

13 March 2019

Mdm. Victorine Che Thöner  
Greenpeace Africa

Dear Madam Che Thöner,

I note your renewed appeal to investors and clients of Halcyon Agri to boycott our company, and would like to comment as follows:

Since taking over of SudCam and HeveCam, Halcyon Agri has added significant investment in Cameroon aimed at improving the operating conditions for our workers and their families, the neighbouring communities, as well as augmenting the productivity of both assets. As the largest private-sector employer in Cameroon, it is our duty to ensure the long-term sustainability of our operations. More than 40,000 individuals depend on our success.

Simultaneously, we have left no stone unturned in understanding the socio-economic and ecological impact of our operations. We have consulted with specialist non-governmental organisations, and have taken advice from leading environmentalist groups.

In December of last year, I announced a **complete stop to further clearing and felling**, the formation of a **Sustainability Council** for our Cameroonian operations (Hevecam & Sudcam), and the commencement of an outgrower development programme. These initiatives are meant to achieve what is a very difficult task: continued investment and social-economic progress, coupled with ecological conservation.

Halcyon Agri is forging new pathways, and I would like to invite you to join our Sustainability Council. Rather than call for a boycott, I put it to you to participate in the oversight body that we have created. Let's work together to bring about positive change, and to make Cameroon a case study of how rural agricultural development and the protection of a priceless ecosystem such as the Congo Basin can go hand-in-hand.

I hope to hear from you.

Best wishes



**Robert Meyer**  
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer