

Great Lake Plantations SARL



Welcome

Great Lakes Plantations is an agri business based out of Bukavu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2014, it acquired the tea plantations M'bayo and Madaga, situated in 'Kabare' region near Bukavu.

M'bayo is located in the Democratic Republic of Congo .



M'bayo Estate borders Rwanda



Since the acquisition of the plantations by GLP, the factories have been redeveloped, and its workers armed with technical know how. M'bayo stands as the first and only modernised tea producing unit in DRC.

The most recent additions to the infrastructure are, Orthodox rolling tables, (CTC) tea manufacturing machines, high capacity DG, jumbo withering troughs, a state-of-the-art VFBD tea drier, as well as milling and chasing machines for a newly constructed mechanical workshop.

GLP is a subsidiary of M.K Shah Exports Ltd., one of India's largest exporters of premium quality Orthodox teas. MKSEL is a debt-free, family owned company, headquartered in Mumbai with offices in Kolkata and Dubai.

For more information, log on to www.mktea.co.in

Post Acquisition

Acquired in 2014	Tea estate	Area under tea (ha)	Total area (ha)	Total crop (Million kg)	Tea manufactured	Permanant workforce
	M'bayo Tea Estate	700.00*	1500	2.00	CTC and Orthodox	1800

*Expected area under tea for 2016

Increased area under active tea plucking from:

350 ha
2014-15



700 ha in
2015-16

Apart from tea, GLP has 200 ha under Cinchona plantation. Recently the company commenced commercial trading of Cinchona bark which has several medicinal properties. The bark is used by pharmaceutical companies to extract 'Quinine', which is an active ingredient in anti malarial drugs.



2015



2016

GLP is in the process of obtaining HACCP and ISO 22000 certification. GMP and Rainforest Alliance certificate will be obtained by the end of 2015.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The establishment of Great Lakes Plantation in Congo, goes a long way in the country's socio-economic development. Apart from generating employment opportunities and raising the standard of living amongst the locals, the company also strives to improve health standards, educate the people and maintain afforestation practices in the tea estates.

Health GLP has tied up with a local hospital to provide a comprehensive health plan for all its workers, another first amongst Congolese plantations.

Jobs The estate employs close to 1200-1300 workers on a daily basis. This number increases to 1500 workers during the peak growing months of November to July.

Farmer Co-operatives GLP strives to educate and train the local farmers regarding field practices. The senior employees provide them with technical know how and plant saplings, enabling hundreds of families to sell quality tea leaf to the company.

Welfare GLP grows basic crops and cereal such as potato and corn, which it then supplies to the labor colonies at subsidized rates.

Wages Computerized weighing system has been introduced for daily green leaf produce. This ensures fair wage calculations for the workers.

Afforestation The company successfully established a tea nursery with a population of approximately half a million plants, apart from nurseries for Cinchona, Eucalyptus and Prunus trees (which exceed 1 million in number).

Incentives Prize giving ceremonies are regularly conducted to felicitate the 'best' worker under different categories. These gifts range from cycles & cash bonuses to house-hold items.



Training Camps

GLP has established a training camp where our senior agronomists give intensive training on scientific plucking and manufacturing policies to the employees. This has helped in improving overall quality of manufactured tea.

The way forward

At GLP, we strive to blend the finest tea leaves with modern technology to create consistent quality of exceptional teas. We use no pesticides or artificial growth stimulants in our crops. We aim to be amongst the niche category of African tea producers that hand pluck individual tea leaves with utmost care and expertise. These leaves are ideally no older than 7-8 days at the time of manufacture, guaranteeing optimum quality and unparalleled freshness.

In the near future we plan to:

Start production of **organic orthodox tea** made in accordance with Assam standards.

Increase the **tea nursery population** to 2 million plants by means of organic growth as well as non-organic growth (import of tea samplings from neighboring countries).

Establish a farmer's co-operative across the 3,000 ha of fertile land around M'bayo tea estate, in order to increase our tea production to 8 million kg, within the next 10 years.

Establish '**GLP Foundation**' in order to spread literacy and hygiene awareness amongst employees





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