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BUSINESS PLAN

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Executive Summary

Seltech Limited - Driving East Africa's progress with reliable, timely, and trusted trucking solutions

Seltech Limited—incorporated in Tanzania in 2010 (Incorporation No. 77379)—is a dynamic and expanding company specialising in logistics, transport, and innovative trade solutions across multiple regions. Over the past decade, Seltech has built a robust presence in East, Central, and Southern Africa, with legally established operations in **Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, and strategic business interests in **Norway** to support cross-continental logistics.

From a modest beginning with a lean fleet, Seltech now operates **4 fully owned trailer trucks** and is in the process of scaling operations significantly by adding **20 new trucks and trailers by the end of 2025**—an ambitious growth plan valued at approximately **USD 2.2 million**. Each truck and trailer unit is expected to cost **\$110,000**, representing a calculated capital investment to match the surging demand for logistics services in the region.

This expansion is strategically aligned with the regional market boom, especially following the entry of **DP World (DPW)** into the Port of Dar es Salaam, which has transformed Tanzania into a key logistics hub. The increase in container throughput has amplified the demand for reliable freight solutions serving landlocked countries such as **Zambia, Malawi, and the DRC**—markets where Seltech already holds strong transport contracts.

Mission

Our mission is to provide reliable, efficient, and timely trucking logistics services that enhance cross-border trade in East Africa. We strive to be the trusted partner for businesses requiring seamless international transit solutions, driven by integrity, professionalism, and regional expertise.

Problem

Cross-border transportation in East Africa faces challenges such as regulatory complexities, delays at border crossings, unreliable carrier services, and insufficient knowledge of diverse cargo requirements. These factors often lead to increased costs, shipment delays, and damaged goods, affecting businesses' competitiveness and supply chain efficiency.

Solution

Seltech Limited offers comprehensive trucking logistics solutions that navigate regulatory hurdles and optimize transit times. By leveraging local knowledge, a dedicated fleet, and experienced drivers, the company ensures

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timely and secure delivery of goods across East African borders. Our services are designed to minimize delays, handle diverse cargo safely, and provide transparent communication throughout the transit process.

Primary Products & Services

- Cross-border trucking and freight transportation
- Cargo handling and secure loading/unloading
- Customs clearance assistance and documentation support
- Real-time tracking and shipment updates
- Specialized transport for various cargo types (perishables, industrial goods, etc.)

Primary Business Model

Seltech Limited operates on a B2B logistics service model, contracting with manufacturers, exporters, importers, and freight forwarders to provide customized trucking solutions. Revenue is generated through transport service fees based on distance, cargo type, and service level agreements.

Industry Overview

The East African logistics industry is rapidly expanding, driven by regional integration initiatives like the East African Community and increased trade activity. However, infrastructure gaps and regulatory challenges persist, creating opportunities for specialized logistics providers who can offer reliable cross-border transport solutions.

Core Marketing Activities

- Building partnerships with regional manufacturers and exporters
- Participation in trade and logistics industry forums and exhibitions
- Digital marketing focusing on reliability and local expertise
- Client referrals and reputation management through exceptional service delivery

High-Level Financial Targets

- Achieve annual revenue growth of 20% over the next three years
- Maintain a gross profit margin above 25%
- Expand fleet size by 30% within 24 months to meet growing demand
- Attain operational efficiency to reduce average transit time by 15%

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

1. Strategic location in Dar es Salaam, a major logistics hub in East Africa.
2. Specialized expertise in cross-border trucking and regional border regulations.
3. A dedicated fleet of trucks tailored to handle diverse cargo needs.
4. Strong commitment to timely delivery ensuring client satisfaction.
5. Established relationships with clients requiring international transit services.

Weaknesses

1. Limited geographic coverage primarily focused on East Africa.
2. Dependence on road infrastructure quality which can be variable.
3. Potentially high operational costs related to fleet maintenance and fuel.
4. Limited brand recognition beyond regional markets.
5. Relatively small scale compared to larger multinational logistics firms.

Opportunities

1. Growing regional trade within East African Community countries increasing demand.
2. Expansion into new neighboring markets and international corridors.
3. Adoption of advanced logistics technology to improve efficiency.
4. Partnerships with international freight forwarders and shipping companies.
5. Increasing government investment in transport infrastructure enhancing routes.

Threats

1. Political instability or border closures affecting cross-border transit.
2. Regulatory changes or increased border control complexities.
3. Competition from larger logistics companies or new entrants.
4. Fluctuations in fuel prices impacting operating expenses.
5. Security risks such as cargo theft or road safety concerns.

Business Models

Seltech Limited, operating in the trucking logistics sector for international transit in Tanzania, can explore various business models to optimise its operations and market reach. Each model presents unique opportunities and challenges that can influence the company's growth and competitive edge in the East African logistics market.

Asset-Backed Trucking Service

In this traditional business model, Seltech Limited owns and operates its fleet of trucks to provide direct logistics services for international transit. The company manages all aspects of the transportation process, including vehicle maintenance, driver employment, and regulatory compliance.

Advantages

- Full control over service quality and scheduling
- Ability to build a strong brand reputation based on reliability
- Direct customer relationships and feedback integration

Challenges

- High capital investment and maintenance costs
- Responsibility for compliance with cross-border regulations
- Operational risks, including vehicle downtime and driver management

Third-Party Logistics (3pl) Provider

Seltech Limited acts as an intermediary offering comprehensive logistics solutions by coordinating with multiple transport providers, warehouses, and customs agents. It focuses on managing and optimising the supply chain rather than owning assets.

Advantages

- Lower capital expenditure as it does not require owning trucks
- Flexibility to scale operations based on demand
- Ability to offer integrated logistics services beyond trucking

Challenges

- Dependency on third-party partners for service quality
- Complex coordination and tracking across multiple stakeholders
- Potential margin pressure due to competitive pricing

Freight Brokerage Model

In this model, Seltech Limited functions as a freight broker by connecting clients with available trucks owned by independent operators. The company earns commission fees for matching shipments with suitable carriers.

Advantages

Challenges

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- Minimal capital investment and asset ownership
- Wide network of carriers enabling diverse cargo handling
- Ability to quickly adapt to market changes and demands
- Limited control over delivery timelines and service quality
- Reliance on carrier availability and compliance
- Competitive market with pressure on brokerage fees

Subscription-Based Logistics Service

Seltech Limited offers subscription plans to regular clients, providing prioritized trucking services, fixed pricing, and value-added features such as tracking and guaranteed delivery windows.

Advantages

- Predictable revenue streams through subscriptions
- Stronger customer loyalty and retention
- Enhanced planning and resource allocation based on demand forecasts

Challenges

- Requires accurate demand forecasting and capacity planning
- Risk of underutilization or overcommitment of fleet
- Potentially complex pricing structures and service level management

Logistics Technology Platform

Seltech Limited develops or partners with a digital platform that facilitates shipment booking, tracking, and management for cross-border trucking. The platform can serve both clients and independent carriers, monetizing through transaction fees or subscriptions.

Advantages

- Scalable business model with technology-driven efficiencies
- Data collection enabling continuous improvement and insights
- Expands market reach beyond local operations

Challenges

- Significant investment in technology development and maintenance
- Need to build critical mass of users to ensure platform viability
- Cybersecurity and data privacy concerns to manage

Specialized Cargo Transport Services

Seltech Limited focuses on niche markets requiring specialized trucking services, such as refrigerated goods, hazardous materials, or oversized cargo, leveraging expertise and specialized equipment.

Advantages

- Ability to command premium pricing
- Reduced competition due to specialized requirements

Challenges

- Higher regulatory and safety compliance demands
- Need for specialized equipment and trained personnel

3. Project Overview

This project is situated within the **Transport and Logistics** sector, specifically under the sub-sector of **Cargo Transportation and Fleet Logistics Management**. The initiative is aligned with the Government of Tanzania's Industrialisation Agenda and the regional trade integration vision espoused by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

- **Project Reference Code:** TIC2025-1544421
- **Annual Cargo Handling Capacity:** 500 tons in Year 1, with planned growth
- **Primary Services to be Offered:**
 - Cross-regional trucking of general and bulk cargo
 - Last-mile delivery solutions for retail and e-commerce
 - Third-party logistics (3PL) for B2B clients
 - Short-term and long-term warehousing services
 - Real-time fleet tracking and logistics analytics through integrated software

4. Investment and Financing Structure

To operationalise the first phase of our logistics business, SELTECH requires a total investment of USD 1,075,000. The financing structure is composed of both owner equity and locally sourced debt financing, as follows:

Funding Source	Amount (USD)
Owner Equity Contribution	400,000
Domestic Bank Loan	675,000
Total Investment	1,075,000

5. Employment Creation and Social Impact

SELTECH LIMITED will initially create 24 direct employment opportunities, with equitable participation across operational, technical, and administrative functions. In alignment with national employment strategies and gender equity commitments:

- **Total Jobs Created:** 24
- **Male Employees:** 20
- **Female Employees:** 4
- **Indirect Jobs (contracted services, vendors):** Estimated 50+ in Year 1

We are committed to workforce development through on-the-job training, safety certification programs, and partnerships with logistics training institutions.

6. Investment Utilisation and Capital Allocation

The capital raised will be deployed as per the following structured allocation plan:

Expenditure Category	Budget (USD)
Acquisition of 10 Trucks and 5 Vans	800,000
Construction and Fit-out of Warehouse and Office Premises	120,000
Procurement of Technology Infrastructure (GPS, Fleet Management, ERP)	50,000
Government Licenses, Permits, and Insurance Premiums	30,000
Working Capital to Sustain Operations for 6 Months	75,000
Total	1,075,000

7. Revenue Model and Income Forecast (Year 1)

Revenue streams are derived from trucking services, van-based distribution, and rental of warehousing space. Revenue estimates are based on market-competitive rates and expected demand.

Service	Monthly Revenue (USD)	Annual Revenue (USD)
10 Trucks (Cargo Hauling)	\$80,000	\$960,000
5 Vans (Distribution)	\$15,000	\$180,000
Warehousing (Space Lease)	\$4,000	\$48,000
Total Revenue	\$99,000	\$1,188,000

8. Operating Expense Plan

Expense Item	Monthly Estimate (USD)	Annual Estimate (USD)
Staff Salaries	15,000	180,000
Fuel, Repairs & Maintenance	20,000	240,000
Insurance and Permit Fees	5,000	60,000

Office Rent & Utilities	3,000	36,000
Technology & Communication	2,000	24,000
Marketing and Miscellaneous	5,000	60,000
Total Operating Expenses	50,000	600,000

9. Financial Performance and Profitability Forecast

Year	Annual Revenue	Annual Expenses	Net Profit
2025	\$1,188,000	\$600,000	\$588,000
2026	\$1,306,800 (+10%)	\$630,000 (+5%)	\$676,800
2027	\$1,437,480	\$661,500	\$775,980
2028	\$1,581,228	\$694,575	\$886,653
2029	\$1,739,351	\$729,304	\$1,010,047

Return on Investment:

- **Break-even:** ~22 months
- **Total Net Profit (5 Years):** \$3.94 million
- **5-Year ROI:** Approximately **362%**

10. Strategic Growth and Expansion Roadmap

- **Phase 1 (2025–2026):** Operationalise 10 trucks, 5 vans, and a core warehouse. Establish software and tracking systems.
- **Phase 2 (2027–2028):** Expand fleet with 15 additional trucks and introduce refrigerated cold-chain logistics for perishables and pharmaceuticals.
- **Phase 3 (2029):** Regional expansion into Zambia, Rwanda, and Burundi. Deploy integrated customer logistics dashboards.

We will pursue strategic partnerships with national retailers, mining companies, and government logistics programs. Digital innovation remains at the core of our service delivery model.

11. Socioeconomic Contributions

Team & Roles

Seltech Limited's team is composed of dedicated professionals with expertise in logistics, transportation, and operations management. Each role is designed to contribute to the company's mission of providing reliable and efficient cross-border trucking services across East Africa. The team structure ensures operational excellence, compliance with regulations, and superior customer service to support the company's growth and client satisfaction.

Operations Manager

Oversees daily logistics and trucking operations ensuring efficient and timely delivery of goods across international borders.

Responsibilities

- Manage and coordinate all trucking activities and routes
- Ensure compliance with regional border regulations
- Optimize fleet utilization and driver schedules

Personal Attributes

- Strong leadership and decision-making skills
- Excellent problem-solving abilities
- Detail-oriented and organized

Typical Cost To Hire

USD 18,000 per year

Driving Motivators

- Commitment to operational excellence
- Desire to improve logistics efficiency
- Passion for team leadership and coordination

Fleet Supervisor

Responsible for managing the maintenance, scheduling, and readiness of the truck fleet to ensure operational reliability.

Responsibilities

- Schedule regular maintenance and repairs for trucks
- Monitor fleet performance and fuel usage
- Coordinate with drivers for vehicle availability and readiness

Personal Attributes

- Strong organizational skills
- Proactive and hands-on approach
- Good communication skills

Typical Cost To Hire

Driving Motivators

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USD 12,000 per year

- Maintaining operational reliability
- Ensuring safety standards
- Efficiency in fleet management

Logistics Coordinator

Coordinates shipment schedules, documentation, and communication between clients, drivers, and regulatory authorities.

Responsibilities

- Prepare and verify shipping and transit documentation
- Communicate with clients and border officials
- Track shipments and provide status updates

Personal Attributes

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Detail-oriented and thorough
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously

Typical Cost To Hire

USD 10,000 per year

Driving Motivators

- Ensuring smooth shipment flow
- Customer satisfaction
- Compliance with regulatory requirements

Cross-Border Compliance Officer

Ensures all international transit operations comply with customs, legal, and safety regulations across East African borders.

Responsibilities

- Monitor changes in border regulations and customs policies
- Conduct compliance audits and training
- Liaise with government and border agencies

Personal Attributes

- Analytical and detail-focused
- Strong ethical standards
- Effective communicator

Typical Cost To Hire

USD 15,000 per year

Driving Motivators

- Regulatory compliance
- Risk mitigation
- Promoting legal and ethical operations

Driver Supervisor

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Manages the team of truck drivers, ensuring compliance with safety standards and efficient route execution.

Responsibilities

- Schedule and assign routes to drivers
- Conduct driver training and performance reviews
- Monitor driver adherence to safety and regulatory requirements

Personal Attributes

- Leadership and motivational skills
- Patience and good communication
- Strong organizational skills

Typical Cost To Hire

USD 11,000 per year

Driving Motivators

- Driver safety and satisfaction
- Efficient delivery operations
- Team cohesion and performance

Customer Service Representative

Acts as the primary contact for clients, addressing inquiries, resolving issues, and ensuring high levels of service satisfaction.

Responsibilities

- Respond to client questions and concerns promptly
- Coordinate with operations to resolve delivery issues
- Maintain client records and follow up on feedback

Personal Attributes

- Empathetic and patient
- Clear and effective communicator
- Problem-solving mindset

Typical Cost To Hire

USD 8,000 per year

Driving Motivators

- Client satisfaction and retention
- Building positive client relationships
- Providing timely and effective support

At Seltech Limited, fostering a strong team culture centered around collaboration, integrity, and continuous improvement is fundamental to our success. We believe that our people are our greatest asset, and we invest in their professional development to enhance their skills and knowledge. Our work environment encourages open communication, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to operational excellence. By nurturing a culture that values reliability and efficiency, we empower our team members to deliver exceptional logistics services that meet the demands of international transit across East Africa. This culture of accountability and teamwork ensures that every member is aligned with the company's mission to provide timely and dependable transportation solutions.

Risk Analysis

Operating in the trucking logistics sector, especially in the context of international transit through East African borders, Seltech Limited faces a variety of risks that could impact its business operations, financial performance, and reputation. Understanding and preparing for these risks is essential for sustaining and growing the company. The following analysis details the key risks, their potential impacts, and the mitigation strategies Seltech Limited will employ to manage them effectively.

Regulatory and Compliance Risks

Given that Seltech Limited operates cross-border logistics services, it is subject to a complex regulatory environment involving multiple countries. Changes in customs regulations, import/export restrictions, or new tariffs could disrupt transit routes or increase operational costs. Additionally, non-compliance with local or international transport laws, including those related to cargo safety and environmental standards, could result in fines or bans.

Mitigation Strategies: The company will maintain a dedicated compliance team knowledgeable about regional laws and border regulations. Continuous monitoring of regulatory changes and proactive engagement with government agencies will minimize compliance breaches. Staff training on regulatory updates will also be prioritized.

Political and Economic Risks

Political instability or conflicts in Tanzania or neighboring countries could disrupt border operations and trucking routes. Economic fluctuations, such as inflation or currency devaluation, may increase costs or reduce demand for logistics services.

Mitigation Strategies: Seltech will diversify transit routes where possible to avoid politically unstable areas. The company will also build strong relationships with local authorities and stakeholders to stay informed about potential disruptions. Financial risk management, including hedging currency exposure and maintaining flexible pricing strategies, will help manage economic volatility.

Operational Risks

These include risks related to the physical movement of goods, such as vehicle breakdowns, accidents, or delays caused by traffic congestion and road conditions. Additionally, cargo theft or damage presents a significant risk in cross-border trucking.

Mitigation Strategies: Seltech maintains a modern, well-serviced fleet with regular maintenance schedules to reduce breakdowns. Drivers are trained in defensive driving and cargo security protocols. The company employs

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GPS tracking systems to monitor shipments in real-time and uses secure parking facilities. Insurance coverage for goods in transit will also be comprehensive.

Security Risks

Cross-border trucking in East Africa can be susceptible to theft, hijacking, or other criminal activities targeting trucks and cargo, especially in remote or high-risk areas.

Mitigation Strategies: Security measures include route risk assessments, use of convoy systems for high-value shipments, and coordination with local law enforcement. Seltech also implements strict driver vetting and training programs focused on security awareness.

Environmental Risks

Extreme weather events, such as heavy rains or floods, can damage roads or cause delays. Additionally, increasing pressure to reduce carbon emissions could lead to regulatory changes affecting trucking operations.

Mitigation Strategies: Seltech plans routes with seasonal weather patterns in mind and maintains contingency plans for rerouting. The company is exploring investments in more fuel-efficient vehicles and sustainable practices to prepare for environmental regulations.

Financial Risks

Risks include fuel price volatility, cash flow challenges, and credit risks related to clients. Delayed payments or defaults could strain financial resources.

Mitigation Strategies: Fuel price monitoring and bulk purchasing agreements will help manage costs. Seltech will implement strict credit control policies and diversify its client base to spread financial risk. Maintaining a healthy cash reserve will ensure operational continuity.

Technological Risks

Dependence on GPS tracking, communication systems, and fleet management software exposes the company to risks from system failures or cyber-attacks.

Mitigation Strategies: Regular IT system updates, cybersecurity protocols, and data backups will protect against disruptions. Training employees on cyber hygiene and investing in robust technology infrastructure are also key steps.

Reputation Risks

Regulatory Compliance

Seltech Limited operates within the highly regulated trucking and logistics industry in Tanzania and the broader East African region. Compliance with local, national, and international regulations is critical to the company's operations, especially given the nature of its cross-border transit services. Failure to adhere to these regulations can result in severe legal consequences, financial penalties, and damage to reputation. Thus, regulatory compliance is a foundational pillar that supports Seltech Limited's commitment to reliable and timely delivery of goods.

Compliance with Tanzanian Transport and Logistics Regulations

Seltech Limited strictly follows the Tanzania National Road Traffic Act and other relevant transport legislation that governs the operation of heavy-duty trucks within the country. This includes ensuring that all vehicles in its fleet are properly registered, insured, and regularly inspected for safety compliance. Drivers employed by Seltech Limited are licensed according to Tanzanian standards and undergo continuous training to meet road safety and operational efficiency requirements.

The company also adheres to the regulations set by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) concerning the transportation of goods, including the accurate documentation of cargo and the payment of applicable transit fees and taxes. Seltech Limited maintains detailed records to ensure smooth audits and inspections by regulatory authorities and to facilitate transparent operations.

Cross-Border Transit and Regional Trade Compliance

Given Seltech Limited's specialization in international transit across East Africa, compliance extends beyond Tanzanian borders to include the regulatory frameworks of neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The company ensures that all cross-border trucking operations comply with the East African Community (EAC) protocols for customs clearance, cargo inspection, and transit permits.

Seltech Limited works closely with customs brokers and border authorities to guarantee that all shipments meet import-export regulations, including adherence to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) trade agreements where applicable. This compliance minimizes delays at border crossings and reduces the risk of cargo seizure or fines due to non-compliance.

Environmental and Safety Regulations

In addition to transport and trade regulations, Seltech Limited complies with environmental standards related to emissions and waste management. The company's trucks are maintained to meet applicable emission standards, thereby contributing to environmental sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint of logistics operations.

- Enhance domestic cargo logistics capabilities
 - Contribute to national employment and skills development
 - Support industrial supply chains with reliable logistics
 - Promote gender inclusion and local entrepreneurship through subcontracting
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12. Request for Incentives

We respectfully request the issuance of a **Certificate of Incentives** from the **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** to facilitate the timely and successful execution of this project. This will enhance our ability to procure vehicles, establish infrastructure, and deliver services aligned with national development priorities.
