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**COCOBOD'S POSITION ON THE REPORTED FUEL DUMP TRAGEDY IN THE EASTERN
REGION**

Our attention has been drawn to the unfortunate news about the death of three technicians who were allegedly reported to have been working on a fuel reservoir on the premises of the Koforidua Office of Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD). The sad news has since been syndicated on a number of media platforms since yesterday when the incident happened.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and loved ones in these very difficult times.

There are, however a few misrepresentations contained in the various media reports about the tragic event which we wish to correct as follows:

The said fuel dump tank is owned, used and managed by Produce Buying Company (PBC), a limited liability company which is neither a division nor subsidiary of COCOBOD. The exercise that the technicians were engaged to undertake has absolutely nothing to do with COCOBOD.

Our preliminary investigations have further revealed that the relevant security and regulatory agencies are fully involved in the matter to ascertain the cause of the unfortunate incident and put in place measures to forestall future occurrences.

We wish to assure our media friends that our doors are always open for discussions on issues of this nature and all inquiries concerning the operation of Ghana's cocoa sector.

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