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7 APR '13

Magadi Soda Ltd.

MAGADI SCHEME

- a. RAILWAY RATES ON FUEL
- b. LAND AT KILINDINI

1913

April

- a. In circumstances stated asks if same rate per ton mile on fuel from Messrs Smith Mackenzie's installation to Magadi would be accepted as has been granted from Company's port to Magadi. Asks cable be sent.
- b. Requests telegraphic enquiry if any intention of alienating any of the land granted.
Offers to pay for both cables.

at previous Paper.

M.I./ 8711

Sir G. Fiddes

The paper attached to this l^r was left with me 2 or 3 days ago by Mr Symonds, the general manager of the C.S. the E.A.S.

With regard to paras 1-3 of the l^r, we can tel. as desired + recover the cost of the tel + of the reply from the C.S.

With regard to paras 4, it appears that the land will probably not be required for 5 or 10 years when the schemes scheme is intended. But I gathered from Mr Taylor's recent l^r to Mr Butler that the first instalment alone of the scheme is estimated to cost £600,000. It may therefore be a long

Tel to 2700
 To G.O. of (G.O. to be arranged) 12 Apr
 Copy to Gov 28th April
 (as to Gov) 21 Apr 1913
 Further to Magadi Soda Co August 1913 (2005/107)

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time before we are in a position to carry out
the extended scheme. Also under Cl. 5 of
the contract with the Co^y we can move them
to another site ^{at any time} on paying compensation. But,
if there is a reasonable prospect of the
land in question being required for the
improvement of the harbour, it will be better
to settle up with the Co^y at once, I think.

Tel: to the Co^y saying that: "In consequence
of statement made by Taylor to Resident
Engineer of Magadi R^d that ^{site} ~~displacement~~
of Co^y port at Kilindini will have to
be ^{moved} set back 300 ft. in connection

with extended wharves scheme. Co^y are
delaying equipment of ^{their} port. This delay
is causing great inconvenience and you will
bear from my despatch No 222 of 26 March
that Co^y anticipate that change of site,
will seriously affect their project. Inf:
re by tel: ^{as soon as possible} after rec^t: of that despatch
of actual position + your
recommendations for meeting it. ^{was}

This had better go in a separate tel: -
cont of tel: + reply to be received from
Co^y? Copy of the Co^y L^t: to Gov^t: 27.
H. J. D.

I think the letter might be cut down a bit without
loss of clearness.
9/IV/13 P.M. 10.4.13
Approved
11th Post. 13

The Under Secretary of State

7.4.13

same rate per ton mile on fuel from Messrs Smith Mackenzie's installation to Magadi as has been granted to us for the transport of fuel from our port to our works at Magadi.

3. As the Asiatic Petroleum Co. inform us that they would not be able to discuss this question with us, unless a decision can be arrived at before the end of this month, we should feel very much obliged if you would be good enough to communicate by cable at our expense with the Administration of the Uganda Railway.

4. May we suggest that this opportunity should also be used to ascertain definitely if the Government of the Protectorate has any intention of alienating from us any of the land which has been granted us for the purpose of the erection of our port works. We have taken an opportunity of explaining personally to Mr Read that it does not seem possible to us to shift our works, now that all arrangements for their erection on this land have been made, and the matter is of such vital importance to us that we will gladly incur the expense of cable communication to have this question settled without delay.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LTD.

W. Samuel & Co

MANAGERS

Extracts from a letter received by Messrs Livesey Son
& Henderson from our Resident Engineer C. O.

Dated 11th March 1913.

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7 APR 13

PORT The Manager wired to say he wished to see me on the 6th inst on his way up from the Port and I travelled up to Nairobi in his coach.

Wilson, the new Government Dock Engineer and wife were also on board. The Manager showed me the new wharves scheme. This is an extraordinarily extensive affair, and though they have to look forward in designing this for large extensions, much of it cannot be carried out for lack of funds for many years to come.

To provide, however, for the extended wharves scheme, Mr Taylor says they will have to cut away our cliff face for about 250 feet back to enable them to fill in behind the wharves on the Denga or valley to East of our site.

He asks me, therefore, to move our site 300 feet back from the cliff face. He states that while this work will not likely be taken in hand for perhaps 5 or 10 years, it would be very unwise to place or erect permanent buildings on this 300 feet, but we will have the use of the ground meantime for gardens or anything else we like. He constantly said there is no use whatever in building an approach to our proposed pier jetty, and that there was nothing in the contract as far as he could see that necessitated our carrying out this work. He said the docks will eventually join on to the extended end of our pier and all landing of material required by us can be eventually done expeditiously from the Government adjoining wharves. He

decided also to ask us to change the alignment of our upper level line so that it will better fit the scheme of shallowing yard he proposes to have at the back of our site

The low level line therefore probably not being required. I have ordered any sub-contractors on earthworks to be stopped on the branch lines and the rock sub-contractor in getting out rock for our approach neck to pier. Nothing yet has been put on paper by the Manager. He said he would hasten to do so, but up to now I have not heard from him.

The Manager says he has a Mr Atchison now working on the survey of the ground behind our high level site that is between it and the Uganda Railway and as soon as it is finished he will design the yard and so enable me to fix our line to theirs.

I pointed out to him while we were granted 14 acres to date, we have 11 further acres ear marked for our use should an extension of our operations necessitate our requiring the additional land. He said "Right I will arrange that you will have the same acreage reserved. All I want is to move your whole present area back 300 feet."

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Governor
Nairobi

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Have the honor to confirm my telegram of the 11th of April on the subject of the port work of the Mogadi Soda

Company Limited, which read as follows:-

1. I have copy in extenso the two sp. telegrams herewith]

2. a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Samuel

In Samuel's 70 April 11668

Co. in consequence
of which I telegraphed
as above, is enclosed
for your inf.

