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BEDFORD IN KENYA UPDATE

Bedford Biofuels began planting Tana Delta Phase 1 on Oct. 17 on Kitangale Ranch in Kenya and the *Jatropha* is soaking up its first rainy season.

Bedford began its nursery preparations in late July and transplanted those seedlings onto cleared land in October. The rains have come and so have some local groups interested in the project.

On Nov. 25, John Mitchell, General Manager - Kenya, took 10 representatives of NEMA (National Environment Mangement Authority) Kenya and WWF (World Wildlife Fund) to see Tana Delta Phase 1 and to answer questions they had about the project.

“They were impressed with the site, security fencing, the planted hectares, that there were no puddles of water in the plantations even though we have had the wettest November in a long time,” said Mitchell. “We are all excited to show the world that *Jatropha* can be successfully grown on a commercial scale in Kenya.”

He said the WWF representatives were interested in Bedford’s process and progress. Mitchell said if Tana Delta Phase 1 continues as it has started, he sees how Bedford will show the world how to run an agricultural program that is in harmony with wildlife and even improve things by providing more grazing and water access.

“All in all, I am very happy with how that tour went and at the progress I see when I look at those planted hectares,” said Mitchell. “The *Jatropha* looks amazing and is growing like a weed.” ■



John Mitchell, General Manager - Kenya, with a new sign at the entrance to the site.



New leaves on seedling four days after transplanting



Jatropha seedling one and a half weeks after transplanting



Nov. 13, three weeks after transplanting

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Nov. 16, grass growing between rows of Jatropa



The beginnings of Tana Delta Phase 1 plowed one way, Nov. 17.



Jatropha four weeks after transplanting.



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View of field after 45mm of rain in 30 minutes



John Mitchell explaining the site to NEMA and WWF on Nov. 25

BEDFORD IN ASIA UPDATE

Bedford is back in Asia this month following the momentum created during October's roadshow.

"The momentum is there. We need to be back in front of these broker networks in Asia," said McClure, who remained in Canada this time. "The opportunity for Bedford in Asia is great."

McClure was part of the Bedford team who traveled to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Manila and Singapore in October.

"We are firing on all cylinders right now," said McClure. "Bedford is pouring energy into Asia, Kenya and Canada. All of our hard work is paying off and we are happy to be pushing hard before heading into the holiday season." ■



Bedford Biofuels breakfast seminar with clients in Asia



(left to right) Chris Grant, Managing Director - Asia, David McClure, President and CEO, and Carl Huckstep, Managing Director of Elfin Partners during their roadshow in Asia.



David McClure presenting in Hong Kong in October

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