

*N.Y.S Equipment Inside Pit 2 at Kibini Quarry*



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## FROM THE EDITOR

The Board and Management continues to put more efforts aimed at turning around our great organization and our mines have not been left out. After familiarization tours of our Limestone Mines in Kibini and Bissil by the Board, light at the end of the tunnel can now be seen with the contracting of the National Youth Service (N.Y.S) to help in mining activities at the Kibini Quarry. The recent commissioning of Pit 2 at the same quarry is also expected to heighten the amount of Limestone delivered to Athi River. More details are covered in this edition.

Enjoy your read and as always, feel free to give us your feedback and contributions by writing to [kelvin.gitonga@eapcc.co.ke](mailto:kelvin.gitonga@eapcc.co.ke) or by calling extension 5542.

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## CELEBRATIONS AS KIBINI QUARRY'S PIT 2 IS OFFICIALLY COMMISSIONED

We formally opened Pit 2 at our Kibini limestone quarry on Friday, August 25, 2023. This comes at a time when the National Youth Service has been hired by the Company to conduct mining operations at the quarry, a move that is anticipated to improve Quarry operations. The recently opened pit, which is a supplement to Pit 1 that was opened in the year 2000, is expected to produce at least 2,000 tonnes of limestone per day. It is also closer to the crusher, a factor that will help reduce the Cycle Time by 50% meaning that we will have more high-quality limestone to complement that mined in Bissil and ensure that we avail our products to our customers timely, continuously and consistently.

The event, which was graced by Colleagues from Athi River and Kibini as well as the Kibini Area Community, included prayers and dedication of the Pit to ensure that all operations run smoothly.



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# Operations at Kibini Quarry Optimized as Pit 2 is Officially Commissioned

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Speaking before the Prayer session, Kibini Quarry Crusher Operations Supervisor Mr. Tom Olang noted that this was a great stride in the turnaround strategy aimed at bringing the company back to profitability. "We were almost at a point of giving up. We however continued praying every day for change and with the new leadership in the Board, we are seeing a brighter future. Let us continue working together to ensure that we turn around the company because Portland is everything to us and the reemergence of this organization will be a benefit to all", noted Mr. Olang.

Public Relations Officer Ms. Pamela Muthui who was delivering a message from the Managing Director noted

that the quarry and all Colleagues working there have full support from management and that the company also has support from the Government. "We are blessed to have favor from our Board and this time, the National Government as well", said Ms. Muthui. "Our office is always open to support you and what we all need to do is to work together and ensure we reclaim our Glory", she added.

Following the prayers, everyone went to the Pit, which was being set up for blasting, for the dedication which involved pouring anointing oil. Quarry Manager Mr. Michael Manta made his remarks prior to blasting and urged for competent mining procedures to make sure that we mine from the Pit

for as long as possible. "We had better protect this Pit through responsible mining practices to ensure that it lasts longer because it is very difficult to get limestone from the current Pit due to poor mining practices", stated Mr. Manta. He then requested everyone to move to a safe distance so that the blasting could occur, and at precisely 4.47 pm, BOOM! Pit 2 was formally put into service.

## Kibini Pit 2 Commissioning in Photos



*Above: Some of the equipment in use inside the newly commissioned Pit*

*Right: Kibini Quarry Crusher Operations Supervisor Mr. Tom Olang gives his remarks*



# Kibini Pit 2 Commissioning in Photos Cont...



Colleagues follow proceedings during the prayer session to bless Pit 2



Public Relations Officer Ms. Pamela Muthui delivers the Managing Director's message



Rev. Mulai from Kibini Community delivers a sermon during the prayer session to bless Pit 2



Quarry Manager Mr. Michael Manta (Center) gives his remarks



Setting up of explosives for the blasting in progress

# Kibini Pit 2 Commissioning in Photos Cont...



*An Operator drills the holes in which explosives are put for blasting*



*Rev. Mulai pours anointing oil in Pit 2 before blasting*



*Trucks drive back into the Pit after the blasting*



*A view of the blasted part of the Pit*



*Above: Colleagues pose for a Group Photo with the Community in the newly commissioned Pit*

*Right: A meal to celebrate the successful day was in order!*



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