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BIO-ORGANIC CHILLI FARMING THROUGH FERTIGATION METHOD UNI RED ENTERPRISE

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1.0 Introduction

Uni Red Enterprise is to be established on January 2012. This company is established purposely to exclusively involve in agricultural field especially to improve technology in agriculture. The project will take place on 5 acres land in Kg. Wakuba, Tawau Sabah where there land is owned by one of our business partner. For business starting, we will plant 15000 chilli trees under 15 rain protection houses implemented with fertigation system.

Nowadays, the value of money cannot be compared with the value of health. As many chronic diseases arise due to the lack of awareness of healthy diet, the society begins to realize how important the healthy food consumption in which it will surely affects our life in the future. Therefore, they are willing to spend more to make sure that the foods they consume everyday guarantee their healthiness. In relation with the matter, we come up with a solution that is organic farming concept in which we apply organic fertilizer without any chemical substance either the application of fertilizer or in pest & disease management. This simultaneously will ensure the increase in healthy crop production especially in our country.

We named our company as *Uni Red Enterprise* which focuses on fresh chilli production as our main product with fertigation method. We have chosen this type of business after considering the market trend and the future prospect of this business. Since Malaysia currently experience shortage of labour force, therefore, we decide to do this project by minimizing the usage of labour in terms of operation. For marketing purposes, we aimed to market our products in the nearly areas to satisfy the demand in that particular areas then we plan to expand our business to whole Sabah. We targeted to sell our products to the wholesalers, supermarkets, hotels, and restaurants.

1.1 Summary of proposed business plan

Items	Descriptions
Company name	We have chosen 'Uni Red' because 'Uni' represents universal,
	unique, united. We are looking forward to be a universal chilli
	producer in Malaysia and expanding our market to the
	international market level. Red resembles the color of chilli
	itself and it is also resembles our company's spirit in taking a
	risk.
Industry profile	Project title: Bio organic chilli farming through fertigation
Industry profile	method.
The nature of	Crop production in agro-base industry.
business	crop production in agro-base industry.
Location of the business	All of us agreed to start our business by constructing a
	fertigation site at Tawau. Our main office will be near to the
	fertigation site.
	a) High demand of fresh chilli in the Malaysian market
	especially in the nearly area where we develop our business.
	b) Our country still importing chilli. Therefore we are planning
The factors that	to supply our country's needs for crop production mainly in
influenced us to	our state.
choose this	c) It can produce many useful products. Therefore, we see
agriculture-based	chances of expanding our business to upstream activity.
business	d) Agriculture based business guarantee high profit rates since
	the world is experiencing food shortage.
	e) Nowadays, agriculture is driven by new technology that will
	facilitate works previously done manually.
Future prospect	We are planning to expand our business to become one of the
of the business	successful competent producers of chilli not only in Malaysia
of the business	but also in the international market.

1.2 Industry review

In Malaysia chilli is one of the most popular vegetables and is planted by vegetable farmers both on the lowlands as well as the highlands. The local supply of chilly is insufficient to meet the demands in the country as Malaysia emerged as the second largest buyer of the Indian spices in 2009 after the United States (FNB News, 2010).

Chilli farming prospect in our country has been progressing rapidly. Quite numbers of people are interested in this field. However, many of them are still involved in small scale business. There are also entrepreneurs who are faced with pest and diseases problems which lead to high losses. Therefore, we feel obliged to start intensive chilli farming business by using fertigation method and also with the application of modern farming technology in order to produce high quality products, with high resistance to diseases.

We aimed to firstly satisfy the demand of chilli in Sabah and then extending our business to compete in the global market. We see this business as a chance for us to further developing our agricultural industry in Malaysia in which we apply the knowledge and technology to trigger development of agricultural revolution in our country.

As a mobile, we are very confident that this business will be success and bring profit to our company in the future.

Chilli hybrid industry is an interesting business to be explored. In peninsular, chilli farming project has started since 1994 in PulauManis, in Kuantan , Pahang. Followed by Rompin (1998) and Jerantut (2001). By observing the market trend of chilli especially in Malaysia, the demand for chilli is increasing especially during festive season such as fasting month, Eid, Christmas and New Year. When the demands increase, the prices will also increase (Ir. S. Tarigan, 2008).

Besides that, the demand is also increasing during rainy season. This is due to the rainy condition which limits the harvesting job and also risk faced by chilli farmers in which they may experience losses due of pest and diseases attack.