

THE EUROPEAN UNION PROJECT PHASE III

The European Union and the Government of Tanzania entered into an agreement under which the former is funding the cotton smallholder farmer quality and market access improvement project for a total sum of Euro 2,500,000. TCB was appointed to be the implementing partner of the project under decentralized implementation modality. The project was implemented on phases in Meatu, Bariadi and Maswa Districts in the western zone cotton growing areas. In July 2017 the EU delegation appointed Baker Telly to audit and verify expenditures for the Third Program Estimates (PEIII) whereby the Board received TZS 532 million out of which TZS 452 million was spent in running the cotton project activities in 2016/17 and the remaining balance of TZS 80million is retained in TCB account as unspent amount to be refunded to the European Commission after receiving recovery notification of unspent balance. During the project period, TCB had implemented the following two main project activities:

- i) Construction of western classification Storage warehouse in Shinyanga The warehouse was contracted for the purposes of receiving and storing cotton samples to be tested in the classification laboratory which is also in the same location. The Classification Laboratory was constructed in the Second phase of the project.



- ii) Supply and Installation of Air management System The Air Management System was purchased and installed for introducing cooling system in cotton classification laboratory as directed by Cotton International Standards.