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Capital Ltd

TRANSFER OF LEASE TO ESTATES CONTROL LTD.

1913

February

Explains further as to capital of Estates Control Ltd. Does not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the public support. If any further communication with Governor is thought necessary asks that it may be done by telegram. Offers to pay cost. It is important that the new Coy should be registered and the public issue made before Easter.

Last previous Paper.

4568

Mr. G. Fiddes.

This is not as definite on the point of debentures as I had hoped, but it is of course impossible at this stage to get a pledge - that can only be done when the Co is formed, but we can make it clear in further correspondence that we shall expect them to raise money on debentures if a reasonable proportion - say  $\frac{3}{4}$  - of the purchased working capital of £137,500 is not available within say 18 months of the first issue.

I think we must now tell the Gov by tel - that the £150,000 to be available at the start was an official estimate, that the company capital will be from £50,000 to £95,000 (less underwriting commission)

class to name 8637

ON 1511 W/12 297-428  
11000, 11712 A.B.W.

Next subsequent Paper.

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Conclusion) according to the success of the  
war & that the subsequent £62,500 is  
not a certainty (refer to each in our draft  
of 23 Dec. n. 40789 for the figures) but  
we have got the Syndicate to say that  
if necessary debentures will be issued  
ask if he agrees to an proceeding on this  
basis [Up to this point I don't think the Syndicate  
should bear the cost of the tel.].

If you agree that we may try to help the  
promoters to arrange matters before Easter (a  
desperate undertaking) we must also tell  
Gov: that they recommend simple transfer  
plus a supplementary agreement embodying  
new conditions. Ask if he agrees, & if so to state  
what new conditions he proposes, & if the whole  
agreement is to be recast, whether he can outline  
the new form by tel. in order to avoid  
reference by despatch.

At this point is, of course, that they must  
put the terms of the new agreement - if possible  
in the form of a draft - in their prospectus.]

W.S. 1572

Mr J. Anderson

See 4568 and further minutes

This ~~was~~ private & official correspondence  
not producing satisfactory results. From the  
private letter Mr Reed gathered that £150,000  
will be immediately available, & the figure found  
its way into the tel. to Gov of 5/12 (40799) and  
the letter to the Com. of 6/12 (4095). I am not certain  
what was in the Gov's mind, when he telegraphed on 3/12 (4095)

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Mr. Wm. B. Thompson.

I found on inquiring at the East African Office that the Secretary had already drafted in copy of the Colonial Official letter - an explanation was therefore added in the Working Copy which would be forthcoming - i.e. statement of the effect that the Syndicate would be willing to pay the cost of any cables should they be necessary.

We think it very important to make even to get out the Newburying before Easter. i.e.

1. It is difficult to get people to tie up money for long lengths of time.
2. The Royal Co. has just had a record year. They have some 12,000 shareholders. Their report came out about the beginning of Feb. & their annual meeting was held last week.
3. There is a great deal of land being offered in other places. They sell some of several millions here or offer

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ROYDON HALL  
ROXBIDGE

hope it may not be necessary to refer again  
to 'East Africa' & that it will be possible to transfer  
the 'East Africa Educative' lease direct to the British  
Control in the contemplated New Company.  
and that if the Colonial Office wish to make any great  
alterations to maintain the necessary working capital  
being expended & expert management -  
these new clauses may take the form of a separate  
agreement with the New Company.

and I think it would facilitate matters if you will  
discuss these with either yourself or Mr Reed  
before they are officially notified to the East Africa  
Committee in the British Control.

I shall be in London early next week and a  
telephone message to 14, St Stephen's Lane Tel No. 154, Bank  
will always be sent on time. I shall be very glad  
to be any pleased to see you any day here in  
this matter. Charles H. Williams

as to the "proposed expenditure", for he had the  
official catalogue (40799) before him at the time  
at which the immediate capital available  
is less

500000 of shares as she offered to the  
shareholders, of which 320000 are presented as  
to a share of the underwriters. So that the  
immediate available cash will be anything  
from £80000 - £2000 (underwriting) - £30000  
(paid to vendors) = £42000

to £125000 - £2000 - £30000 = £87000

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having \$1250000 shares (= £62500) under  
option for 10 or 2 years.

If the vendors' sheep & cattle are bought  
the £42000 to £87000 will be  
diminished.

I wd add that we have not yet  
received the confirmation of the E.C. for  
Control although the E.C. signed a letter  
on 5/10/20 on 23/12 (40799). This  
is important.

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See also  
of 4/10/27  
Information  
Apr. 1922

Then there is the question of new lease  
or supplementary agreement: see other  
see further minutes on 4/5/28. I don't  
at all suspicious that we are in the line

idea of settling a new  
agreement even with such  
Gov. I expect as by law, and  
might be done in the Parliament  
the portions to proposed

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we certainly cannot settle a new lease

In telegraphing to Gov. we did give  
certain figures as in Mr. S. Fiddie's account  
but before telegraphing further  
I should wait in getting the copies  
of the Estates contracts, I was  
convinced that we had good  
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cannot do these  
particulars

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19, 21 SWITHINS LANE,  
LONDON E.C.

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14th February, 1913.

Sir,

EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and to point out that the payment of £30,000 cash to the Syndicate was set out in the letter of the 23rd December, 1912, from me to the Estates Control Limited, a copy of which was enclosed in my letter to you of the same date.

After the payment of the £30,000 referred to, and in the event of the minimum subscription being the amount of £80,000, which subscription is guaranteed, there would be £50,000 immediately available.

Colonel Villiers has reported his interview with Mr. Bottomley yesterday when he discussed with him the possibility of the issue not receiving public support. My Directors are of opinion that, with the support of the Bovril Group, the issue will be a successful one, but, in any event, the minimum new capital to be provided under the scheme cannot fail to be of great help in the further development of land in the Protectorate, and, if success is secured, there should be no difficulty in issuing further capital. The new Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association would contain powers to create Debentures, and, if an issue proved necessary, there should be even less difficulty in placing Debentures than was the case when this Syndicate created the issue of £30,000.

Should it be necessary to communicate again with the Governor my Directors hope that it will be possible to deal with the matter by cablegrams, the expense of which this Syndicate would

Under Sec. of State.

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would be willing to pay as the matter has now been under consideration for a considerable time, and it is important that the new Company should be registered and the public issue made before Easter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Whitehall, S.W.



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Tel:

Governor

Nairobi

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Mr. B. H. H. 19/2

Mr.

X Sir G. E. 19

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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Mr. G. Fielder  
as to confirmation, I  
am afraid I have  
informed you - see  
copy of Estates Control  
letter 41047

Yes. I did not see but  
at the time though it may  
have been among the papers.  
P.M.

Your tel of 3 Feb 16  
was recd

Not sure that you are in  
possession of exact facts as  
mentioned in my tel of  
31 Dec.

is authorized  
see enclosure to my desk of  
23 Dec 896 allowing for  
10% underwriting and for  
£30,000 to be had to hand  
immediate available cash

will be £42,000 to £87,000  
according to success of flotation  
with further reduction if  
vendors' livestock is bought

Remaining capital £62,500  
is at 10 or 20 years option  
and amount which may  
be realized is ~~not~~ <sup>to be</sup> ~~concerning~~

Promoters would propose  
Share  
debentures of <sup>some</sup> unsatisfactory  
character

Report by telegraph whether  
you agree in these  
circumstances  
can on duty

Propose to ask that  
simple transfer of leave with

supplementary agreement  
and body of new board  
may be substituted for

Cancellation and new lease  
as they want to float  
company before Easter

the telegraph your views  
in my opinion exact  
wording of instruments

in either case should  
be settled by you

guard with cutting