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CLOSURE OF THE 2023 LIGHT CROP SEASON

Informed by recent disruptions in the internal marketing of cocoa and to safeguard the interest of our cocoa farmers, the Government has directed Ghana Cocoa Board to bring the opening of the upcoming season 2023/2024 forward, effective **Friday, 8th September 2023** and the opening event on **Saturday, 9th September 2023**.

Accordingly, it is hereby notified for the general information that purchases for the 2023 Light Crop Season would cease at close of business on **THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2023**.

In order to assist the Licensed Buying Companies (LBCs) to obtain the final returns from up-country, Ghana Cocoa Board has decided that returns on the declared purchases will be accepted up to 4.00pm on **THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**.

All are to take note and be guided accordingly of the above arrangements and strictly comply.

HON JOSEPH BOAHEN AIDOO
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