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WORKS AT KILINDINI

Further as to delay caused by certain arrangement in connection with proposed new wharves. States nothing can be done until definite arrangements are made.

Ask: + tell the Co. that the office has been advised by telegrams a tel. was sent to the Co. on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, directing briefly stating the position + directing him to get on with a CO. deep. of the 26<sup>th</sup> of April containing further details as to the actual position + his recommendation as to the matter + add that as the deep: went on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, a reply may now be sent any day.

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**THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.**

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS.

*Shell House*

*25 & 27, Bishopsgate*

*London* 17th April 1913

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H. J. Read Esq., C.M.G.,  
Colonial Office, S.W.

Dear Mr Read,

I am extremely sorry I have to bother you once more with reference to our Kilindini installation, but till now the repeated attempts we have made for quite some time to get this matter settled have not been successful. Unless we are put in a position without further delay to finish our branch line and to complete the ordering of the parts of the installation, our progress will be seriously hampered, as we shall not be able to bring the material for the construction of the Kilindini works to the spot in due time, and further it will not be possible for us to have the branch line finished in time for the erection of the oil tanks required for storing the fuel, without which our Diesel engines cannot be run.

I don't think it is necessary for me to bother you with a long letter on the subject, as both Symonds and myself have explained the whole position to you so fully that I don't

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doubt you are quite aware of the importance of the matter to us.

Yours sincerely,

# THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS

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

Sir,

We write to you regarding the position of the construction of our different works at Kilindini, as at present, owing to verbal communications made by the General Manager of the Uganda Railway to our Resident Engineer, we are absolutely stopped.

2. As you are aware, we first of all have to construct a branch from the main Uganda Railway down to the site of our works, store sheds, etc.; which branch is continued on to the site of the pier. With regard to this branch, the plans for same had been approved by the late General Manager of the Uganda Railway. The new General Manager, however, has stated verbally to our representative in East Africa that, owing to certain arrangements in connection with your proposed new wharves, the plan of this branch line will have to be altered. He stated that he would write to our representative on this point, but up to the date of our latest advices he had not done so, so that, with regard to the construction of this branch, we have been obliged to stop all work. We may mention that a considerable amount of money has been spent on that line, and that we could not face the loss which

would be incurred if the plans are now changed.

3. We have already informed you that the General Manager of the Uganda Railway and the special dock expert you have sent out to study the Kilindini Port have both verbally informed our representative that in view of the arrangements of the wharves they are now proposing, they suggest moving the whole of our buildings back from the cliff face some 250 to 300 feet, but we are not able to get anything definite in writing from them on this subject. We, therefore, are not able to order the machinery required for handling the soda; in fact we are unable to proceed with any work at Kilindini.

4. We can hardly believe that, having granted us a site and the necessary land, you will now ask us to remove the whole of our installation 300 feet inland, and we have already taken the opportunity of laying before you our very strong objections to such a step, but, even if you inform us that you do not wish us to remove from our present site, we are still unable to proceed, as the General Manager of the Uganda Railway has not yet approved the position of the supports which have to carry the bands for conveying soda from the buildings on shore to the ships at the pier. He has again in this instance verbally stated to our representative that this is a matter he will have to study.

5. We cannot see from the information we have

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received that it is at all necessary for you to make any change in the arrangements you have already approved and it is manifestly impossible, in view of what has been stated, for us to definitely proceed with the work unless we hear further from you.

6. We have the honour to respectfully submit that unless these matters are now settled, the completion of our works will be most unfortunately delayed.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servants

*H. G. ...*