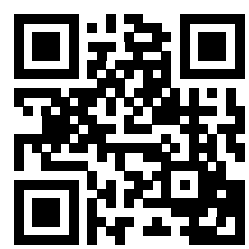


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Balmed is an international supply chain operator focussing on cocoa, coffee and cashew. The company operates a sustainable tree crop management system in order to supply high quality products to the industry. With focus on fair and sustainable tree crop plantation development in the cocoa, coffee and cashew sectors, the company works closely with 12.000 smallholder farmers in Sierra Leone, as well as international development organizations, financial institutions, certification bodies, Government and NGO's. Balmed is fully promoting gender equality and female empowerment through economic integration and professional training. Balmed is constantly pushing new ideas and innovations forward; the company has developed a cashless farmer payment system using prepaid VISA cards, as well as a mobile produce traceability system in collaboration with the German software firm SAP. The company has a trade finance facility with the African Agriculture Trade and Investment Fund. Balmed is establishing 5.000 hectares of cocoa plantations in Sierra Leone using the Blockfarming® System. The company is fully committed towards the development of the agricultural sector in Sierra Leone to reduce poverty and improve livelihoods in rural areas.



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