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The MD/CEO YSJ Farms Limited Adedoyin Plaza, Awedele, Ado Ekiti

Subject: Approval for Implementation of Organic Soya Bean Investment Project (200 Hectares) in Alignment with the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agriculture (FRILA)

#### 1. Introduction

Pursuant to the powers vested in the Ekiti State Development and Investment Promotion Agency (EKDIPA) under the FRILA Investment Approval Process Regulation, and following the formal review and recommendation by the **Ekiti State FRILA Technical Committee**, this document serves as the official **Letter of Approval and FRILA Compliance Certificate** for the abovementioned project.

## 2. Project Details

- o Project Title: Responsible and Inclusive Organic Soya Bean Farming Project
- o Location: Ekiti North Senatorial District, Ekiti State
- Scale: 200 Hectares
- o Proponent(s): YSJ Farms Limited
- o FRILA Technical Committee Reference: EKSGDC/047/Vol.II/035

# 3. Certification of Compliance

This Agency hereby certifies that the **Organic Soya Bean Investment Project (200 Hectares)** has successfully undergone and satisfied all stages of the **FRILA Investment Approval Process**, including:

- o Screening for social, environmental, and economic viability
- o Adherence to the Ten (10) FRILA Principles
- Documentation of inclusive stakeholder engagement
- o Commitment to sustainable land and resource management
- Gender-responsive and youth-inclusive implementation plan

### 4. Approval Granted

In accordance with the FRILA Regulations and based on the Technical Committee's endorsement, EKDIPA hereby:

- o Approves the project for immediate implementation
- Certifies its alignment with Ekiti State's responsible investment framework
- Authorizes the proponent to proceed with:
  - Finalizing financing arrangements
  - Securing required land and community agreements
  - Mobilizing resources and commencing field operations

#### 5. Validity and Conditions

This certificate is valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue, subject to:

- Adherence to submitted project plans and FRILA principles
- Submission of bi-annual progress reports to EKDIPA
- o Compliance with all relevant State and national laws



#### 6. Next Steps

The proponent is required to:

- o Formalize all agreements with participating farmer associations and communities
- Notify EKDIPA of financial close and project commencement date
- o Engage continuously with the FRILA Technical Committee for monitoring and evaluation

#### 7. Conclusion

This project represents a model of responsible agricultural investment in Ekiti State. We commend your commitment to sustainable and inclusive development and look forward to the successful implementation of this initiative.

Yours in development,

Lolade Olutola Director General

Ekiti State Development and Investment Promotion Agency (EKDIPA)

# Cc:

- Chairman, FRILA Technical Committee
- Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources
- Project File