



COMPANY HIGHLIGHT

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First Outgrower Purchases

by Alfred Mitondwa

Outgrower Support Program

KVTC has been supporting smallholder farmers in growing teak trees and diversifying their income streams through the Outgrower Support Program. KVTC currently supports approximately 350 farmers who have planted close to 1,000ha of teak since 2011.

In previous years the company has not bought any teak trees from external growers but it is proud to announce that from this year it has started doing so. In this article, we are sharing some of the experiences of two of the growers:

Mr Michael Masikini

Michael Masikini was the first person ever to sell teak logs to KVTC's Mavimba Sawmill. Mr Masikini indicates that he has been looking for opportunities to realize a return on his teak trees. When he heard that KVTC has started buying logs he confesses that he felt that finally his dream would come through and that the money received for his trees will assist him in building a house that in turn he can rent out to people working at the sawmills where the trees are going. Mr Masikini thanks KVTC for starting this project of buying logs

from external sources as the KVTC price structure is much better than other buyers.

Mrs Justin Joseph

Mrs Joseph is living in Mikese-Morogoro with her five children of which four are schooling. School fees were a serious challenge for Mrs Joseph and the only asset she had was a plot of trees in Kidagalo Village. When Mrs Joseph was informed that KVTC had started buying trees from outgrowers she did not hesitate and she saw the opportunity to raise money for her children's school fees. Mrs Joseph visited the KVTC offices and sold her trees on the 9th of August.

We hope the recent purchases will benefit Mrs Joseph's and Mr Masikini's families and we like to thank them for working together with KVTC. We also hope they will continue planting more trees and hope we will buy more from them in future.

Contact

Interested farmers can contact the OSP Team via mobile numbers **0713 376 817** or **0621 076 167** or via email osp-admin@kvtc-tz.com



Safety

Safety continues to be one of our main drivers and measures of success. We want to see all our employees and contractors to be safe and go home to their families injury free.



Production & Sales

After the difficult rainy season KVTC has started to bounce back and log deliveries from the field resumed and production recovered to normal levels.

The market for our products both domestically as well as exports remains strong however there are some fears that new taxation in India (our main market) will put pricing under pressure.

From Hans' desk

by Hans Lemm

Welcome to KVTC's first ever Quarterly Newsletter!!

We have tasked ourselves to become better communicators and share more information with our employees, community and other stakeholders.

We are very much aware that our social license to operate is dependent on our community and stakeholder relations. We need to constantly strive to improve on this.

Please feel free to contact us and share your views and concerns on anything.

Our operations have now entered the second half of the year and with the rains truly behind us and all planting activities completed we can look forward to the part of the year where operations are easier to manage. **BUT** it will not be long before the fire season starts and we need to get ready for this.

I want to ask everyone to be careful with fire in and around our plantations and sawmill and help us to minimize negative incidents.

This year is a special year as KVTC planted its first tree in December 1992 (Compartment D1). This means we are celebrating our 25-year anniversary and we aim to mark this milestone with a special event later this year. Stay tuned!!



Annual Village Seminar

by Kennedy Haule



Participants at the Annual Village Seminar holding the 2016 Social Fund and Village Bonus Payments

On 24th of May 2017 KVTC conducted its Annual Village Seminar. About 100 representatives of seventeen villages and wards as well as officials from the Kilombero, Ulanga and Malinyi District attended. The meeting was chaired by the Kilombero District District Commissioner, Hon. James Ihunyo.

The Kilombero District Commissioner Hon. Ihunyo called on investors to ensure social projects established are sustainable.

The District Commissioners of Ulanga, Malinyi and Kilombero commended KVTC for the benefits it has provided to local people. The establishment of a factory in Ulanga has provided employment opportunities to many young people in these districts said Hon. Ihunyo

KVTC Contributions to the Economy

At the meeting KVTC management shared statistics on the contributions to local and national development. In the year 2016 KVTC spent about 6bn TZS on local contractors, 1.7bn TZS in local and national taxes as well as almost 0.5bn TZS on the OSP Program.

Apart from the councils benefiting from tax paid by the company, the DC advised the management to ensure transparency by sharing information with district authorities on investment matters, planting of teak trees, harvesting and ways council can benefit more from them.

2016 Social Fund and Village Bonus

The district commissioner handed over the 2016 social fund bank payment confirmation slip and village bonus payment total worth 81 million shillings. The social fund has been instrumental in supporting and implementing community projects and as a source of co-finance for larger village or joint venture projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

That KVTC manages 8,000ha of own plantations and has planted more than 10m trees since 1992

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