



## Livestock Development Corporation

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### Press Statement

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**Intro: Illegal Settlers to vacate Abattoir**

Settlers squatting in and around a State owned abattoir at 12 Mile outside Port Moresby have been warned to evict the premises by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2022; this comes after numerous warnings dating back to 2019 have fallen on deaf ears.

The Illegal settlers were warned by Police officers yesterday; the officers acting on behalf of the Livestock Development Corporation warned these squatters to vacate the area immediately or face the consequences.

The LDC owned Tiaba Abattoir at 12 mile is one of only two abattoirs out of 5 across the country which are currently in operation; the abattoir has the capacity of holding 50 beef carcasses and up to 100 pig carcasses per day or 1 tonne per day. When well managed the abattoir has the potential to 4 000 tonnes of beef per year, accounting to 30 % of the annual beef imports.

While it sits at more than 30 hectors of land, the state owned property can only cater for the necessities of the abattoir and its immediate workers.

The Livestock Development Corporation Managing Director Terry Koim said albeit having conducted numerous awareness - these squatters continuously defied all lawful instruction from LDC and continued to ignore warnings, resulting in such drastic measures being actioned.

He added that this illegal settlers have not only grown in numbers over the years, they have also erected illegal road-side markets which has not only become an eyesore to the public, it has also become an issue which prevents further progress of work on the perimeter of the abattoir.

The MD noted that they are adamant to continue work on the perimeters as this was also disrupted when road works commenced and the sooner this eviction is actioned, work on the perimeters will recommence.

The MD said LDC is fully focused on carrying-out the Government's mission to reclaim all state leases under the Livestock Development Corporation across the country and such behaviours from the Tiaba settlers will not be tolerated.

Mr Koim is warning all illegal settlers to vacate the premises immediately and before the said date.

“Vacate the premises on your own, do not wait for the Government to move in and forcefully remove you”, he warned.

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**Terry KOIM**  
**Managing Director – LDC**