

The Ambassadors

Honorable Minister,

The Ambassadors of Switzerland and France would like to bring your attention to the judiciary situation of the company ORYX ENERGIES SA ("Oryx Energies").

Our two countries acknowledge Tanzania's efforts to strengthen its openness and make the country attractive to foreign direct investment. More and more French and Swiss companies are now interested by business and investment opportunities, as evidenced by the numerous events that have marked business relations between Tanzania and each of our two countries over the past three years (business forums, business delegations...). This is also reflected by the dynamism of our two bilateral chambers of commerce, the French Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce and the Switzerland-Tanzania Chamber of Commerce.

A healthy business climate and a robust and effective judicial system are essential prerogatives for the development of foreign direct investment and commercial relationships.

We would like to bring to your attention the difficulty encountered by one of our companies in this respect, ORYX ENERGIES SA a company registered in Switzerland with French commercial stakeholders, together with its Tanzanian affiliates one of which is managed by a French national, who is also the Vice-President of the Foreign Trade Advisors of France and Vice Chairman of the Switzerland Tanzania Chamber of Commerce.

ORYX ENERGIES is a major Oil & Gas distributor in Tanzania and it plays an important societal role. Oryx Energies has invested 263 Billion Tanzanian Shillings (TZS) to date in Tanzania. Its upcoming investment plan amounts 165 Billion TZS for the period 2023-2025 which, given the current above and below mentioned difficulty, has been frozen. It employs directly just about 1'000 people and contributes to 25'000 indirect jobs therefore, supports thousands of Tanzanian families. Its contribution to national taxes amounts to a yearly average of 330 Billion TZS. It is also a key player in the Clean cooking policy implementation, actively supported by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

ORYX ENERGIES in Tanzania is currently facing legal proceedings that could compromise its entire business in the country, as explained in the memo enclosed herewith. We believe it is important to draw your attention to this situation.

The French and Swiss Embassies avail themselves the opportunity to renew to you, Honorable Minister Mr Jantany Makamba, the assurances of their highest consideration.



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