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Intro: Pictorial – Launakalana ranch – Livestock Ministers Visit

The Launakalana cattle estate, in Rigo Central province is looking at a return on investment of more than K7 million per year under its sustainable cattle production if LDC runs 2000 breeders per year.

This was revealed by Managing Director for LDC Terry Koim at a small but significant event earlier this month - marking the first ever official visit of first time Livestock Minister Sekie Agisa to major cattle ranches including Launakalana in Rigo, Central province.

Mr. Koim said Launakalana alone boasts of a huge landmass of more than 4 500 hectares which can cater for more than 2000 cattle considering where 1 cattle is to 1 hectare of land - however this can only be achieved with much needed investment and focus on driving growth and development of the industry.

He said while 2000 breeders is a 'far reach' it is something to work towards and it is not impossible to achieve if we set our minds to it.

He said at the moment LDC has only accounted for 740 cattle in Zuguru, Erap, Sagalau, Wariman and launakalana, however this number can be increased with the appropriate approach, and it is not impossible.

The MD noted that the Livestock Development Corporation Ltd. is adamant now more than ever to ensure its key priority areas to reclaim, refurbish and progress development on state owned assets under its management are achieved.

MD Koim in welcoming the Minister to the estate said the establishment of Livestock Ministry on the is a huge benefit to the industry adding that although there is so much to do, the management and staff have already progressed notable major projects which are currently being utilized in various properties across the country, including Launakalana.

The MD further stated that this ranch also boasts of quality breeding systems including the water reticulation system provided by solar power with drinking troughs controlled by floaters which provides clean drinking water for cattle.

In addition, Mr. Koim noted that over K1.5 million has been spent on re-fleeting, maintenance and resourcing of the ranch alone and they are now prepared and awaiting the arrival of shipment of cattle from Sialum, Morobe Province.

Minister for Livestock Sekie Agisa was impressed with the progress of refurbishment so far and commended the management for such productive outcomes.



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He said livestock is the livelihood of Papua New Guineans and more attention should be given to this industry; He added that, with the ministry in place the industry is looking at achieving greater heights in developing and growing this very important industry.

After visiting Launakalana, the entourage then went on to visit Erap in Lae, Morobe province; other estates will be visited in the coming months.

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