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Message From The Managing Director

TURNAROUND MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN

Dear Colleagues,

I am thrilled to announce that the Company will commence our long-awaited turnaround shutdown, a pivotal step in our journey towards realizing our ambitious goals and solidifying our position as a regional leader in the cement industry.

The 25-day Shutdown, which commenced on 15th March 2024, is not just about routine maintenance; it's about elevating our capacity, efficiency, and reputation to new heights.

Key Objectives and Expectations of the Shutdown are:

- Capacity Enhancement:** Through strategic maintenance initiatives, including the replacement of Bag Filters, Refractory Bricks, and refurbishment of the Grate Cooler System, we aim to significantly enhance our production capacity.
- Operational Efficiency:** Our focus on achieving an enhanced Thermo Efficiency of 950 KCal/Kg and improving the Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF) of our Kiln to 250 hours will result in streamlined operations, reduced downtime, and optimized energy consumption.
- Market Leadership:** By investing in the reliability and quality of our operations, we are positioning ourselves to meet growing market demand effectively. This initiative underscores our commitment to delivering high-quality products consistently, thereby strengthening our reputation and market share. We aim to ensure an annual production of at least 1,000,000 tonnes of cement.
- Business Continuity:** Rest assured, we have a robust Business Continuity plan in place, including the availability of clinker buffer stocks to sustain cement milling operations during the shutdown period.

To the entire team involved in this critical endeavor, I extend my deepest appreciation and best wishes. Your dedication and cooperation during this period are instrumental in our success. It is important to remember that each one of us has a role to play during this critical time. All Colleagues are requested to support the Shutdown Team during the period even as they go on their normal duties. Management on the other hand will provide leadership to ensure smooth operations and avail all required resources for this exercise with the full support of the Board of Directors. Let's seize this opportunity to reinforce our commitment to excellence and innovation, as we embark on this journey toward a brighter future for EAPC-PLC. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment.

Best regards,

Oliver M. Kirubai
MANAGING DIRECTOR



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EAPC-PLC MANAGING DIRECTOR



NEW BOARD MEMBERS VISIT FACTORY ON THEIR MAIDEN TOUR

By Kelvin Gitonga
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



New Members of the Board are introduced to Managers of the Plant Operations Units.

The Company hosted new Members of the Board of Directors for an induction tour of the plant the 14th and 15th of February 2024. The induction included visits to the Plant and Bissil Quarry on 14th and Kibini Hill Quarry the following day for them to appreciate our operations.

The Members, Mr. David Mwangangi representing the National Social Security Fund, Mr Martin Masibo representing the State Department for Industrialization and Mr. Gerald Mwangi representing the Inspectorate of State Corporations, were particularly amazed with the Kiln Upgrade and the heavy investment that the Company has put in to secure long term mining operations in the two quarries.

They were also touched with the extent to which the company has invested in Pillar Number 5 of our Strategic Plan, A Better Planet, which has seen the Communities within which we operate benefit from our Corporate Social Investment Initiatives.



Ag. Head of Plant Operations Eng. Japheth Ombogo demonstrates the Clinkering Operations to the new Board Members

Building Brighter Future: EAPC cement donation to High ridge Girls Nairobi



The Board of Management at Highridge Girls High School receive Cement donated by EAPC-PLC

In the heart of Nairobi's bustling streets lies Highridge Girls Nairobi, a cornerstone of education for young women aspiring to shape their futures. Despite its noble mission, the school, like many others, faced challenges, one of which has been the completion of its kitchen facilities.

Months of effort went into constructing the kitchen, yet progress was stymied by a shortage of essential materials. Despite the school administration's tireless efforts, a breakthrough seemed elusive. However, a beacon of hope emerged in the form of a generous donation from the East African Portland Cement PLC.

On a crisp morning, a convoy of vehicles bearing the EAPC PLC insignia arrived at the school compound, carrying with them 200 bags of cement—a pivotal contribution to the kitchen project.

The sight sparked excitement among students and staff, who eagerly gathered to witness the momentous occasion.

The School's principal, Ms. Grace Orom, warmly welcomed the EAPC PLC team, expressing heartfelt gratitude for their generous gesture. The 200 bags of cement symbolized more than just a construction aid; they represented hope and progress for Highridge Girls Nairobi.

As the sun set on Highridge Girls Nairobi that evening, a sense of pride and accomplishment filled the air. The nearing completion of the kitchen stood as a testament to resilience, community unity, and the transformative power of generosity. At the heart of this achievement lay EAPC PLC's steadfast commitment to enriching the lives of those they serve, showcasing our enduring dedication to positive change.



Highridge Girls High School's Board Members assist to offload part of the cement donation from EAPC-PLC's Truck



EAPC-PLC's Truck offloading the 200 bags of cement donated to Highridge Girls High School.

EAPC's Leadership Champions Community Upliftment Through Cement Donation



EAPC-PLC Leadership led by the Board Chairman Brigadier (RTD) Richard Mbithi officially handover the cement to the school.

By Yasmin Hamdan

East African Portland Cement Board of Directors Chairman, Rtd Brigadier Richard Mbithi, and Managing Director, Oliver Kirubai, showcased their commitment to community welfare by leading a significant initiative. The duo spearheaded a cement donation at St. Agnes Church in Ngoluni, Mwala, Machakos County, amplifying EAPC PLC's dedication to uplifting the communities within its reach.

At the heart of EAPC PLC's endeavors lies a profound focus on enhancing community life and fostering growth and resilience. Beyond the mere provision of materials, the cement donation embodies the Company's ethos of effecting positive change. It represents a tangible manifestation of EAPC PLC's dedication to creating sustainable impact within the areas it operates.

As EAPC PLC continues its relentless mission to support and uplift communities, its commitment to promoting sustainable development and fostering enduring connections remains unwavering. This latest initiative seamlessly aligns with the fifth pillar of EAPC PLC's strategic plan, Better Planet. It serves as a testament to the Company's enduring dedication to standing with communities and offering steadfast support and solidarity in their journey towards progress.

In a world filled with challenges, EAPC PLC's proactive approach exemplifies its vision for a brighter future. Together, as partners in this collective endeavor, let us move forward with determination and compassion to build a future where prosperity and opportunity abound for all.



Company Leadership team together with Beneficiary Community in Consultation.



An engagement between the Members of the National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and Members of the Public.

EAPC PLC RECEIVES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S BACKING IN ITS TURNAROUND EFFORTS

By Kelvin Gitonga
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

EAPC-PLC has got the Parliament's support in turning around its fortunes. That was the message from Members of the National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives when they visited the Company on February 12, 2024 where issues regarding EAPC-PLC's invaded land were discussed.

The Committee made it clear that the success of the company was their main agenda and they would do everything possible within their mandate to see the company get back to its glory days. They lauded the Company's Leadership for the strong reforms that have been put in place including last year's landmark decision that saw the company land that had been invaded by illegal settlers. The land is currently under sale to willing investors in an effort aimed at raising funds to settle debts and refurbish the plant.

After the Courtesy Call, the Members of Parliament were taken on a tour of the land where they inspected the activities that the Company took towards the end of last year to ensure that the asset attracts investors ready to purchase the portions that have been put on sale.



Members of the National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives observe activities on the land.

Pictorial



Donated Blue Triangle Cement is offloaded from a Company Truck in Mwala.



Mwala Community in prayer upon receiving the generous donation from EAPC- PLC



Blue Triangle Cement is received by the school's management.



Company Leadership headed by the Managing Director Mr. Oliver Kirubai consult with Mwala Community on possible future partnerships aimed at mutual benefits.



The team that represented EAPC-PLC at Highridge Girls High School with the School's Management.



The Company Truck that delivered cement to Highridge Girls High School makes its way into the Institution's Compound.



Managing Director Mr. Oliver Kirubai (in a reflector) explains a point to the Members of the National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives during their tour to our facility.



New Company Directors during their maiden Plant Tour.