

KILOMBERO VALLEY TEAK COMPANY

KVTC Charcoal and Biomass Challenge: We Have a Winner!

Dar es Salaam – 26th June 2018 At the end of 2017 the KVTC Charcoal and Biomass Challenge to mark KVTC's 25 Year anniversary. KVTC and the Private Forestry Programme (PFP) invited interested and capable parties to submit a business plan that would describe in detail a commercial venture that would utilize sawmill residues. The described business venture was to contribute to solving Tanzania's energy needs and assist in reducing deforestation whilst at the same time offer economic opportunities for KVTC to monetize its waste products.

Winning Bid

We are pleased to announce that after two months of intensive evaluation of a total of 13 high quality submissions PFP and KVTC can now announce a winner of the KVTC Charcoal and Biomass Challenge!

Sustainable Carbon Cycle Industries (SCCI) of Germany submitted the winning business plan and KVTC is currently finalizing details with SCCI to turn their business concept into reality. SCCI intends to invest in a new charcoal and biomass energy industrial facility to be built in the Ulanga District. The total investment is forecasted to be around €4m. The new factory is expected to be operational in the second half of 2019.

Support

KVTC and PFP would like to thank the Vice President's Office for Union Affairs and Environment and the Hon. Minister Makamba for the support leading up to the launch and for personally launching the challenge in December 2017.

***Sustainable Carbon Cycles Industries** develops business models in the field of biomass materials production. SCCI's objective is to introduce a sustainable, zero-waste and low-carbon emission production of charcoal. SCCI's approach is founded on the concept of the circular economy in which waste is transformed into value, thereby contributing to the reduction of pollution, the protection of natural resources, large-scale employment, reducing poverty and promoting equality. SCCI's team has experience of over a decade of developing and managing biomass ventures in West and North Africa. More information on SCCI can be found [here](#)*

*KVTC is grateful for the support the **Private Forestry Programme** (PFP) has extended to KVTC during the entire process. PFP's knowledge of the sector and insight has been instrumental in creating a fair and transparent process where submissions were judged on their merit. More information on PFP can be found [here](#)*

*KVTC is part of the Africa Sustainable Forestry Fund, managed by **Criterion Africa Partners** (CAP). CAP's Biomass experts have provided valuable advice to KVTC management during the final evaluation of the three best proposals. More information on CAP can be found [here](#)*

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