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Being a technical report on abandoned project of Sugar refinery located at Azamu village along Hadejia/Gujungu road in line with competition organized by CITAD

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## **ABSTRACT**

A sugar refinery is a refinery which process raw sugar into white refined sugar or that processes sugar beet to refined sugar. Many sugar cane mills produce raw sugar which is sugar that still contain molasses, giving it more color than the white sugar which is normally consumed in house hold and used as an ingredients in soft drink and foods. Sugar cane does not need refining to be palatable, sugar from sugar beet is almost always refined to remove the strong, unwanted taste of beet from it, the refined sugar produced is more than 99% sucrose.

## **REPORT**

The jigawa state government had in 2000 introduced sugarcane farming covering about 5,000 hecters of land in Hadejia to feeds its factory, which was later abandoned, the Hadejia sugar factory started construction by the administration of the then Governor, SaminuTuraki with the aim of producing 1,500 metric tons of sugar daily as Hadejia emirate is among the major producers of sugar cane in the state but before the completion of the project his tenure ended. The sugar cane project which Governor saminu turaki turned his back on after inducing farmers to accept it with a promised that their produce would readily be purchased by state government as a result of which farmers abandoned their farming of cash crops and went to get loans from banks just to embrace popular government policy and in

extension to boost their economic well-being has become a night mare. One need to see the faces of those farmers which express helplessness and disappointment many of them cry 'Ba zamu taba yafewa gwamna saminu ba' that they will never forgive Governor saminu. The millennium village which is the agency saddled with the responsibility of financing sugar cane farming project has been financially incapacitated to perform its function effectively.

As Governor Saminu Turaki ended his administration in 2003, Sule lamido took over from him and spent good eight years without adding a single block in the company despite the huge amount of money injected into the company by the past administration. WHICH COUNTRY ARE WE? The company had initially expected to produce 1,500 metric tons of sugar daily with expectations of increasing annually but this was crippled by political inclination which is the major problems our political leaders do consider not to complete a projects commenced by the outgoing government thereby abandoned it just like that, Hadejia sugar factory if it was fully commenced its production by now it will be the mega sugar factory not in Nigeria but in the whole west African countries, it will also provide a jobs to thousands peoples in the company and the farmers also, although sule lamido make effort to revisit the idea by inaugurating technical committee to look at the condition of the company and give government advise on how to do with it, the committee did as they were directed but the governor re-abandoned their report and later sold the

jigawa state government owned company to the family of former head of state late General sani abacha as well as invited Dangote group to establish another sugar factory in kaugama local government which up to now there is such effort from Dangote.