

Minister of State for Planning and Investment Visits Kilombero Sugar to Witness Over TZS 987 billion in Strategic Expansion Investments

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Kilombero Sugar Company Limited (KSCL) was honoured to host the Minister of State in the President's Office for Planning and Investment, **Hon. Prof. Kitila Alexander Mkumbo**, during his official working visit to the company's major strategic investment projects valued at more than **TZS 787 billion** for the New K4 Sugar Mill Expansion and **TZS 200 billion** for the K3.1 Distillery Expansion.

The Minister was accompanied by the Director General of the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA), the Director General of the Sugar Board of Tanzania (SBT), the Kilombero District Commissioner, and other senior government representatives.

The Minister's visit is part of his Morogoro Regional Visit to Strategic Investment Projects, which were granted Special Strategic Investment Status and Strategic Investment Status. Kilombero Sugar's new Kilombero 4 Mill Project was approved by Tanzania's National Investment Steering Committee (NISC) and obtained a Certificate of Incentives (COI) from the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA).

The expansion project is valued at approximately TZS 787 billion, with an additional TZS 200 billion for the K3.1 Distillery Expansion Project, implemented in Kilombero and Kilosa respectively. The sugar mill is expected to increase sugar production to 271,000 tons per season by the year 2030 when it reaches full capacity.

While touring the facility, the Minister of State in the President's Office for Planning and Investment, Hon. Prof. Kitila Alexander Mkumbo, commended the investment, saying it is one of its kind and one of the largest sugar investments built in the last 40 years in both Eastern and Southern African countries, and that the country should be proud of it.

Minister Mkumbo added, *"These investments are among the projects that obtained a Certificate of Incentives (COI) from the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA) under the Special Strategic Investment Status. I have now visited to witness what was on paper and compare it with the actual situation on the ground. I am quite proud of this investment, and congratulations to Kilombero Sugar for this iconic New Sugar Mill K4."*

On the other hand, the Managing Director for Kilombero Sugar, Mr. Guy Williams, noted that the business has spent five years developing the K4 Sugar Expansion Project, with the facility aimed at supporting Tanzania to achieve sugar self-sufficiency. The factory is expected to double sugar production up to 271,000 tons in the 2030/2031 season when the facility reaches full capacity. Guy added, *"We appreciate the support and collaboration we have had with the government throughout the journey of constructing this facility, and we look forward to further strengthening our collaboration."*

Adding to the remarks, the Director General for the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA), Mr. Gilead Teri, complimented the investment and noted that this is the outcome of the Special Strategic Investment Status offered to strategic investments in the country to attract and encourage investment appetite. *"We call upon other strategic investors to take the same path as Kilombero Sugar,"* he said.

Speaking during the visit, the Director General for the Sugar Board of Tanzania, Prof. Kenneth Bengesi, appreciated the investment and stated that it will support the sugar industry at large. He noted that

Kilombero Sugar alone will contribute around 40% of all sugar produced in the country, and the Sugar Board of Tanzania will continue to collaborate with sugar producers to ensure Tanzania attains sugar self-sufficiency.

The Kilombero Sugar K4 Expansion Project involves constructing a new 420 TCH sugar factory that will increase sugar production by 144,000 tons more than double the current output bringing total production to 271,000 tons per year in 2030/31. It is also expected to increase the supply of sugarcane from Kilombero Valley growers from 600,000 tonnes to 1,500,000 tonnes per season, nearly three times the current supply. This project aligns with Tanzania's vision to achieve sugar self-sufficiency and become an exporter to other markets.

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