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Shell House,

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29th July, 1909

To The Rt. Honorable The Earl of Crews, K.G., P.C., D.C.L.,
&c., &c.,

One of H.M. Principal Secretaries of State.

Colonial Office, Whitehall, S. W.

My Lord,

LAKE MAGADI.

We would now confirm the interview we were granted at the Colonial Office yesterday, when we were informed of the conditions upon which the Treasury was willing to withdraw its objection to the proposed Lease and Contract re Lake Magadi.

As we pointed out at the interview yesterday, the principles laid down by the Treasury and the conditions imposed by them were of a nature as to render it impossible for us to carry out a Scheme of such magnitude as the development of the Lake Magadi Deposit on a sound financial and commercial basis.

We are therefore reluctantly compelled to abandon our efforts in the direction of organising and developing the production of Soda and Soda Products in The East African Protectorate.

We cannot conclude without expressing our sense of obligation for the courtesy, consideration, and assistance afforded us by all those gentlemen at the Colonial Office with whom our negotiations have brought us into contact, and

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we regret that so much of their time should have been expended without result.

We have the honour to be, My Lord

Your obedient Servants,

