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FINANCE PS ASSURES KIIRA MOTORS CORPORATION OF FINANCING

The Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury, Ramathan Ggoobi has pledged to support Kiira Motors Corporation to achieve its dream of building a Motor vehicle industry in Uganda.

Ggoobi made the remarks on Saturday while inspecting progress of works on the construction of Kiira vehicle plant at Jinja Industrial and Business Park.

He said the Finance Ministry is expediting processes to ensure that Kiira Motors Corporation receives UGX 77 billion, voted for FY 2021/22 towards the construction of the plant start up facilities as well as the supplementary budget of UGX 141 billion which H.E the President directed the Finance Ministry to provide within the FY 2021/22 to fully capitalize Kiira Motors Corporation (KMC).

“If you want to transform society, go for those things that do not conform to comparative advantage. Countries which want to transform must do whatever it takes to promote manufacturing, said Ggoobi.

Quoting the story of Toyota, which the Japanese government and other stakeholders had recommended for closure in the 1950’s on account of wasting government money, Ggoobi said Industrial policy has many naysayers than believers because of the experimentation which can only be supported by government until the break- even point.

“I commit that we shall continue supporting this project and many others. There is no body with more capacity than the State to support such projects,” Ggoobi said.

Prof. Sandy Stevens Tichodri-Togboa, the Executive Chairman KMC said full capitalization of Kiira Motors Corporation will operationalize the Kiira vehicle plant and also enable establishment of automotive industrial and technology parks to support a wide range of investments in motor vehicle and parts manufacturing as well as vehicle testing, automotive engineering, research, development and technology innovation.

The construction of the Kiira vehicle plant start up facilities phase 1 including the assembly shop, warehouse, In-plant circulation roads, perimeter fence, waste water treatment plant, site drainage and utility distribution undertaken by the Uganda People’s Defense Forces (UPDF) through National Enterprise Corporation currently stand at 90% complete.

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