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TANGA CEMENT RECEIVES AWARD FOR MINE REHAB

Tanga Cement has been awarded the National Environmental Management Council "NEMC Award for 2009" for mine rehabilitation. The latest award follows the 2006 Presidential Award for Environmental Management at the Tanga Cement operation.

The award, made in recognition of the successful rehabilitation of the Holili pozzolana quarry in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania, was handed over to Onesmo Kitomari, environmental manager at Tanga Cement on World Environment Day, 5 June, 2009 at a ceremony in Tabora in central Tanzania.

The Hon. Hilda Ngoye (MP) and NEMC Board chairperson said that the Holili rehabilitation was to be used as "a showcase for the Tanzanian mining industry". This is a real tribute to the Tanga Cement team responsible for the rehabilitation programme: Onesmo Kitomari – environmental manager, Gilbert Ngallo, special projects manager and the then Holili site manager, Godwin Kamando.

Discussions regarding rehabilitation started in May 2005 during a site visit to the Holili workings by Onesmo, Gilbert, Kamando and Alan Cluett from AfriSam Technical Services. During the visit the mining method was discussed and changed to allow for improved product blending and the introduction of concurrent rehabilitation. In addition, a mine rehabilitation proposal was submitted to Tanga Cement for the rehabilitation of an

abandoned contractor's mine adjacent to the Tanga Cement workings. The abandoned mine was exploited by a contractor who supplied Tanga Cement with pozzolana.

Rehabilitation commenced on both sites in 2006 and was concluded in 2007 with landscaping, the replacement of soils and the planting of some 15,000 trees, sisal and grass.

To support the young plant growth, a post rehabilitation maintenance programme including the laying of a water pipeline to the area and the bi-weekly watering of the trees and shrubs was wholly financed by Tanga Cement. The maintenance programme created some temporary job opportunities in the community and was continued up to the point when the rehabilitation was considered self-sustaining. The rehabilitated mining sites were officially handed over to the Holili village government towards end of 2008.

Tanga Cement continues to have mining interests at Holili and recently sponsored a new classroom at the local primary school as part of the Company's community investment programme.

AfriSam's relationship with Tanga Cement goes back to 1989 when AfriSam was still Holcim. Today, AfriSam, through its holding company, has a 62.5% shareholding at Tanga Cement, making AfriSam the majority shareholder of the company.

CAPTION FOR TANGA 01: A view of Holili 1 rehabilitation showing some of the trees planted in the area by Tanga Cement.

CAPTION FOR TANGA 02: A view of Holili 2 rehabilitation.

CAPTION FOR TANGA 03: From left to right: Onesmo Kitomari, environmental manager,
and Gilbert Ngallo, special projects manager, responsible for the Holili rehabilitation project.

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