

Press Release

President of Tanzania unveils plaque commemorating completion of the cutting-edge water supply and sanitation project at Lindi, executed by Overseas Infrastructure Alliance

Lindi, Tanzania, 8th August, 2015: The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete unveiled the commemorative plaque signaling the successful construction of the state-of-the-art Lindi water treatment plant being implemented by Overseas Infrastructure Alliance (India) Pvt Ltd., at a ceremony held during the auspicious Nene Nene harvest festival.

Overseas Infrastructure Alliance (OIA), under the guidance of the Tanzanian Ministry of Water constructed the technologically-advanced water supply and sanitation project in the Ng'apa area of the Lindi Region in Tanzania.

H.E. Dr. Kikwete, addressed the local population gathered at the project site about the benefits of the water project and how it will help in the overall development of Lindi region.

The facility, covering a distance of 12 kilometres, aims to benefit the entire region by providing an additional 7,500 million litres of clean and safe water per day to 82,000 people, a staggering increase of more than 300% from the current daily supply of 2,466 million litres of water.

The project is also a huge step forward to ensure environmental sustainability, which is one of the eight Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations.

The event was attended by top representatives of the Tanzanian government including Mr. John Magufuli, Minister of Works; Eng. Mbogo Futakamaba, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water; Ms. Mwantuma Mahiza, Lindi Regional Commissioner; Ms. Katrina Brandes, representative of KfW, German Development Bank, along with key leaders of villages in the vicinity.

OIA's Project Head expressed enthusiasm with regards to the completion of the water project, and said, *"The OIA team takes pride in this accomplishment, which marks the end of the ongoing water crisis in Lindi region. Continuous supply of pure water is of upmost importance towards improving health and wellness, which leads to greater prosperity and development. We thank the Ministry of Water and all local authorities for their continuous support and co-operation towards achieving this important milestone."*

The European Union has funded 85% of the US\$ 12.9 million project, while the German government owned development bank, KfW has provided the balance amount.