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Bio diesel factory inaugurated

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FEDIS – Oromia State Chief Abadula Gameda reiterated the government's strong support for investors that are playing an important role in the development of the country.

During the inaugural ceremony of a bio diesel factory in Fedis Woreda near Harar town, established by a German company called Flora Ecopower with a capital of 11 million dollars last Saturday, Abadula said: "Investments that are largely changing the livelihood of the community, such as this, deserve closer support both from the government and the public at large".

Flora Ecopower is a model company in many ways for it starts work immediately even before the signing of an agreement and is proof to the confidence in the government policy and support.

He also expressed appreciation

to the company for its decision to establish the factory in a relatively undeveloped area of the State which was prone to draught and famine.

"The fact that the Company manages to install the factory in less than ten months time demonstrates its commitment to register greater results," Abadula said.

CEO of Flora Eco Power Ethiopia, Hector Kotik, on his part said that the factory has a production capacity of 80,000 tones of crude bio diesel from custard seed.

"In order to use the full capacity of our oil mill factory, we need to cultivate 50,000 hectares. In the last few months, we managed to cultivate 5,000 hectares most of which are community farms", Mr Kotik said.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Trade and Industry Minister Girma Biru and other senior Federal Government and state officials.



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Premier to appear in parliament's meet today

ADDIS ABABA (ENA) - Prime Minister Meles Zenawi is to appear in the meeting of the House of Peoples' Representatives (HPR) today, the Office of the HPR said.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Meles is expected to answer a number of questions to be raised by

members of the Parliament Office, Public Relations service told ENA yesterday.

The response of the Premier to the questions of the parliamentarians will be transmitted live beginning from 9.00 am local time, the Service said.

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Owing to the unanimous views expressed by various members at the plenary, Burundi was reassigned to chair the APU again.

Also on the occasion the National Assembly of the Mauritanian parliament was allowed to rejoin the APU.

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He said an investment promotion and protection agreement was scheduled to be signed between the two countries at the beginning of 2008, and was believed to encourage more British investors to come to Ethio-

