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BMI-SBI supports the construction of a brick factory in DR of Congo:



KWILU BRIQUES

**Quality and accessible brick in the
Democratic Republic of Congo**

Compagnie Sucrière, a subsidiary of the Belgian sugar producer FINASUCRE, present in Bas-Congo since 1925, has recently invested in a new boiler for its sugar plant and will generate more bagasse than it can use to fuel its boilers. This unused biomass piles up while clay pits are at hand in its compound. Therefore, the group decided to use this raw material, through the creation of a brick factory, to produce bricks for the local market.

The company Kwilu Briques, was set up to develop this project and asked the Belgian supplier of the ceramic industry, CERATEC (who has already built several kilns operating with biomass such as cotton seeds, coffee husks or palm nuts) to provide the technology. The use of bagasse to fire bricks on an industrial scale would be a first.

The brick kiln with a 40.000T/year production capacity was completed in 11/2016. The company will focus on providing bricks for individual housing and small projects such as schools and hospitals in the Kinshasa and Matadi regions.

BMI-SBI contributes with a subordinated loan, while the local subsidiary of Bank of Africa participates with a senior loan.