

Bamburi spends Sh16 million on refurbishment of community schools

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Mombasa, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Bamburi Cement today handed over three school refurbishment projects it had completed as part of its community education support programme. The company said it had invested over KSh16 million on the facilities in Mombasa, Diani and Likoni.

Managing director Hussein Mansi said the company has been investing in schools in the communities where Bamburi Cement has operations; as well as neighbouring communities in Diani and Likoni.

One of the schools that received the bulk of this support is Bamburi Primary School in the Bamburi area of Mombasa. The school was constructed by Bamburi Cement in 1967 on a four-acre plot provided by the company and was handed over to the municipal council of Mombasa in 1972. It has 900 pupils (500 boys and 400 girls) drawn mainly from disadvantaged informal settlements (slums) of Mombasa.

The Bamburi primary school management committee received the buildings, renovated at an investment of Kshs. 11 million and furnished with another Kshs. 3 million worth of furniture, presented by Hussein Mansi.

In Diani, Mansi handed over a new school building to the PTA and

staff members of Denyenye primary school. The new building, which cost over Kshs. 3.7 million, has provided 8 new classrooms and toilet facilities for the pupils. It will help ease classroom congestion at the school which previously only had 16 classrooms for 916 pupils.

In Likoni, the Bamburi Cement managing director handed over a new classroom for children with multiple handicaps to Likoni Blind School. Pupils with multiple handicaps require specific attention and due to lack of facilities have been learning in a converted store. The pupils will now use the classroom constructed at a cost of Kshs. 1.7 million.

To encourage environmental awareness in the school, Mansi confirmed that the Bamburi Cement Green Schools project of reforestation has been in place in all three schools for the last six years. The programme supports schools by provide tree seedlings, which the pupils tend to maturity, and water tanks to enhance rain catchment and water management.

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