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Inyange Industries Unveils State-of-the-Art Milk Powder Plant in Nyagatare

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Inyange Industries Ltd, a leading food processing company in Rwanda, is pleased to announce the successful launch of its new Milk Powder Plant (MPP) in Nyagatare District, Eastern Province. The inauguration ceremony, held on 24th July 2024, was graced by the Right Honorable Prime Minister, Dr. Édouard Ngirente, and attended by various dignitaries and stakeholders.

Introduction

Inyange Industries Ltd commenced its journey in 1997 with a factory dedicated to processing and selling pasteurized milk and yogurt. The company's founding vision was to invigorate the beverage value chain in Rwanda and capitalize on the opportunities available at the time. This initiative was driven by the significant gap in the market, where fruit and milk farmers were operating in a highly informal sector that disadvantaged them greatly.

Over the years, Inyange Industries has played a pivotal role in structuring the sector, thereby making a substantial impact on the nation's socio-economic development. The company has established itself as a leader in the food processing industry, thanks to its unwavering commitment to quality and innovation. This commitment has enabled Inyange to expand its product range to include milk and dairy products, fruit juices, and natural mineral water, marketed under the brands "Inyange," "Mukamira," "Savannah," and "Giheke."

Inyange's Journey

Inyange Industries Ltd began operations with a production unit near Kigali's city center in Mburabuturo. Recognizing the substantial domestic demand, the shareholders embarked on an ambitious expansion project, investing approximately USD 27 million to construct a state-of-the-art factory in Masaka, located 19 kilometers from the city center. Inaugurated in 2010, this facility incorporated advanced food processing technologies, which increased Inyange's production capacity tenfold.



This enhanced capacity not only meets local demand but also allows Inyange to expand its market beyond Rwanda. Through its extensive experience and expertise, Inyange Industries Ltd has developed strong collaborations across the food value chain in Rwanda, significantly enhancing the milk sector.

Collaboration with local farmers to structure the industry led to an increase in milk collection from 3,000 liters per day in 2009 to 200,000 liters per day by 2020. Inyange Industries Ltd took bolder steps to co-invest with cooperatives in the Mukamira Dairy Plant (Northern Province) and the Giheke Dairy Plant (Western Province) in 2016 and 2018, respectively. These partnerships aimed to expand its business and contribute to the livelihoods of the Rwandan population, particularly the farmers.

In October 2021, shareholders invested in a mega project: the Milk Powder Plant (MPP) in Nyagatare District, with an installed capacity to process 650,000 liters of milk per day. Currently, Inyange pays Rwf 400 per liter to the local farmers, increasing their daily earnings to Rwf 80 million.

The New Milk Powder Plant

The plant utilizes cutting-edge processing and safety technology, the latest in the industry. Inyange is the first plant to use it in Africa and the seventh in the world. With a combined investment of approximately USD 100 million, Inyange is the largest industry in Rwanda, injecting about Rwf 10 billion annually into the dairy sector.

Substantial growth in milk production at the farm level, accompanied by surging market demand, motivated Inyange's shareholders to invest in the Milk Powder Plant (MPP) in Nyagatare District. This facility focuses on producing Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP), Whole Milk Powder (WMP), Ghee, Butter, and UHT products. The milk powder will primarily serve industrial applications, particularly Food Industry such as; in infant product formulations, pastry production, and brands offering instant milk powder products. The total investment for this facility is estimated at about USD 54 million.

The plant has created direct job opportunities for 270 permanent staff and indirectly supports hundreds more within the growing value chain. Equipped with fully automated machinery and employing cutting-edge technology, the plant's operations are managed by Rwandan technicians trained at local polytechnic institutes.



Quality Compliance

Inyange Industries Ltd products hold certifications from esteemed national and international bodies, including the Rwanda Standards Board, Rwanda FDA, FSC 22000, ISO 22000 and Halal certification standards, ensuring compliance to local and international markets.

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