

## Kinyara Sugar Works Ltd and Enterprise Uganda Sign Deal to Support Sugarcane Farmers

Kinyara Sugar Works Ltd. (KSWL) and Enterprise Uganda (EUg) on 15th September, 2005 signed a business linkages deal to support the Kinyara Sugarcane Growers Ltd. (KSGL), a company owned by sugarcane farmers in Masindi District in mid-western Uganda. Under the deal to be co-financed by KSWL, EUg will in the next 24 months assist the farmers' improve the quality, consistency of supplies, honouring contracts, corporate governance and business ethics among others. EUg will also support the farmers produce a 3-year business plan to consolidate corporate governance, upgrade business and management skills of the company.



*Dr. Amooti, Jack McLean, Charles Ocici, Keith Bitamazire and Maria Selin at the signing ceremony at Farmers' House, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Industry, Kampala.*

Mr. Jack MacLean, KSWL General Manager said was a historic occasion that would give KSGL an opportunity to raise their capacity to a new level, which is necessary for the future expansion of the business and the continued support for farmers. He said, KSWL was pleased to contribute and supports the project's objectives of developing the capacity of the KSGL that would result in increased output from the farmers and improve their incomes. He said "KSWL is a Sweet Success story that has touched the lives of not only those who work for the company and live in the vicinity of the sugar estate but has benefited the country of Uganda". Recent reports released by the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) showed Kinyara as one of the top Ugandan taxpayers contributing Ush 13.7 billion in taxes for the 2004/05 financial year.

Mr. Charles Ocici, the Executive Director of Enterprise Uganda said the business linkages program supported by the Swedish Government (SIDA), UNDP, UNCTAD, and the government of Uganda aims at promoting mutually beneficial relationships between established corporate brands in the country and the indigenous private sector.