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Transfer of Assets and Liabilities to the
National Irrigation Board.

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TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
TO THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION BOARD

1. The National Irrigation Board was set up under the Irrigation Act (CAP. 347) to develop, control and improve national irrigation schemes in Kenya. Under Section 15 of this Act the functions and powers of the Board are set out as follows :-

(1) The Board shall be responsible for the development, control and improvement of national irrigation schemes in Kenya.

(2) The Board shall have and may exercise all such powers as are necessary to enable it to perform its functions under this Act, and, without prejudice the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have power :-

(a) to conduct research and investigation into the establishment of national irrigation schemes;

(b) in conjunction with the Water Resources Authority established under the Water Act, to formulate and be responsible for the execution of policy in relation to national irrigation schemes;

(c) in consultation with the Minister and the Minister for the time being responsible for finance, to raise funds for the development of national irrigation schemes;

(d) to co-ordinate and plan settlement on national irrigation schemes;

(e) to design, construct, supervise and administer national irrigation schemes;

(f) to determine the number of settlers to be accommodated in a national irrigation scheme;

(g) to provide land in national irrigation schemes for public purposes;

(h) to promote the marketing of crops and produce grown or produced on national irrigation schemes and to liaise with organizations responsible for the marketing of Agricultural produce;

(i) to provide, either by itself or by agreement with other persons, for the processing of agricultural produce grown or produced on national irrigation schemes;

(j) to award scholarships and bursaries for the study of irrigation (both in Kenya and elsewhere) or any other subject which the Board considers to be of benefit to the Board.

2. Prior to the formation of the Board the Government was responsible for running irrigation schemes in the country, of which Mwea, Perkerra and Tana are the most important. From their inception the Government has invested substantial sums of money in these schemes, and it is necessary that the assets should be transferred with the schemes as the responsibility for their control has been given to the National Irrigation Board.
3. It is the Government's intention to hand over all of the assets and liabilities of the Mwea and Perkerra Irrigation Schemes, together with the loose assets, existing irrigation works and housing of the Tana Scheme to the Irrigation Board. In return the Government will be reimbursed for its own investments in these schemes.
4. The assets to be transferred for each of the schemes have an estimated value of original cost as follows :-

MweaK£.881,265
PerkerraK£.264,914
TanaK£.339,592
HeadquartersK£. 1,799

Depreciation assessed for these schemes amounts to a total of £205,705, excluding depreciation on the irrigation works. The Government proposes that a depreciation fund amounting to this sum should be transferred to the Board to enable the Board to maintain the assets of the Schemes handed over and also to provide working capital; and that annual interest should be paid to the Government by the Board in respect of items included in the depreciation fund on the basis of the residual value. It is, however, accepted that the annual interest will not be paid to the Government as long as the Board is in deficit in its operations.