

## **JAPAN-AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM**

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## Growing Value.





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## BACKROUND



### Global Trends – Food demand increasing, food supply struggles: Why invest in Africa now





### Global Trends – Undermanaged markets: Why invest in Africa now





- The FAO expects global food production to increase by 70 percent between 2005/2007 and 2050
- Africa is Food importer, e.g. 50m tons of grain per annum - local food security therefore on top of political agenda
- Sub-Saharan Africa poised to grow by 5-6% (global economy only to grow 2-3%). Some countries - including Zambia and Mozambique forecasted to grow by 7-10%.
- Domestic consumer spending is rising driven by population growth, significant decrease in poverty and rapid urbanisation.
- Rising income levels and a growing middle class lead to changes in dietary habits.
- Demand for protein from meat expected to rise by 43% until 2030 in SSA compared to 13% in industrialised countries

Undermanaged agricultural markets in Africa provide a promising business opportunity for Amatheon.



#### Sub-Saharan Africa

- Sub-Saharan Africa is still the main repository of large areas of undeveloped arable watered land and valuation levels are still reasonable
- Double cropping is possible in most SSA countries



#### **Country assessment and selection** Various focus countries were analyzed by a set of macro- and micro-economic dimensions, target countries were identified Amatheon Africa Factcheck Chapter 1: Management summary **Chapter 2: Country profiles** Macroeconomic Facts **Microeconomic Facts** Economy, politics & legal 1.1.1 1.2.1 Market place "Farming" system Socio-demographics & culture 1.1.2 Market place "Agribusiness" 1.2.2 1.2 Infrastructure and technology I.1.3 1.2.3 Customers Competitors **Climate & agricultural potential** I.1.2 1.2.4

**Chapter 3: Potential targets and partnerships** 

**Chapter 4: Implications for Amatheon** 

## **EXCECUTIVE SUMMARY**







#### Amatheon Agri in a nutshell

- Amatheon Agri Holding N.V. is a German based agribusiness and farming company developing sustainable projects in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Amatheon's three business pillars consist of farming, trading and food & consumer goods
- Since inception in 2011, Amatheon developed its first subsidiary in Zambia
- The company develops its land in Zambia step by step for farming as well as cattle ranching
- Third harvest in Zambia took place in April 2014 (maize and soy)
- In Due Diligence with various projects in farming, trading and consumer goods
- Amatheon Agri Uganda was incorporated in December 2013



# Amatheon Agri is steered from Germany but operates locally in Sub-Saharan Africa





Close to 200 African workers are employed in Zambia as farm operators, arable supervisors, security officers, etc.

## **VISION & STRATEGY**







- Vision: Contribute to the world's food supply and reduce poverty in SSA by being the leading agribusiness and food creator
- Goal: Develop and operate sustainable agri and food projects in Sub-Saharan Africa
- How? Secure success through the development of new, large scale irrigated agriculture operations, apply state-of-the-art farming techniques and vertical integration across the agricultural value chain

### Benefits to Japanese Investors by Partnering With Us

- We can operate on your behalf with your equity/finance contribution
- No headache of learning how to operate locally
- We manage, operate and manage the risks and challenges for you
- Partnering on site is of course an option
- Good returns on investment

## Amatheon Agri is growing the value of agricultural assets in three dimensions







## = Significant value creation

**AMATHEON AGRI** 

# Amatheon successfully proved the concept of large-scale commercial and sustainable farming in Zambia



### ZAMBIAN PROJECT STATUS: November 2011 – May 2014



#### Large international network

- Global and local network with strong connections to investment opportunities in Africa
- Identified and screened more than 100 potential agribusiness investment projects in Sub-Saharan Africa

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## Amatheon replicated the Zambian model in Uganda and gained considerable speed through applied learnings



### UGANDAN PROJECT STATUS: October 2013 – May 2014



#### **Relationships with local communities**

- Full support from the local Ugandan communities and local government
- Established network on the ground

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## Key risk assessment and mitigation strategies

Political instability	<ul> <li>Careful evaluation of geography and policitcal status/developments</li> <li>Political risk insurance when deemed necessary</li> </ul>
Business environment	<ul> <li>Assessment of governance structures and transparency</li> <li>Strong network to minimise potential negative impacts</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Employ leading experts to analyse existing infrastructure</li> <li>Factor infrastructure solutions into business plan</li> </ul>
Operations /execution	<ul> <li>Leverage on best practices and the Amatheon team's long-standing expertise</li> <li>Due Dilligence with designated experts before investement decisions are taken</li> <li>Cooperate with market-leading partners where additional expertise is needed</li> </ul>
Currency /commodity price fluctuations	<ul> <li>Agricultural market prices are forecasted to remain high or even increase further</li> <li>Primarily targeting demand in domestic markets</li> <li>Amatheon's business plans have taken erosion of domestic prices to world-market levels into account</li> </ul>
Third party dependence	<ul> <li>Company mainly relies on in-house staff</li> <li>Vertical integration across the agricultural value chain and long-term contracts with reputed parties will minimize dependence</li> </ul>
Reputation	<ul> <li>Committment to responsible and sustainable management while engaging dialogues with all its stakeholders</li> <li>Establishment of risk monitoring processes to address any upcoming issues immediately</li> </ul>

We are aware of the environment in which we operate.

Frontier markets bring about more than average risks with more than average returns. The risk/return profile for the agricultural sector in SSA makes it a highly attractive investment, consistently outperforming asset classes.

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



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## Amatheon Agri's values at a glance



Amatheon's ethical values are based on the **OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (2011)** as well as several other internationally recognized conventions. Please see an overview of our values below:

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## **BUSINESS**

- Integrity and accountability
- Constant improvement of social and environmental performance
- Socially responsible decision making
- Sustainability Reporting

### ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable development
- Monitor environmental impact to improve performance
- Raise awareness on environmentally responsible work
- Minimize waste and energy consumption

## **OUR EMPLOYEES**

- Protection of human rights
- Respect of International Labour and Employment laws
- Commitment to safety
- Value employee's opinions highly

### COMMUNITIES

- Stakeholder engagement
- Community Development
- Development of human capital
- Improve livelihoods

## Amatheon's value creation is based on a socially and environmentally responsible conduct of business



#### Social & ethical responsibility

- Stakeholder management and integration
  - Early communication with local communities
  - Recommendations are being integrated into decision-making processes
  - Mechanisms for stakeholders to raise concerns at any time are provided for

#### Transparent land leasing practices

- Transparent land lease from private lessors and standard market prices paid
- Often only parts of farms leased so that farmers can reinvest in their remaining portion

#### Health

- HIV/AIDS at the work place combated through corporate programmes
- Company plans to expand the programme to some of the surrounding communities
- Gender Policy
  - Equal employment opportunities to both women and men ensured
- Labour Policy
  - Committment to employ local staff whenever possible and to adhere to international labour policies

#### **Environmental responsibility**

- Environmental Impact Assessment
  - EIAs/EPBs conducted according to International IFC Performance Standards
  - Potential negative impacts on the environment and community are identified early and mitigated accordingly
- Sustainable soil management
  - Erosion of soils prevented through holistic approach
  - Crop rotation and low tillage where it benefits the soil

#### Water quality monitoring

- Water quality is monitored and documented
- Water **baseline analysis taken** at beginning of projects



Meeting with parents of school nearby Amatheon farm in Zambia



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