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**Letter of concern regarding Samuda Food Products - project 48407**

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Alessandro [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 13, 2024 at 12:33 PM

To: Rachel [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Rachel, Anup,

Hope you are well and thanks for your reply to our concerns.

We heard from one of the local Bangladeshi organizations we are in touch with, that communities living near the MEZ do not appear to have been consulted, nor informed about the construction of Samuda's plant. Reporting their words: "Impact assessment of MEZ should not be sufficient for a feed processing plant [...] these plants spread bad and toxic smells in addition to pollutants/chemicals. There is still mangrove by the other bank of the river and mangroves are very important for the people there not only in terms of non-timber forest products, but it is also important in terms of protecting extreme weather patterns and erosion."

We would like to ask you to put the project on hold at least until communities living near the MEZ have been adequately informed about the construction of Samuda's plant.

We will keep you posted if we hear further updates from our Bangladeshi partner CSOs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Alessandro

(on behalf of colleagues at the Stop Financing Factory Farming Coalition and partners)

On Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 3:01 PM Rachel [REDACTED] wrote:

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