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G-Bio Initiative Inc.

Board Chairman Mr. Toshiharu Takahashi

President & CEO Mr. Noriyuki Yaginuma

Letter to Request for Stopping G-bio Ishinomaki Sue Biomass Power Station

We are concerned that the G-bio Ishinomaki Sue biomass power station (102,750kW output) planned by your company in Sue, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture will create a huge environmental and social impact both on Japan and Mozambique.

You explain that you will use 400,000 ha of land in the Middle West Mozambique to grow Pongamia originated in India for fuel. While you mention using “degraded land,” you do not detail the location of the land. Although some land may appear as degraded land, there are often growing plants suited to the area. It might also be developing an original ecosystem or being used by inhabitants seasonally. Even if the land has nothing grown and not used by people, it will still bring a significant negative ecological impact to plant a single foreign species at the vast land of 400,000 ha.

Occupying vast land for the purpose of generating electricity for Japan, in other words, is a form of colonialism.

In addition, this project emits huge amounts of greenhouse gases throughout its life cycle: cultivation, processing, long-distance transportation, and combustion.

People in Sue are strongly opposed to your plan because there are schools, nursery schools, and residential areas around the planned construction site. They will be put at risk of deterioration of their living environment due to vibration, offensive smell and air pollution, and will also be put in danger from the increase of large trailers carrying fuels.

For the above reasons, we strongly request your company to cancel this project.

We also request you to clarify the following:

1. Where exactly in Mozambique is the growing area
2. Whether or not you have acquired the land already
3. Cultivation plans and schedules
4. Whether or not you have licensed to cultivate

Sincerely,

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