

The 5000 t/d Cement Clinker Kiln of Mozambique Dugongo Cimentos SA, a subsidiary of West International Holding Group, Successfully Ignited

At 9:00 a.m. local time on December 31, 2020, the first overseas 5000 t/d cement clinker kiln of Mozambique Dugongo Cimentos SA (hereinafter “Dugongo Cimentos”), a subsidiary of West International Holding Group (hereinafter “WIH Group”), was successfully ignited. Mr. Zhang Jimin, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of West China Cement Limited (hereinafter “WCC”) and the Chairman of WIH Group; Mr. Vítor Luís Timóteo, the Chairman of Dugongo Cimentos; Mr. Wang Jiujun, the President of WIH Group; Mr. Zhang Peng, the Vice President of WIH Group; Mr. Li Yongfu, the Vice President of WIH Group; Mr. Wu Tongbo, the Project Manager of Sinoma Suzhou; Mr. Tong Tiancang, the Executive Deputy General Manager of Dugongo Cimentos; Mr. Sa Qi, the Deputy General Manager of Dugongo Cimentos, and more than 300 representatives from all parties were on site to witness the Kiln Ignition Ceremony.



Mozambique Dugongo Cimentos Project (hereinafter the “Project”) is a “state-of-the-art” modern 5-stage new suspension preheating cement production line with daily capacity of 5,000 tons strategically located at Maputo, Mozambique, the “window” into Southern Africa region. WCC has closely aligned with the China’s “One Belt, One Road” Development Policy and seized the opportunity to “go global” with its cement production expertise and capacities.

The clinker production line is equipped with 3X12MW thermal power generation equipment. The Project represents the highest level of intelligent plant with the latest cement production technology, the most advanced production equipment, and the best technical indicators among the cement production projects undertaken by WIH Group in Africa. It is also one of the key projects of WIH Group in implementing the strategy of "developing Africa and developing the world" and speeding up WIH Group’s diversity industry layout in the African continent. Despite the unfavorable effect of the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 through the repeated lock-downs and border closures, with the strong support and the cooperation of the Mozambique Government, the shareholders of Dugongo Cimentos and the project construction teams (Dugongo Cimentos and Sinoma Suzhou), We have created a brilliant “West Pearl” in the African continent and the Indian Ocean.



The completion of the Project marked the beginning of the strategic initiatives in "Mergers and Acquisitions, and cultivating Strong Alliances" of WIH Group on the African continent. Under the comprehensive guidance of the Board of Directors of WCC, aligning with the requirements of the Mozambique Government, and the strong support of all shareholders and friends in the international community, WIH Group strictly grasped the meticulous management, legal operation and win-win development, in order to contribute to the national infrastructure construction of Mozambique and the development of China-Mozambique friendship.

Mr. Tong Tiancang, the Executive Deputy General Manager of Dugongo Cimentos said that the Project has overcome the most severe test in 2020. Since the beginning of the year 2020, the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 has affected activities all over the world. Mozambique has also implemented the pandemic control policy of closing the city and country from March 21 to late September. The closures have seriously affected the entry of personnel and equipment. However, through the cooperation of all stakeholders and construction teams on site, the successful ignition of the Project before the end of 2020 is ensured.



Mr. Wu Tongbo, Project Manager of Sinoma Suzhou, made a wonderful speech on behalf of all the construction personnel of the Project. Mr. Wu emphasized that it is the project construction teams who are "especially capable of fighting, suffering and dedication" that have created today's grand meeting. Thanks to the hard work of all construction teams, they have written one magnificent chapter after another for the construction of the Project.

Mr. Vítor Luís Timóteo, the Chairman of Dugongo Cimentos, emphasized in his speech that the year 2020 was an extremely extraordinary year. Even the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 slowed down the pace of work around the world, however, the Project was not largely affected. This was due to the decision, guidance and leadership of WIH Group, supported by the project teams of Sinoma Suzhou and Dugongo Cimentos, and more than 500 Chinese and foreign workers. Together, they have worked relentlessly round the clock and tackling difficulties with unyielding pioneering spirit. Through all the hard works in the past year, Dugongo Cimentos has successfully built a cement production line with the largest capacity and the most advanced production technology in Mozambique.



At the end of the Ignition Ceremony, Mr. Zhang Jimin, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of WCC and the Chairman of WIH Group, made a wonderful speech. Chairman Zhang expressed his highest respect to the shareholders of Dugongo Cimentos who have given the support to the project construction, as well as his heartfelt gratitude to the cadres and employees of Sinoma Suzhou, Sinoma Energy Conservation, all levels of the Mozambique Government, all other stakeholders and friends in Mozambique, who have strongly supported the Project. Chairman Zhang stressed that the Project, being WIH Group's first overseas clinker cement production line with a daily output of 5000 tons, is a milestone for the implementation of WIH Group's strategy of "developing Africa and developing the world". Dugongo Cimentos has achieved a great landmark and he hoped that everyone can work together with persistent efforts to achieve the full efficiencies of the production line as soon as possible. At the end of the speech, Chairman Zhang announced the "ignition order for the 5000 ton daily cement clinker production line of Dugongo Cimentos of WIH Group". At the end of the Ignition Ceremony, the production line was ignited by Mr. Wang Jiujun, the President of WIH Group.

