



Media Release

Tanga Cement Company Limited Renovates Residential Houses for the Tanga Police

Tanga, 23 May 2013 - Tanga Cement Company Limited has renovated and handed over one residential house to the Tanga Police. This house is located at Makorora where there are two more houses that the Company is renovating.

The support extended to the Tanga Police Force is in part to support the Police in maintaining law and order with the aim of making Tanga a safer place. The amount spent in the renovation of this house is Tzs 26million.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony, TCCL Managing Director Mr. Erik Westerberg said; "As a member of the Tanga Community, Tanga Cement Company Limited is proud to be a good corporate citizen, and that for years, we have been supporting the Tanzanian community, including the Tanga Regional Police Force; However, am afraid that these supports may not be able to continue for the coming years if the business environment that we are operating in remains the same". He further added; "Normally TCCL sets aside 1% of its profit for the Tanzanian community, but of recent we have been operating in a business environment that if it continues to be like this, in the near future, it will be difficult to get that profit, due to some factors that we as industry are facing. Apart from infrastructure problem, the other problem is the cheaply imported cement that gets into the country. 70% of this cement, gets in via Zanzibar, duty exempted, and later on the same cement is smuggled to the mainland. When it gets here, this cement is sold at a very low price of which we, as local producers cannot compete with."

Mr Westerberg further added; "My call to the Tanzanian Government is to make sure that these importers pay the required taxes and duties as the Government itself is losing more than Tzs15billion due to this cement smuggling business, and if this is left to continue, its end result is to kill local companies".

The major areas that the Company is still focusing on are Health, Education, Community development and sustainability as well as Environment.

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