

# SETIT HUMERA LTD FARMERS' COOPERATIVE UNION

SETIT-HUMERA FARMERS COOPERATIVE UNION is a multipurpose cooperative union primarily engaged in exporting **whitish humera type sesame seeds**. It was **established in 2002** and their membership base has almost doubled since from 7,600 members to 12,190 members in 2012. **Setit-Humera is among the largest suppliers of sesame supplying 30-40%** of the total sesame in Ethiopia. It specializes in Sesame, sorghum, gum (incense) as well as sesame cleaning services. The union offers services to the members such as Input provision (fertilizer, seeds), processing (seed cleaning), storage and bulking, marketing and contract cleaning. The union has exported over 200 containers since 2008 to the Middle East, Far East, Europe, North Africa and the USA. In 2012/13 the Union has collected 6,000MT of which 900MT *whitish humera type natural machine cleaned sesame seeds* was exported to **China, Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, and Canada**. The union plans to purchase 7,000MT sesame in 2013/14 and grow it to 12,200MT in 2015. SETIT-HUMERA is member of ECX.

## Union Activities:

**Agricultural input supply:** The Farmers' Cooperative Union is sourcing and distributing agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, agricultural implements, finance and related inputs

**Output Marketing:** Creating market access to members for sesame seeds and sorghum both in the domestic and international markets

**Service Provision:** Agronomy, storage, market information dissemination, advocacy and representation to its members

**Capacity Building:** The union undertakes different capacity building programs in the areas of agricultural productivity enhancement, post-harvest management, warehouse administration, business planning, financial management, marketing, purchasing and the like by itself and in collaboration with development partners and government.



**Product description:** Ethiopian whitish natural sesame seeds, pure humera type new crop, grade one. purity level ranging from 99% to 99.90%, admixture 1%max, moisture ranging from 4% to 7%, ffa 2% max, oil-content ranging from 48% to 53% merchantable quality, fit for human consumption, free from live weevils, fumigated prior to shipment.

**Packaging:** In new export worthy pp bags of 50kg net weight each 61x110 cm and containerized in 20 feet containers with 19mts in each container. 25 or 30 kg net weight pp bags can be used as per customer requirements.

**Technical Capacity** – The union can hold stock of 5,000MT in high quality USAID-AMDe warehouse – making its total warehouse capacity 5400MT with previous warehouse. Setit-Humera owns a state of the art European standard CIMBRIA HEID sesame cleaning machine made in Denmark, with capability of cleaning at 99.95% purity level. The union is also planning to install two cleaning machines with a newly constructed warehouse.

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