

TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE

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**REPORT ON PROJECT VERIFICATION VISIT TO EPIC ROOFING SHEETS
MANUFACTURING CO. LTD CONDUCTED ON 27TH JULY, 2022**

July, 2022

1.0 PROJECT PROFILE

Company Information					
S/N	Item	Description			
1.	Company Name	EPIC ROOFING SHEETS MANUFACTURING CO. LTD			
2.	Project Location	Plot No.6 Block F IN Shekilango area, Ubungo Municipality, Dar es Salaam Region; (Postal Code 16102)			
3.	Projects' Core Activities	To establish and operate a project for manufacturing building materials			
4.	Address & Mobile Number	P. O. Box 7216, Dar es salaam. 0752 306 510/0754 286 512 Email address: epic.infotz@gmail.com			
5.	Contact Person	Christopher Alex Mboya: Director Contact: 0754 286 512			
6.	Employment		Direct	Indirect	Total number
			Local	Local	
		Men	09	01	10
	Women	01	02	03	
7.	Shareholder's Information	Name	Nationality		% Ownership
		Christopher Alex Mboya	Tanzanian		49.91%
		Epimack Steven Makoi	Tanzanian		49.91%
		Grace Christopher Mboya	Tanzanian		0.03%
		Queen Epimack Makoy	Tanzanian		0.03%

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 History of the Company

Epic Roofing Sheets Manufacturing Co. Ltd was established on 27th December 2017 under the companies Act, 2002 with Certificate of Incorporation No. 140145. The company registered a project with Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to establish and operate a project for manufacturing building materials a project which was issued with Certificate of Incentives (Col) No.024402 having implementation period of three years starting 24th July 2019 ending July 2022. This is the first time the investor is applying for extension of the Col.

2.2 Geographical location

The project is located on Plot No.6 Block F in Shekilango area, Ubungo Municipality, Dar es Salaam Region. It can be accessed via Bamaga-Shekilango road as one drives from Sinza kijiweni to Shekilango the site is on the left side which is opposite to Rombo Green View Hotel.

3.0 PROJECT VERIFICATION VISIT (PVV)

3.1 PVV initiation

The implementation period for the Col granted to the Investor is ending this July 2022. The investor launched an application for extension of Col which called for project verification visit conducted by TIC officers on 27th July 2022. The team comprised the followings:

1. Fidelis Obanga: TIC
2. Navone P. Kisaka: TIC-NEMC

The team was hosted by Bonaventure Joseph – Production Manager and Emmanuel Msuba – Accountant both representing Epic Roofing Sheets Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

3.1.1 Objective of the visit

The main objective of the project verification visit (PVV) was to verify the project development status which would justify the reasons for Col extension application.

3.1.2 Specific Objectives

Specifically, the team aimed to: -

- i. Interview and gather information from the applicant regarding reasons for Col extension
- ii. Take copies of relevant document /photos as evidence for Col extension
- iii. Physically visit the project site and verify project progress

Findings of the team will assist TIC management to make informed decision whether the company qualifies for extension of Col or not.

4.0 OBSERVATION AND FINDINGS

The team observed the following during PVV;

- i. The team was informed by representatives of EPIC that, the company imports rollers of ready manufactured and corrugated roofing sheets where at the project site the sheets are mold and cut into different shapes and sizes according to customer's demand;
- ii. The project is under operation where corrugated iron sheets of different Colours, shapes and sizes are molded and cut;
- iii. There is also a selling room where different brands of iron sheets are displayed for marketing;
- iv. There is a warehouse which is used as a production area and within the Godown one side has been refabricated where upstairs there are rooms to accommodate administration offices;
- v. At frontage of the production warehouse and the selling room there is a car parking area;
- vi. So far, the company has fleet of one 3tonne folk lift truck.
- vii. From the previous approved list of items by TRA, the investor has enjoyed exemption of items that include capital goods and deemed capital goods, that the team did not get enough information

The plates below illustrate some the current situation at the site

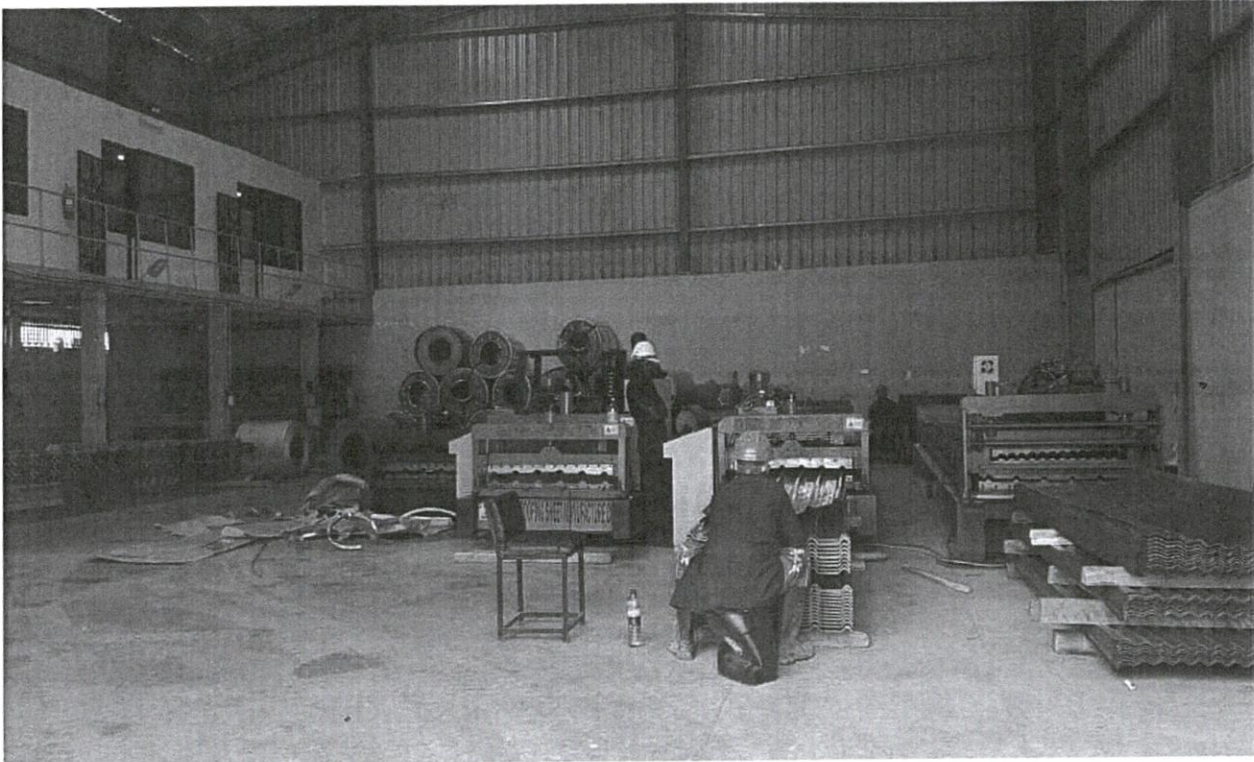


Plate 1: Godown for manufacturing section



Plate 2: Frontage of selling room.



Plate 3: folk lift parked at site

4.1 Major Challenges towards timely completion of the project

Discussion with representatives of the investor revealed that Covid-19 effects had severely impacted the project development. The project had to start operation 2019 however due to the pandemic company shareholders who had to travel to china for physical inspections of the materials quality could no longer travel due boarder restrictions imposed by many countries especially China.

Moreover, molding and cutting machines which were to be imported from India and China could not be ordered on time due to the impact of Covid-19 to the manufacturers and suppliers. As a result, to all these, the project started its operations 2021.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings observed during the project visit, the team recommends the followings: -

- i. COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted socio-economic situations of majority business cycles in the world to the extent that some of the projects were put

hold while others slowed down due to the unforeseen pandemic. Currently, the project is in operations thus requesting for the extension of Col so as to enjoy the exemption benefits;

- ii. The company is solely owned by Tanzanians which needs to be highly promoted to invest in their country;
- iii. The investor has never requested for extension prior, therefore her request can be considered to pave way to accomplish project implementation plans.

6.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the facility visited, discussion with company representative, the reference documents presented and considering the findings of the visit including recommendations described above hence reasons and challenges provided by the investor for not completing the project timely can be considered logical. Therefore, the project can be considered for extension of Certificate of Incentives for one year.

We submit,



Fidelis Obanga



Navone Kisaka