



Increased capacity for carton manufacturing

Elgon Kenya Limited, a leading supplier of agro inputs in the country has embarked on a major expansion of its cartons division due to increasing demand.

The company has injected Ksh 50 million in a new and faster automated corrugators machine that comes with the latest technology to reduce wastage and improve quality. "We are bringing in new machines that will help us increase our production capacity and maximise the profit," said the company's carton manufacturing Production Manager, Sonvir Singh.

The investment has positioned Elgon Kenya Limited among the leaders in carton manufacturing

in the region, and boosted production by 50 per cent, Mr Singh added.

According to Mr Singh, the technology of carton manufacturing is changing and customer preferences are as well changing with time. To keep pace with the trends, manufacturers will be forced to keep updating technology to meet the preferences.

At Elgon Kenya Limited, all the processes of making high quality cartons are done under one roof. "Here we are talking of getting your carton done from shaping up to printing and stitching or stapling where it is required. "Printing is one of crucial stage in carton manufacturing and we want to upgrade our machines to the new technology which is online rotary die-cutting,"

Sonvir says

As Sonvir reveals, 40 per cent of carton business comes from the flower industry. "We supply most the flower farms in the country with their cartons for packaging," said Sonvir.

Horticulture is Kenya's third largest foreign exchange earner, and last year it raked in Ksh 78 billion. The success of this sector is hugely dependent on quality packaging, and Elgon Kenya Limited has positioned itself as the first point of reference in the high standard cartons required for packaging for export.

To maintain a clean environment policy, Elgon Kenya Limited, has ensured that the carton manufacturing section watches its waste. "Although

we have very minimal waste in the process of our carton manufacturing, we sell the waste to a recycling company," he says.

Apart from the flower industry, some of Elgon Kenya Limited's clients

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include shoe makers, oil products companies, consumer products manufacturers, to name but a few.

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Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides & Associated Wastes from Kenya



Kenya Ships out First Batch of Obsolete Pesticides



scale growers. Potentially high risk storage sites were mapped and were prioritized. In addition, the project aimed at repacking and transferring all highly hazardous stocks to a safe and a secure storage site, significantly reducing their potential to cause harm. So far 130 MT of such stocks have been safeguarded and stored at the CleanFarms Kabete Temporary Storage Facility. Additional stocks will be generated from the ongoing national collection and safeguarding activity. The collected and safeguarded stocks will be destroyed through approved incineration facilities.



The 23rd March 2012 marked the first flagging off of the first consignment of 30MT of obsolete pesticides and hazardous pesticide containers out of the identified 200MT in Kenya for disposal by Veolia in United Kingdom with funding by Food and Agricultural Organization and CropLife International.

The function was presided over the Alternate director to PCPB from Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Abner K. Ingosti.

The event was attended by CropLife Kenya Executive and the CleanFarms Project Leadership Team.

The Environmental and Combustion Consultants Ltd (ECCL) of Kenya and Veolia of UK were involved in the safeguarding of the obsolete pesticides for safe transportation to the Temporary Storage Facility in government premises at Kabete, Nairobi and eventually to UK through Mombasa port.

The National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA) issued a license after the application was made to UK through filling the Dully Reasoned Request (DRR) Forms to the UK under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes for disposal based on the principle of prior informed consent.

In addition consents based on the same principle were given by Egypt, Oman, Belgium and Germany for the passage of the hazardous wastes to pass through their territories.

The license from NEMA for the shipment of the first consignment of obsolete pesticides enabled the easy movement of the obsolete pesticides from Nairobi to Mombasa and out of the port to UK.

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This has come as a result of the 2008 initiative by Ministry of Agriculture and CropLife International that established CleanFarms Safeguarding Project in Kenya with the aim of mapping out obsolete pesticides and associated wastes plus the risks associated thereof.

The Kenya CleanFarms Safeguarding Project included a combination of awareness campaigns and targeted outreach to farming communities, municipalities, distributors, government agencies and large

The plan is for all collected and safeguarded stocks to be destroyed through funding sourced from the development partners. The Ministry of Agriculture and CropLife International believes that the information gained in the CleanFarms Safeguarding Project initiative, will assist in forward planning on the way to manage obsolete pesticides in Kenya, contributing to acceleration of the overall Africa Stockpiles and to risk-reduction. The stakeholders in the pesticide industry are encouraged to support the initiative to clear the farms of unwanted pesticides reducing both environmental and human risk. This is a onetime service provided free of charge to all participating partners. The farmers, distributors, stockists, ranchers, etc are encouraged to surrender the obsolete stocks to the CleanFarms Safeguarding Project for safe disposal in licensed facilities.

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