



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

### **RAMPANT CANE THEFT WITHIN MSC CANE ZONE**

It has come to our attention that cane poaching by our rival cane millers has become a significant problem. This is infringing on our operations because we lose contracted cane resulting in financial losses to the company and the farmers. It is important to note that this is one of the challenges hampering the progress of turnaround of Mumias Sugar Company

In a recent example, MSC's security team on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 at 1900 hours impounded a tractor, KTCB 990K belonging to Kibos Sugar (which is situated in Kisumu County, about 80KM away from Mumias Sugar Company) between Shianda & Shibinga transporting Mumias Sugar's contracted cane, poached from a field in Budonga sub location.



**Kibos Sugar's impounded tractor after poaching Mumias Sugar's cane**

This incident was booked at Booker Police Post, where the tractor was held pending further investigation by the relevant arms of government. Kibos Sugar operates a

weighbridge located at Shikunga on the edge of our cane zone which encourages poaching of our contracted cane for which MSC has sunk development costs.

As a Company, we are committed to providing the best financial outcomes for our farmers. We shall continue to maintain & safeguard our cane from poachers.

We want to assure our farmers that we shall continue to render improved services to them, maintain and safeguard their cane from poachers. This will enable them enjoy our leading cane prices comparable to non within the sugar industry in Kenya.

**Dan Ameyo**

**Chairman, Board of Directors**

**MUMIAS SUGAR COMPANY LTD.**