

Successful Ignition of Moroto 6000T/D Clinker Cement Production Line in Uganda

On January 17, the 6,000T/D clinker cement production line (Phase I) in Moroto, Uganda, which was invested and constructed by Yaobai International Holding Limited, was successfully ignited, marking the project's official entry into the trial production stage and laying a solid foundation for full-scale production. Guests invited to the ignition ceremony included Peter Lokeris, Governor of Karamoja Province, Uganda, Kwikiriza Benon, representing the President, and Obwoch Santo, Minister of Karamoja Province Affairs. More than 100 attendees, including Wang Fayin, Vice President of WCC, representatives of partners, leaders from participating units such as Zigong Conveying & Lifting Machinery and China Sinoma Construction, as well as employee representatives of the Ugandan company, were present to witness this important occasion.

Located approximately 460 kilometers north of Uganda's capital, Kampala, this project serves as a crucial component of WCC's strategic expansion in Africa. As the group's first cement production line constructed under the Parallel Contracting model, the project integrates internationally

advanced thermal process equipment, including Humboldt six-stage preheaters and fourth-generation grate coolers. With a designed clinker production capacity of 6,000 tons per day and an actual capacity reaching 6,500 to 7,000 tons per day, it stands as a benchmark project with the highest productivity and most advanced equipment among production lines of similar scale, both domestically and internationally.

Since Ugandan President Museveni personally laid the foundation stone for the project on September 12, 2023, the project team has overcome a series of practical challenges, including weak infrastructure, long material transportation cycles, and seasonal fluctuations. By scientifically organizing construction, rationally coordinating resources, and closely focusing on the four key themes of Intelligence, Environmental Protection, Green Development, and Technology, the team fully advanced the project's development. The eventual successful ignition and commencement of production within the scheduled timeframe not only demonstrated the resilience and professionalism of the project team but also showcased WCC's strong capability in executing major overseas engineering projects.

Upon full completion, the project is expected to achieve a total cement production capacity exceeding 3 million tons, with an annual revenue of over \$400 million. It will not only meet the domestic demand in Uganda but also supply neighboring regions such as South Sudan, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and western Kenya. By reducing the expenditure of foreign exchange on clinker imports and boosting export earnings, the project will make a significant contribution to Uganda's national economic development.

In addition, the company consistently adheres to a localized development strategy and actively fulfills its social responsibilities. During the construction period, the project has already created a substantial number of local jobs. Upon completion, it is expected to generate employment for more than 3,000 people in total and drive the development of related industries, such as building materials and logistics. The company has also pledged to support the construction of community health centers, provide financial assistance to underprivileged students, and train professional technical personnel, thereby making ongoing contributions to the local community.

The successful ignition marks another milestone in WCC's development in Africa and the prelude to the project's full operational launch in 2026. The company will continue to pursue follow-up work with high standards and quality, striving to make the project a model of Belt and Road cooperation, deepening industrial collaboration between China and Uganda, and promoting sustainable development in the regional economy.





