every ton of Soda the Company produces from Lake Magadi, it pays to the East Africa Protectorate a royalty of 2/-. Apart from these two important payments, the Company has imported and still imports large quantities of machinery and materials into the Colony, which also create trade within the British Empire and are a source of revenue to the Protectorate, and the Company is also a large employer of native labour, again to the advantage of the Colony.

The Company desires to emphasise the extreme importance of its operations in fostering a great enterprise in the East Africa Protectorate, one that is calculated to be of paramount interest for the welfare of that British Colony.

The Colonial Office in London has always extended sympathy towards this enterprise and on previous occasions has communicated with your Department expressing the view that it was in the public interest that the Company should be permitted to raise fresh capital.

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27th January, 1919.

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The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank,
WESTMINSTER,
S.W.(1).

Dear Sirs,

I beg to submit to you copy of the application that has been put before the Capital Issues Department of the Treasury, with a view to the issue of £500,000, 6% First Mortgage Convertible Debentures by the Magadi Soda Company, Limited.

In accordance with clauses 50 and 52 of the "Contract for the construction, maintenance, and working of a Railway to Lake Magadi in the East Africa Protectorate as a branch of the Uganda Railway", and with clause 24 in the "Lease of Lake Magadi and other lands in the East Africa Protectorate for working of Soda and other Deposits", it is provided that no Debentures can be created without your written consent.

The application for authority to issue these Debentures has been submitted to the Colonial Office, whose support has been promised.

It is hoped, owing to the urgency of the Company's requirements, that the issue may be made at an early date. It would, therefore, be appreciated if, with the particulars of the application to the Treasury before you, you could see your way to signify your assent now to the creation of the Mortgage as soon as the Treasury has agreed to the issue. If your assent is given, steps could be taken immediately to draw up the necessary documents.

I should like to point out to you that the period of the proposed Debentures is only 15 years and that an option is given to the Debenture Holders, during a period within the life of the Debentures, to convert the latter into Ordinary shares of the Company.

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The Capital of the Company will be increased by a sufficient number of Ordinary shares to meet the rights of conversion of the Debenture Holders, but these shares will not be offered for subscription and will be held in reserve subject to the rights of the Debenture Holders to convert.

It is anticipated by the Directors that the Debenture Holders will exercise their rights to convert their holding into Ordinary shares within the period laid down.

It is further pointed out that in the event of the Government exercising their right to purchase the Railway from the Company during the life of the debentures, the purchase price would be more than sufficient to provide for the redemption of these debentures.

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Secretary.

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MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LTD.

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CAPITAL ISSUES DEPARTMENT,
TREASURY,

Reference - G.24602.

S.W. (1).

Dated 27th January, 1919.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of even date, I am directed by the Committee on Fresh Issues of Capital to enquire whether it would not be possible to allocate approximate amounts to the various items of expenditure mentioned in your reply 5(c).

The Balance-sheets referred to in reply (9) have not been received; kindly forward two copies and furnish your reply in duplicate.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) D. F. Buckley.

The Secretary,
The Magadi Soda Co. Ltd.,
25/27 Bishopsgate,
E.C. (2).

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(2) 28th January, 1919.

The Secretary,
Capital Issues Department,
TREASURY, S.W. (1).

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. C, 24602, of the 27th instant, and as directed to give you, as follows, the approximate information asked for by you as to the various items of expenditure mentioned in paragraph 6.(c) in the replies to form No.2, contained in my statement of the 27th instant

Working Capital for labour, upkeep, salaries and interest	277,000	
Liabilities, Loans	140,000	
Acceptances	60,000	
Machinery and Buildings	80,000	
Liquid fuel	28,000	x
Gunny Bags	20,000	x
Steel Sheets	4,000	x
Improvements to Railway Sidings	4,000	
Improvements to Water Supply	2,000	
Sea Freight	60,000	x
Payments to the Uganda Railway Administrator and East Africa Protectorate for rail freight and royalties	35,000	
	2500,000	

The items marked (x) will be recurring.

I regret that, through an oversight, the balance sheets referred to in reply No. 9 were not included in my letter of yesterday and I now beg to append two copies herewith.

I am, etc.,

Secretary.

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PRESSING.THE SECRETARY.
CAPITAL ISSUES COMMITTEE.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies desires to support the application of the Megadi Soda Company Limited enclosed in the Committee's Minute of 22th January, C/24602/B, for permission to issue £500,000 6% First Mortgage Convertible Debentures.

The importance of the Company's undertaking to the East Africa Protectorate was referred to in the previous minute from the Colonial Office of July 27th 1918 and the letter from the Colonial Office to the Treasury of September 9th 1915. The Company's position has been much hampered by the military operations in Eastern Africa, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that this application is unavoidable for the purpose of setting their undertaking on a proper footing.

COLONIAL OFFICE

5th February, 1919.

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(2) 6th February, 1919 424

Secretary,
Capital Issues Department,
TREASURY.
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re Form No. 2.

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THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY LIMITED,
SHELL HOUSE,
25 and 27 BISHOPSGATE,
LONDON, E.C.

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27th January, 1919.

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The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank,
WESTMINSTER,
S.W.(1).

Dear Sirs,

I beg to submit to you copy of the application that has been put before the Capital Issues Department of the Treasury, with a view to the issue of £500,000, 6% First Mortgage Convertible Debentures by the Magadi Soda Company, Limited.

In accordance with clauses 50 and 52 of the "Contract for the construction, maintenance, and working of a Railway to Lake Magadi in the East Africa Protectorate as a branch of the Uganda Railway", and with clause 24 in the "Lease of Lake Magadi and other lands in the East Africa Protectorate for the purpose of Soda and other Deposits", it is provided that no debentures can be created without your written consent.

The application for authority to issue these Debentures has been submitted to the Colonial Office, whose support has been promised.

It is hoped, owing to the urgency of the Company's requirements, that the issue may be made at an early date. It would, therefore, be appreciated if, with the particulars of the application to the Treasury before you, you would see your way to signify your assent now to the creation of the Mortgage as soon as the Treasury has agreed to the issue. If your assent is given, steps could be taken immediately to draw up the necessary documents.

I should like to point out to you that the period of the proposed Debentures is only 15 years and that an option is given to the Debenture Holders, during a period within the life of the Debentures, to convert the latter into Ordinary Shares of the Company.

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The Capital of the Company will be increased by a sufficient number of Ordinary shares to meet the rights of conversion of the Debenture Holders, but these shares will not be offered for subscription and will be held in reserve subject to the rights of the Debenture Holders to convert.

It is anticipated by the Directors that the Debenture Holders will exercise their rights to convert their holding into Ordinary shares within the period laid down.

It is further pointed out that in the event of the Government exercising their right to purchase the Railway from the Company during the life of the Debentures, the purchase price would be more than sufficient to provide for the redemption of these Debentures.

I have, etc.,

Secretary.

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CAPITAL ISSUES DEPARTMENT,
TREASURY,

S.W. (1).

Reference - C.24602.

Dated 27th January, 1919.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of even date, I am directed by the Committee on Fresh Issues of Capital to enquire whether it would not be possible to allocate approximate amounts to the various items of expenditure mentioned in your reply G(c).

The Balance-sheets referred to in reply (9) have not been received; kindly forward two copies and furnish your reply in duplicate.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) D. F. Buckley.

The Secretary,
The Magadi Soda Co. Ltd.,
25/27 Bishopsgate,
E.C. (2).

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The Secretary,
Capital Issues Department,
TREASURY, S.W. (1).

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. C. 24602, of the 27th instant, and as directed to give you, as follows, the approximate information asked for by you as to the various items of expenditure mentioned in paragraph 6.(c) in the replies to form No.2, contained in my statement of the 27th instant

Working Capital for labour, upkeep, salaries and interest	£77,000	
Liabilities, Loans ... £140,000		
Acceptances <u>60,000</u>	200,000	
Machinery and Buildings	80,000	
Liquid fuel	28,000	x
Gunny Bags	20,000	x
Steel Sheets	4,000	x
Improvements to Railway Sidings	4,000	
Improvements to Water Supply	2,000	
Sea Freight	50,000	x
Payments to the Uganda Railway Administration and East Africa Protectorate for rail freight and royalties	<u>35,000</u>	
	£500,000	
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The items marked (x) will be recurring.

I regret that, through an oversight, the balance sheets referred to in reply No. 9 were not included in my letter of yesterday and I now beg to append two copies herewith.

I am, etc.,

Secretary.

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PRESSING.THE SECRETARY.CAPITAL ISSUES COMMITTEE.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies desires to support the application of the Magadi Soda Company Limited enclosed in the Committee's Minute of 29th January, C/24602/B, for permission to issue £500,000 6% First Mortgage Convertible Debentures.

The importance of the Company's undertaking to the East African Protectorate was referred to in the previous minute from the Colonial Office of July 27th 1917 and the letter from the Colonial Office to the Secretary of September 21st 1918. The Company's position has been much hampered by the military operations in Eastern Africa, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that this application is unavoidable for the purpose of settling their undertaking on a proper footing.

COLONIAL OFFICE

8th February, 1919.

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Secretary,
Capital Issues Department,
TREASURY,
S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

re Form No. 2.

I beg to refer to my letter of the 27th of January covering an application for the issue of First Mortgage Convertible Debentures, to your letter of acknowledgment of the same date - No.c.24602 - and also to my additional letter of the 28th January.

I am now directed to ask you to note that whereas in my reply No.7 (a) of the 27th January it was stated that the First Mortgage Convertible Debentures were redeemable within fifteen years, I would now ask you to be good enough to alter this period to twenty years, and to consider the present letter as amending the answer No.7 (b) in question.

I am, Sir,

(Sd.)

Secretary.

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DOWNING STREET,

13 February, 1919,

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, Sec. E.A.P. 31, at the 31st of January and the 10th of February, and to inform you that support has been given to the application of the Masadi Soda Company for permission to issue £200,000 of First Mortgage Convertible Debentures.

2. If the issue is sanctioned by the Capital Issues Committee, Lord Milner approves of your giving consent, under clause 24 of the Lease, to the creation of the mortgage, on the understanding that, in accordance with clause 60 of the Contract for the construction of the Railway, persons who subscribe to the issue or subsequent holders receive due warning of the provisions affecting their rights.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

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