

# Visit by Industrialisation, Trade and Enterprise Development CS Betty Maina and KAM CEO Phyllis Wakiaga to Bamburi Cement Athi River Plant

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Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and Enterprise Development Betty Maina (seated) signs the visitor's book during her recent visit to the Bamburi Cement factory in Athi River. She was received by Bamburi Cement Group Managing Director Seddiq Hassani (right), Board Chairman John Simba (2nd left) and Head of Marketing & Corporate Affairs Mary Mueni.



Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and Enterprise Development Betty Maina (left) and the Kenya Association of Manufacturers CEO Phyllis Wakiaga (right) on tour of the Bamburi Cement Plant in Athi River with the Bamburi Cement Board Chairman John Simba (middle), Bamburi Cement Group Managing Director Seddiq Hassani (2<sup>nd</sup> right), and the plant manager Johnson Macharia (2<sup>nd</sup> left).

During the visit on 16th July, 2020 the CS engaged with Bamburi Cement management on matters of innovation and quality standards in the cement industry. Discussions encouraged more collaboration between the Ministry, Bamburi Cement alongside other players through Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), to forge the way forward in addressing some of the challenges facing the sector including high power tariffs, influx of counterfeits, double taxation between County and National Governments, and quality of cement in the market. The discussions also involved how the government can prioritise use of contemporary cost effective cement from local manufacturers for infrastructural projects.

The CS who was accompanied by a delegation from the Ministry of Industry and Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) CEO Phyllis Wakiaga, later toured the Bamburi Cement factory, which commissioned a KES 3billion state of the art capacity expansion project of 900,000tons.