



KENYA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PARTNERS WITH TIMBER TREATMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Dandora, Kenya - March 24, 2025 – Kenya’s path to green industrialization has taken a bold step forward with the commissioning of the Timber Treatment Steam Plant in Dandora. A game-changer in the manufacturing sector, this facility is set to revolutionize industrial energy use by integrating biomass-based steam production, significantly reducing carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

The commissioning event was graced by the KDC Chairman, Hon. Dr. Sakwa Bunyasi, and Director General Norah Ratemo, alongside Timber Treatment leadership. This collaboration underscores Kenya’s industrialization agenda and the transition towards green energy solutions in manufacturing and value addition.

Hon. Dr. Sakwa Bunyasi emphasized the critical role of sustainable investments in driving economic growth. “The launch of this steam plant demonstrates our collective dedication to industrial transformation, environmental conservation, and job creation. KDC remains steadfast in supporting enterprises that align with Kenya’s Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA),” he stated.

The newly commissioned plant integrates biomass-based steam production, significantly reducing reliance on fossil fuels. By adopting cleaner energy alternatives, Timber Treatment is setting a precedent for industrial sustainability while cutting carbon emissions and enhancing operational efficiency. The project also incorporates advanced Vapour Absorption Machine (VAM) chillers, leading to substantial energy savings and reduced industrial electricity demand.

KDC’s Director General, Norah Ratemo, reaffirmed KDC’s strategic focus on financing projects that drive green industrialization. “KDC’s investment in Timber Treatment aligns with Kenya’s energy transition goals, ensuring industries have access to cost-effective, eco-friendly solutions. The reduction of over 7.3 million kilograms of carbon emissions annually and power savings exceeding 3.4 million units are remarkable achievements that highlight the impact of sustainable investments,” she noted.

The steam plant not only enhances efficiency within the timber processing sector but also supports Kenya’s manufacturing ecosystem by providing energy solutions for key industrial players such as New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC). The investment is expected to bolster employment opportunities across the timber treatment value chain and biomass supply sectors, promoting inclusive economic growth, says General Manager, Daisy Kiplagat.

The financing of the plant was facilitated through Kenya Development Corporation's collaboration with the Export-Import Bank of India, utilizing the Government of India's Line of Credit (LOC) to acquire cost-effective, tax-exempt industrial equipment. This strategic funding approach underscores KDC's commitment to unlocking affordable financing solutions for industrial expansion.

Acknowledging the Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry's role in fostering a conducive business environment, Hon. Dr. Sakwa Bunyasi commended the government's unwavering support for Kenya's manufacturing sector. He further emphasized the visionary leadership of His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto, whose steadfast commitment to Kenya's industrial growth and climate resilience continues to shape the country's sustainable development trajectory. "Through policies that encourage private sector participation and innovation, Kenya is positioning itself as a hub for industrial value addition and sustainable development," he added.

KDC remains committed to strengthening partnerships that enhance Kenya's industrial resilience and global competitiveness. The Corporation encourages industries to adopt clean energy solutions, invest in value addition, and align with sustainable business models that drive long-term economic transformation.

About KDC

Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) is a state-owned development finance institution under the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) with the mandate to drive long-term economic transformation by providing affordable financing and investment solutions. KDC supports key sectors such as manufacturing, Post-Harvest Management, Tourism, Climate Change, Health, Digital and Creative Economy, fostering job creation and sustainable industrial growth. Through strategic partnerships, KDC aligns its investments with Kenya's Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), and the global shift toward green industrialization.

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