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Forest Department Sawmill Near Aponnu, Ondo Province

The Government of Nigeria is preparing to consider the sale of the Forest Department sawmill in the Akure Forest Reserve, Ondo Province (formerly known as the Erua Sawmill) to suitable and fully competent private contractor. The purchase shall include all land buildings, houses, machinery and fitted timber trucks.

The mill is situated in conjunction with the Akure Forest office and so prospective purchaser will view the Akure Native Authority as vendible in order to an agreement for the working of the reserve can be considered.

The agreement will agree to the exploitation of the Akure Forest reserve will be for a period of approximately twenty-five years, and will require such adherence to the forest working plan for the reserve under the terms of which the purchaser must continue his milling in an annual coupe of 200 acres from which he must extract all marketable timber of approximately twenty species. The applicant will be required to furnish a guarantee of £1,000 for the advance payment of fees and a further guarantee of approximately £7,500 to provide against abandonment of working before the expiry of the agreement.

The purchaser must take view and inspect the sawmill immediately upon purchase and must have the necessary knowledge and technical aids to do so and he must further retain a full and correct set of maps or plans, and the location of the reserve with an outline map not less than that of the estate, and throughout the term of his agreement with the Akure Native Authority and must ensure that such readily throughout the term and make available a reasonable proportion of the timber for local use within the Ondo Province.

Prospective purchaser wishing to obtain full particulars should communicate with the Inspector General of Forests, Lagos before 15 April 1952, and in regard of good faith should at the same time furnish adequate evidence of their financial standing to a sum of at least £25,000. Permission to inspect the sawmill and forest, and further details applied to the attention of the Secretary will be given by the secretary General of Forests only to those applicants who in his opinion fulfill the above conditions. Final offers to purchase must be received by the Inspector General of Forests, Lagos, before 15 June 1952.

The Native Government does not bind itself to accept the scheme or any offer and is pleased to state that the Akure Native Authority will be willing to enter into a suitable agreement with the prospective purchaser for the working of the Akure Forest Estate.



AMERICA'S CHANGING RUBBER POLICY PRIVATE BUYING TO RESUME

Two announcements affecting the rubber producers of the Commonwealth may be expected from America within the next few weeks. The Government of the U.S.A. is preparing major changes in its rubber control policy. They are anxious to bring to an end the continuing buying of natural rubber for the U.S. market by the Government, and a statement giving a definite date for this change of policy will be made shortly. The second announcement is expected to allow an increase in industrial consumption of natural rubber in the U.S.A. The reasons for both these moves lie in the U.S.A. rubber stock-piling programme in making completion. The mounting size of the stockpile has reduced the urgency of rubber acquisition by the Government although it is understood that the same amount of rubber will eventually be sent to stockpile this year as was accumulated last year.

It is estimated that the allocations will allow a ten per cent increase in industrial consumption of natural rubber this year over the 1951 figure of 410,000 tons. During the first quarter of this year consumption has been limited to about 35,000 tons, a small amount represents an annual total of 420,000 tons. March or early April will be expected, be the time when private buyers will be allowed to re-enter the market to make purchases of natural rubber for shipment in May or June, following the announcement expected very shortly of the Government's withdrawal from the scene as the sole buyer for the U.S.A.

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month from the Corporation do not exceed £100 per month. The method of selection of busineses has been left largely to the discretion of the Chairman.

The Chairman hopes that he will be assisted in selecting busineses by a small committee of persons associated with the Corporation, but the educational qualifications of the applicants, the weight of service and financial position of the parents will be considered in making the selections.

Further details will be issued later and it is requested that no applications for busineses or jobs be made at present.

U.A.C. Presents Gold Watches For 25 Years Service

Nation members of the Central Ledger Class of Nigeria Accountants Headquarters. The total service of the recipient with U.A.C. is not less than 25 years. Most of them are of the West of the U.A.C. who were fortunate in that the names of those present to receive watches were Messrs. B. O. Bamboke, M. O. Dawodu, J. A. Daring, S. O. Fakunle, J. Fadness D. Fashola, J. A. Hammond, Ben Keku, M. O. Lawe, J. I. T. Lawoo, A. M. Lewis, B. McCarty, S. R. Odudu, J. Odoan, N. E. O. Oshin, D. E. Igboe and M. P. R. Sin.

The presentation was made by Mr. H. A. Franklin, Director of the Company, who was introduced by Mr. D. D. Jones, General Manager in Lagos and supported by Mr. W. H. F. Forer, Head Office Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Franklin about hand with all and congratulated them and they, with a special greeting, in which they shared, for Mr. E. D. Mo. P. R. Sin, the witness of the party with 40 years' service. He is

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