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TRADE REPORT - QUARTERLY IMPORTS

Rice Imports Fourth Quarter 2008

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Report Highlights:

Rice imports decreased by nearly 50% during the fourth quarter of 2008 to reach 154,000 tons down from 301,000 MT in the previous quarter. This decrease is the market's response to sufficient supply and stocks and traders reaction to the lifting of the consumer subsidies and import tax exemptions. Imports from Thailand continued to decrease in real terms, but Thailand remains the largest single supplier. There were no arrivals from the U.S. during this quarter.

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Commodities:

Rice, Milled

Executive Summary:

Rice imports have decreased significantly by nearly 50% (from 301,100 to 154,000 tons) during the fourth quarter of 2008 compared to the previous quarter, to reach the lowest total during CY 2008. This decrease reflects the market's reaction to sufficient stocks and traders response to the Government of Senegal decision to lift import tax exemptions and consumer price subsidies.

Consequently, fewer export countries have shipped to Senegal. Suppliers remain the traditional exporters such as Thailand with nearly 67% of total imports, Vietnam 15%, Uruguay 10%, Brazil 3% and Argentina 3%. Shipments from India, one of the traditional suppliers of Senegal, continued to decrease drastically during this quarter as the result of the export restrictions imposed by the Government of India. There was no shipment from the United States during the fourth quarter of 2008.

Broken rice makes up most of the shipments to Senegal, nearly 96% of total rice imports.

1 USD = CFA 498 on April 16, 2009

Imports Data by Origins and Grades – October – December 2008

Export Country/ Grades	Value U.S. \$	Quantity Tons
Paddy Rice		
	1,472	0.3
FRANCE	1,472	0.3
Semi or Whole milled in +5Kg bags		
	3,953,790	5,782
UNITED KINGDOM	1,993	1
PAKISTAN	202,090	349
INDIA	171,569	249
THAILAND	3,400,552	4,939
VIETNAM	177,586	243
Semi or Whole milled in 5Kg bags or less		
	351,558	399
FRANCE	8,717	4
ITALY	141	0.1
THAILAND	342,701	395
Broken Rice		
	87,012,032	148,002
TURKEY	627	1
BRAZIL	2,922,405	5,094
URUGUAY	8,181,727	15,472
ARGENTINA	2,607,449	4,856
U.A.E	303	0.4

PAKISTAN		918,914	1,579
INDIA		155,925	350
THAILAND		60,007,370	97,885
VIETNAM		12,217,312	22,767
	TOTAL	91,318,853	154,183

Ranking by % Market Share

ORIGINS	Total Imports (Tons)	% Share
Thailand	103,218	67
Vietnam	23,010	15
Uruguay	15,472	10
Brazil	5,094	3
Argentina	4,856	3
Pakistan	1,928	1