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By letter dated February 10, 1998, the Netherlands Embassy requested the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to advise on an environmental audit for the following sugar estates: TPC, Kilombero (I and II) and Mtibwa. Tanzania.

Herewith, I submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA.

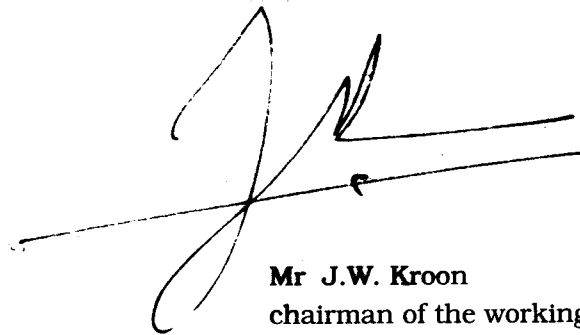
In its advise the Commission concludes that, in general, the sugar factories and the production of sugarcane of the four sugar estates do not have major adverse impacts on the environment. Nevertheless the Commission recommends measures to improve environmental conditions. The measures are mainly in the field of rehabilitation of the factories and of operation and maintenance practices and improvement of living conditions of labourers. The measures for improvement could be used for preparation of an Environmental Management health and safety Plan (EMP) to be incorporated in the overall management plan of the estates. The Commission suggests that such a plan could be brought into the negotiations with potential buyers and even be stipulated in the agreement. An outline of such a plan is given in appendix 5.

The Commission has also paid attention to some adverse environmental aspects related to the estate. Recommendations to improve environmental conditions are meant for the governmental authorities.

With hindsight the Commission observes the effect of an environmental audit would have been more effective if had been executed in combination with the Netherlands Economic Institute Divesture Study.

The Commission expresses the hope that, through this advice, to have contributed in a constructive way to the EIA for this project and to subsequent steps in the project preparation. The Commission will appreciate learning which use DGIS intends to make on the advice.

Yours sincerely,

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of the Commission for EIA: on the  
**environmental aspects of sugar**  
**production and recommendations for**  
**improvement at TPC, Kilombero and**  
**Mtibwa, Tanzania**