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A brief description of Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC); Any reports of 3 female employees being found dead in October 2012?

A publication by the *New African* in February 2013 points out that:

“The Cameroon Development Corporation is the largest single employer after the state. It employs 25,000 people and produces palm oil, palm nut, tea, rubber and bananas” (New African (1 February 2013) *Investing in agribusiness; Invest in Cameroon*).

In February 2013 the *Cameroon Tribune* states that:

“The South West Region, home of the largest employing State enterprise, the Cameroon Development Corporation, CDC, with over 20.000 workers...” (Cameroon Tribune (25 February 2013) *Cameroon: Labour Minister Whips up Machinery in South West*).

A report issued in May 2010 by the *International Crisis Group* notes that the:

“...Commonwealth Development Corporation, now Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC)...runs large plantations in the South West Region. Some communities there felt that its privatisation (announced in 1994) amounted to selling off their land as well as their economic heritage. The dispute lasted several years, culminating in the partial privatisation of the CDC in 2002, a sale which Anglophone movements still consider illegitimate” (International Crisis Group (25 May 2010) *Cameroon: Fragile State?*, pp.21-22/footnote 93).

The website is <http://www.cdc-cameroon.com/index.html>

No further information on these issues could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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