

Kampala Cement rides on modern technology

Standards. Kampala Cement works closely with Uganda National Bureau of Standards and other stakeholders to ensure that their product is protected from counterfeits.

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ENVIRONMENT

At Kampala Cement, clean production and sustainable use of the environment is among the core values of the company. The safety is also a priority at Kampala Cement, not only for the employees and the surrounding communities but for the environment too.

The growth of the construction sector in Uganda has attracted a number of companies dealing in building materials such as cement.

Kampala Cement Company Ltd is one of such companies, which have come up.

Located at Namataba, 30 kilometers from Kampala on Jinja highway, the cement company, which started at producing 200,000 metric tons capacity per annum, has now upgraded to one million tons per annum capacity in June 2016. This is attributed to the modern technology, which the company uses while producing cement.

Mr Victor Omino, the Kampala Cement Company production manager, says in order to satisfy customer needs, the company offers four brand

names of Nyati 32.5, Kifaru 42.5, Ndovu 42.5 and Supercrete 52.5.

"With all these brands on offer, it's hard for builders to go wrong, so that they choose the right brand for the right application, he says.

He says the new state of the art environment-friendly factory is fully automated and controlled from one central control room. The plant is fitted with bag filters in the systems that limit dust emissions and is compliant with global standards on emissions.

Mr Suresh Parathasarathy, the finance manager, says this plant moved Uganda to self-sufficiency as far as cement production is concerned and facilitated supply of quality cement.

He says because of the technology used in production, customers will be even more satisfied with the already excellent product on the market.

According to Suresh, to ensure contractors, builders and hardware shops get quality ce-

ment on time, their products are distributed countrywide in their own vehicles.

"With innovation being part of our core value, we always seek opportunities to expand the product portfolio in order to meet customer's needs".

He says they have dedicated unit for research and development with dedicated staff comprising of more than 70 years of cumulative experience in cement manufacturing, which keeps them ahead of their competition through innovation.

Kampala Cement is the only cement manufacturer in Uganda to manufacture Supercrete 52.5 grade cement, which is suitable for construction of infrastructure projects like the SGR.

Suresh asserted that "consistent cement quality is core to customer satisfaction, and it is confirmed by the impressive portfolio of projects undertaken using Kampala Cement across Uganda. "Roko Construction, the largest civil contractor in Uganda is one of the loyal cus-



The latest state-of-the-art cement production factory at Namataba, Kampala. COURTESY PHOTO

tomers of Kampala Cement. Northern By-Pass Project by Mota-Engil, Mukono-Kayunga Road by SBI Uganda, 22 floor URA Headquarters by Seyani Brothers are all testimony to the quality and consistency of the cement manufactured by Kampala Cement," he adds.

To ensure proper standards, Mr Omino says they have invested in improved packaging of the product to ward off

counterfeit products.

Mr Ronnie Kasule, a businessman in Kampala, says Kampala Cement has become a household name in Uganda.

"Since its initiation two years ago, the quality associated with this brand has led it to increasing prominence," he says.

According to Kasule, in the cement market you cannot compare any to Kampala Cement.