

Latest Production Technology used at Kampala Cement factory



Latest state-of-the-art cement production factory at Namataba, 30km from Kampala

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As far as the production of cement in Uganda is concerned, it was a dream come true in 2015. After 60 years a new player, Kampala Cement Company Limited, started manufacturing cement at Namataba, 30 Kms from Kampala on Jinja highway, making it very central to the Capital.

This marked the delivery of a promise to commission a latest state-of-the-art-technology cement plant unlike others in Uganda. Initially started at 200,000 metric tons capacity per annum, the plant has been upgraded to one million tons per annum capacity in June 2016.

Ronnie Kasule a businessman on Bwaise Road in Kampala says Kampala cement has become a household name in Uganda. “Since its initiation 2 years ago, the quality associated with this brand has led it to increasing prominence”.

According to Kasule in the cement market you cannot compare any to Kampala cement. Besides quality, they do a lot of awareness which has made many including me, to put trust in their products since it is hard to buy a fake one.

Victor Omino, production manager, says in order to satisfy customer needs Kampala cement 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 also 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.

Suresh Parathasarathy, 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 employed, our customers will be even more satisfied with our already excellent product on the market.



Some of the trucks waiting for loading cement

According to Suresh, to ensure contractors, builders & hardware shops get quality cement on time, their products are distributed country wide in their own vehicles. He added that the existing manufactures are out sourcing transport for their deliveries, which is not always easy to manage, while Kampala Cement have their own dedicated fleet of trucks to transport their finished product to the door of enduser. “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 over 70 years of cumulative experience in cement manufacturing, which keeps them ahead of their competition through innovation. In fact 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 also one of the biggest customer of Kampala Cement. Northern By-Pass



Finished cement bags getting loaded on the truck

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”.

To ensure proper standards Omino says they have invested in improved packaging of the product to ward off counterfeit products. Omino says Kampala Cement works closely with the UNBS standards body, as well as with other stakeholders to ensure that their product is protected from counterfeits.

At Kampala Cement Limited, 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.