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#### GHANA FREE ZONES AUTHORITY CEO VISITS BLUE SKIES GHANA

On 30th April 2025, Blue Skies Ghana welcomed Madam Mary Awusi, the new CEO of the Ghana Free Zones Authority, for an official visit. The purpose of the visit was to familiarise her and her team with the company's operations and product offerings. Public Relations Manager, Alistair Djimatey provided an overview of operations, while General Manager Janet Lutterodt outlined key business challenges.

Madam Awusi praised Blue Skies' high standards, strong female leadership, and economic contributions, assuring government's support in addressing these challenges. The visit concluded with a tour of the production line, where she commended the team's dedication.





# MONTHLY UPDATES

#### WORLD WATER DAY: EVERY DROP COUNTS

To mark World Water Day, the Blue Skies Benin biodiversity team led an engaging awareness campaign featuring videos, posters, and interactive sessions. The goal was to inspire action and deepen understanding of water conservation, empowering our team to help protect this vital resource for a sustainable future.



#### SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS: BLACK SOLDIER FLY PROJECT.

As part of the Black Soldier Fly (BSF) project, Henri visited the factory who was joined by Amadou Afoussatou, toured the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, they met with local producers. Guided by a specialist in plant genetics and crop protection, discussions focused on converting organic waste into nutrient-rich larvae—highlighting the project's promising potential for sustainable waste management.



#### **OPERATIONAL INSIGHT: CLL AGENT VISITS!**

Fabien, Blue Skies' CLL agent (Community Liaison Officer), recently visited the Blue Skies Benin factory to assess and review site logistics. His visit provided valuable insights and highlighted exciting opportunities to enhance our operations. We're looking forward to implementing these ideas and boosting our efficiency even further!



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### STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE!

In a dedicated session with farmers and Blue Skies Benin, Médrid LALY introduced new initiatives aimed at deepening collaboration and enhancing quality standards. The meeting inspired renewed energy and commitment toward building a more sustainable and high-performing future together.



#### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS: FINANCE AND TESCO AUDITS PASSED**

Blue Skies Benin ended the month on a high note with successful outcomes in both our Finance and Tesco audits a clear reflection of the team's hard work and commitment to excellence. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved. This achievement is yet another reminder that teamwork truly drives success!



#### COMING SOON Great Green Games

Get ready for The Great Green Games Kick off in May! Join us as we promote fitness, fun, and biodiversity conservation. Stay tuned for more details!

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#### BLUE SKIES BRAZIL EXCELS IN SEDEX 7.0 ETHICS AUDIT

In April, Blue Skies Brazil successfully completed a three-day ethics audit under the updated SEDEX 7.0 standard. With only five minor non-conformities, the audit highlighted strong performance across policies, procedures, and site practices. A big thank you to the Brazil team, Stephan, and Marta for their outstanding support!



#### JOHN GADZI VISITS BLUE SKIES BRAZIL

Blue Skies Brazil was pleased to host John Gadzi during a recent visit. His visit provided a valuable opportunity to discuss upcoming expansion plans and highlight the progress at the new site. The visit marked a positive step forward, reflecting confidence in the company's growth and future prospects.



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#### **EXCITING HAPPENINGS AT BLUE SKIES GHANA!**



It's been all busy at Blue Skies Ghana recently, with lots of exciting developments underway! Construction is progressing well on a much bigger new chiller ( the Ransford's Chiller ), these additions will provide much-needed extra storage capacity for our mangoes as demand continues to grow. We're also thrilled to welcome a new wave of talented team members. Their energy and expertise will be instrumental as we scale up production to meet rising demand. With so much happening, this season is already shaping up to be one to remember. We look forward to sharing more with you soon as we remain dedicated to delivering the highest quality produce to

our valued customers. Here's to a successful season ahead!



#### **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!**

In April, Buabeng Isaac and Mensah Tetteh Akuaku were delighted by a birthday celebration attended by both colleagues and management. Heartfelt wishes for a long and fulfilling life were shared with each of them. This gesture once again reflects the company's culture of respect and recognition.

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#### FELICITY'S FIRST GLIMPSE OF GHANA

Hugh, accompanied by his charming wife and their spirited daughter Felicity, made a delightful visit to Ghana. It was Felicity's very first time in the country, and she embraced the experience with enthusiasm. From touring the factory and exploring inspiring foundation projects to the heartwarming visit to Dobro Basic School, where she quickly connected with the Pupils. Her visit was truly special and a joyful celebration of connection, discovery and shared humanity.





#### HASSAN'S BIG WIN

Hassan Syed has officially passed his final ACCA exam and is now a fully qualified accountant! After countless hours of hard work, dedication, and determination, he's crossed the finish line and what a fantastic achievement it is! A huge congratulations to Hassan on this exciting milestone in his journey!

Congratulations

#### BIG BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR MATT

Matt Wilson, Group IT Operations Manager, celebrated a milestone birthday on 25th April the big 4–0! Wishing him all the best as he enters this exciting new chapter of his life.



### MONTHLY UPDATES IN EGYPT

#### CELEBRATING MOTHERHOOD AT BLUE SKIES EGYPT

Blue Skies Egypt marked Mother's Day with heartfelt celebrations at the factory, featuring joyful activities and thoughtful gifts from GM Mohamed Bahgat. A highlight of the event was a special tribute to the "Ideal Mother", an exemplary employee recognized for her dedication both at work and at home. The celebration reflected our deep appreciation for the incredible women who balance professional and family life with grace and strength.





#### EID AL-FITR CELEBRATED WITH JOY AT BLUE SKIES EGYPT

Blue Skies Egypt celebrated Eid al-Fitr with a vibrant and festive event at the factory, featuring colorful decorations and traditional touches. The celebration brought joy to employees and made the occasion truly memorable for all.

#### A SPECIAL VISIT: WELCOMING OUR YOUNGEST "ENGINEER"

The Technical Department was thrilled to welcome Kenzy, the daughter of colleague Marwa, for her first visit since birth. Her presence brought smiles and joy to the team, who affectionately dubbed her the "youngest technical engineer" a heartwarming reminder of the close-knit spirit within our team.



#### BLUE SKIES EGYPT PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS ON EARTH DAY



On 22 April, Blue Skies Egypt held an Earth Day training session focused on the importance of biodiversity and Blue Skies Egypt's commitment to environmental protection. The session aimed to educate and inspire greater environmental responsibility across the team.

#### BLUE SKIES STRENGTHENS TIES WITH THE FELIX PROJECT

As part of Blue Skies' ongoing partnership with the Felix Project, Gulam and Fleur recently visited the West London Distribution Centre, where they were warmly welcomed by Lizzie and Lynda. The visit offered a firsthand look at how volunteers sort and distribute surplus food—including Blue Skies products—to local charities. We're proud of the positive impact this partnership continues to make and extend our sincere thanks to Gulam for his dedication in driving this important initiative forward.



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### FOUNDATION UPDATE

#### **SPREADING LOVE THIS RAMADAN**

During the holy month of Ramadan, Blue Skies Foundation went above and beyond in their acts of generosity. Embracing the true spirit of the season, they organized daily feasts to support and nourish those in need.

These heartfelt efforts reflect the essence of Ramadan a time of giving, unity, and compassion. The foundation is proud to have played a part in making a meaningful impact across our communities.



#### A VISIT TO MISSÃO INTENSIDADE: SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY



Angelo HR manager visited Missão Intensidade, an NGO supported by the Blue Skies Foundation, to review its conditions and assess computer equipment acquired through the Foundation's 2023 project cycle. This visit is part of ongoing efforts to enhance educational opportunities and ensure essential resources reach those in need. The Foundation is proud of its partnerships and remains committed to fostering a brighter, more inclusive future.

#### FOUNDATION LAUNCHES IMPACTFUL PROJECTS ACROSS GHANA

The Blue Skies Foundation has kicked off seven transformative projects focused on agriculture, sanitation, water, and healthcare. Highlights include a training centre for mango farmers in Sunyani, a new toilet facility in Kpodzieno, clean water systems in farming communities, and medical equipment for Akorley Health Center. These initiatives reflect our commitment to sustainable development and community empowerment.

