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PARLIAMENTARY TRADE COMMITTEE CONCLUDES OVERSIGHT

The Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Trade and Industry chaired by Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay, on Monday 25th August 2025, concluded its four-day oversight in Freetown at Confidence Trading Company (CTC), a leading rice importing company in Sierra Leone.

During the oversight tour, the Chairperson, in her series of statements, said the visit predicated on having first-hand information about the industries and companies in light of progress. She stated that the Committee on Trade and Industry, as a parent committee, would like to know the achievements and challenges of the entities in order to proffer solutions and relate well for national growth. The Chairperson made reference to the Constitutional mandate that constitutes the powers of the Committee and roles of Members of Parliament.

At Kissy Industry, the Committee observed that the company was working in tandem with its recent ratified agreement by Parliament to expand the production of vegetable oil to meet both local and sub regional demand. On Corporate Social Responsibility, the Committee observed that the company had undertaken a number of community projects as part of its CSR, which include supporting school going children and religious institutions, among others. With regards to quality, the company disclosed that

quality is a priority for its products and works with Sierra Leone Standards Bureau to ascertain the quality of the company's products.

At Rockcem, the Committee observed that the company was undertaking massive construction of a cement factory in compliance with the provisions of the agreement ratified by Parliament in 2022. The Committee continued its oversight to Zala Petroleum at its location at Mongebgah, Jui Regent Road. Zala Petroleum Company Sierra Leone Limited was identified by the Committee as one of the companies that helps to reduce fuel price in the country. The company's management promised to work towards the growth of Sierra Leone.

The Committee Members observed that ODHAV industries are locally producing the best quality iron rods at Songo and that the company's production is in line with what is contained in the agreement that was ratified by Parliament. It was discovered that workers' welfare, including medical, salaries, safety, and security, were positive.

Rock Y. Line has started massive producing of slippers or rubber shoes in the country.

It was discovered by the Committee that Lintel Royal Paint Company is producing quality paints in Sierra Leone, and it is highly appreciated in the market. The Committee advised the company to embark on the sensitisation of citizens on the usage of paint and other related matters.

Sonoco Sierra Leone is also constructing a modern flour mill for the production of high-quality flour of various kinds. The company would be producing 600 metric tons per day, and its corporate social responsibility geared towards development and economic growth.

At Aminata Petroleum, the Committee Members observed that their contribution is great towards Petroleum sustainability in the Sierra Leone markets. The company management told the Committee Members that their fuel quality is world class comparative to the US and European markets.

The Committee observed that CTC is one of the leading rice importing companies and applauded them for sustainability of rice supply into the Sierra Leone. The company assured the Committee that there will be more rice importation and supply into the country. However, they appealed to MPs for the reduction of freight insurance in order to continue to reduce the cost of rice in the markets.

The Committee discovered that all the industries, companies, investments, and other entities visited have provided huge employment for compatriots and are working in consonance of national growth and development.

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