

Dekel Agri-Vision

## February Palm Oil Production Update

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### Dekel Agri-Vision Plc ('Dekel' or the 'Company') February Palm Oil Production Update

Dekel Agri-Vision Plc (AIM: DKL) , the West African agriculture company focused on building a portfolio of sustainable and diversified projects, is pleased to provide a February production update for its 100%-owned Ayenouan palm oil project in Côte d'Ivoire ('Ayenouan' or the 'Project').

#### Highlights

- February represents a sixth consecutive month of double-digit increases in monthly crude palm oil (CPO) production, sales and prices compared with the same month last year:
  - 43% increase in CPO production to 5,163 tonnes
  - 36% increase in CPO sales to 4,754 tonnes
  - 17% increase in average realised prices to €792 per tonne
- Strong margins currently being generated at Ayenouan as a result of international CPO prices trading at near 10-year highs in a band between €850-900 per tonne
- Peak harvest season currently underway and Dekel is increasingly confident that 2021 yields will be higher than 2020

**Lincoln Moore, Dekel 's Executive Director , said:** " We have made a terrific start to the financial year due to a combination of global prices trading at multi-year highs and a strong start to the peak harvest season. In addition, the construction of the large-scale cashew project at Tiebissou is advancing well. Commissioning is currently scheduled for June 2021 , and we expect as this operation settles, it will drive a further step up in financial performance over the next 12-24 months. We believe this is an exciting period for shareholders as we see our growth strategy come to fruition."

**Feb 2021**

**Feb 2020**

**Change**

FFB processed (tonnes)	23,638	16,547	42.85 %
CPO production (tonnes)	5,163	3,615	42.82 %
CPO sales (tonnes)	4,754	3,501	35.79 %
Average CPO price/tonne	€ 792	€ 676	17.16%
PKO production (tonnes)	270	210	28.57 %
PKO sales (tonnes)	406	nil	n/a
Average PKO price/tonne	€ 778	nil	n/a
PKC production (tonnes)	390	336	16.07 %
PKC sales (tonnes)	299	307	-2.61 %
Average PKC price/tonne	€ 69	€ 65	6.15%

#### *Crude Palm Oil Production*

- 43% increase in CPO production in February compared to February 2020 builds on strong January performance during which production grew 52% compared to January 2020
- February production driven by 43% increase in fresh fruit bunches ('FFB') delivered to the mill for processing compared to February 2020
- Peak harvest season in Côte d'Ivoire is currently underway and Dekel is increasingly confident that 2021 yields will be higher than 2020
- CPO extraction rate of 21.8% achieved - in line with February 2020

#### *CPO Pricing and Sales*

- 17% increase in average realised CPO prices to €792 per tonne (February 2020: €676) and 36% increase in CPO sales to 4,754 tonnes (February 2020: 3,501 tonnes)
- Strong margins currently being generated at Ayenouan as a result of international CPO prices trading at near 10-year highs in a band between €850-900 per tonne - approximately 100% higher than Q2 2020's pandemic-induced lows
- Local industry initiative currently in place, and supported by Dekel, to shield the local population partially from current very high global prices for CPO, a vital food source in Côte d'Ivoire. This is being achieved by smoothing out prices around €800 per tonne. The intention is that local prices will hold around this level even if international prices soften in the months ahead below the €800 mark. Critically, the directors believe this means Dekel has now potentially locked in very high prices for the remainder of the high season and possibly beyond.

#### *Palm Kernel Oil ('PKO') Production and Sales*

- 29% increase in Palm Kernel Oil ('PKO') and 16% increase in Palm Kernel Cake ('PKC') production to 270 and 390 tonnes respectively in February 2021 compared to February 2020 due to higher FFB volumes
- PKO sales exceeded production as Dekel capitalised on rising local PKO price levels to sell stock held in tanks during January at a pricing level 17% higher than achieved in January
- Dekel continues to assess export opportunities to achieve even higher PKO prices

### **Production Updates**

The Company will continue issuing CPO production figures on a monthly basis to provide shareholders with visibility on operations and trading during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Notes:**

Dekel Agri-Vision Plc is a multi-project, multi-commodity agriculture company focused on West Africa. It has a portfolio of projects in Côte d'Ivoire at various stages of development: a fully operational palm oil project in Ayenouan where fruit produced by local smallholders is processed at the Company's 60,000tpa crude palm oil mill; a cashew processing project in Tiebissou, which is due to commence production in June 2021.

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