



COMPANY HIGHLIGHT

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# Forest Certification

by Joseph John

## Why Certification?

(Forest) Certification is a mechanism for forest monitoring, tracing and labeling timber, wood and pulp products and non-timber forest products, where the quality of forest management is judged against a series of agreed standards

Certification covers much more than just forestry practices – it also accounts for the social and economic well-being of workers and local communities, transparency and inclusiveness in decision making

At KVTC we believe that certification programs assist management in continuously improving our operations and become better managers of our forests, environment and the people that we work with and who's lives we influence.

## FSC Controlled Wood & COC

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests. The FSC does this by setting standards on forest products, along with certifying and labeling them as eco-friendly.

KVTC is **FSC Controlled Wood** and **FSC Chain of Custody** certified. These certificates ensure our customers that products from KVTC are sourced from legal and sustainable forests.

During the recent FSC General Assembly in Vancouver, Canada, the FSC members voted for a review of the approach to conversion which, over time, will open the route to FSC Forest Management certification for KVTC.

## ISO14001 & OSHAS18001

Aside of the FSC certificates the company is also certified according to the ISO14001 & OSHAS18001 standards which guides us in minimizing our environmental impacts and create a safe working environment for our employees and contractors.

## Contact

KVTC's HSE manager can assist you with any questions you might have about our certification programs **0788 154 957** or via email [jjohn@kvtc-tz.com](mailto:jjohn@kvtc-tz.com)

Also visit [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org) & [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)



## KVTC Teak in Tanzania

We are proud that our teak is being used in several high-end lodges. The recently completed Jabali Ridge in Ruaha National Park is one of those projects.

By using plantation teak developers are making a choice for sustainable building materials.



## Social Fund Update

On the 14<sup>th</sup> November, the 2017 Social Fund contribution of 71m TZS was released to the participating villages.

During 2017 eleven new projects were initiated with a total value of 154m TZS of which approximately 60% of the funding came from Social Fund contributions.

## From Hans' desk

by Hans Lemm

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. I hope you will find it to contain useful information and for those located in "The Valley" I hope you will tune in to Radio Pambazuka on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December!

As we are approaching the end of the year we can again look back on a successful year and despite challenging economic circumstances in Tanzania we have continued to grow our local market share.

As part of our ongoing thrust to achieve zero injuries we plan to roll out two exciting new software packages: "PerForm" and "BeHave". These two packages will provide us real time

and additional insight in root causes of incidents and injuries.

KVTC's management team has been working hard for the preparations of our 25 Year Anniversary and we can't wait for the "Grand Finale" which is taking place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. More details are shared in the article in this newsletter.

We are deeply sorry for the untimely death of our beloved and trusted employee "Dr" William Shoo who passed at St. Francis Hospital after a short illness. We extend our condolences to his family.

As we have reached our annual shutdown and are preparing for the next harvesting season we would like to wish you all a happy festive season and a prosperous 2018!



## 25 Year Anniversary Celebrations

by Kennedy Haule & Geoffrey Kessy

As KVTC is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary we have initiated a number of initiatives that allow us to showcase our business, share knowledge and celebrate the successes of the past 25 years.

### Factory Visits

On 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October KVTC hosted members of surrounding villages to come and visit the factory and nursery to learn more about the preparation of planting but also about the teak value chain after harvesting. Many community members had not visited the factory since the start of operations in 2010.

### Essay Competition

In September we launched an Essay Contest for secondary schools located in KVTC Associated Villages. The theme of the Essay Contest was: "How has my environment changed since the day I was born and what role has KVTC played in this change and what role should it play in future"

Eight schools submitted a total of 21 essays to be considered for the award which will be handed over at a special event in Mbasa Village on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

The winning author will be awarded a 115,000 TZS prize and the best school will be awarded with a 400,000 TZS prize. The final result will be shared on our website.

### Biomass: waste or resource

A byproduct of the sawmilling operation is "biomass" or "offcuts". Very soon we will be reaching out to businesses in Tanzania to partner with us to explore options to utilize this waste

### 20<sup>th</sup> December

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December it is exactly 25 years ago that KVTC planted its first tree in compartment D1 in the Mafinji Block which has now reached its clear fell age.



Speaking about KVTC, Teak and Forestry at a recent business event in Kampala, Uganda.

#### LISTEN TO US

##### RADIO MITIKI

On Radio Pambazuko at 89.5FM

Every Friday at 07.30pm and every Saturday at 07.30am

#### OUTGROWER PURCHASES?

We have started buying trees from outgrowers. Please contact us at 0713 376 817 or 0621 076 167 or via email [osp-admin@kvtc-tz.com](mailto:osp-admin@kvtc-tz.com) for more information

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Teak was first introduced in Tanzania in 1898 by the German colonial rulers of then Tanganyika

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