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[By email]

Dear Business & Human Rights Resource Centre,

Agilis Partners (Agilis) is Uganda's leading staple foods and agriculture platform. Founded as a social enterprise, the company prioritizes promoting positive social impact in the communities in which it works. The company employs over 500 individuals, works with over 15,000 smallholder farmers and provides healthy food ingredients that feed over 550,000 people annually. Agilis's efforts have been recognized by community leaders, governments and business organizations globally.

In 2017, Agilis acquired land in Kiryandongo District, Uganda from private individuals. At the time of purchase, multiple individuals occupied the land illegally. None of these individuals had title or other legal, customary or other *bona fide* claims to the land. The individuals departed the land pursuant to voluntary agreements in exchange for cash compensation based on expert valuation. These settlement agreements were witnessed by local government leaders and legal counsel. Agilis has never evicted any individual from the land.

The allegations made against Agilis to the contrary are false and have been made without seeking input from Agilis.

Agilis is committed to upholding the highest standards of business practices and community empowerment, especially amidst the challenges posed by COVID-19. We train community members in sustainable farming practices, empower smallholder farmers to access high value markets and prioritize employing community members, youth and women across our operations.

Sincerely,

Agilis Partners