



Klingele invests in new sheet plant in Senegal

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Klingele Paper & Packaging Group is continuing its expansion in West Africa with a new sheet plant near Dakar, Senegal. Production is expected to start in summer 2022 and will initially see the creation of some 45 jobs. Klingele's efforts here have received financial support from the German Development Finance Institution (DEG).

Klingele has been present in Mauritania since 2013, where it now has two production facilities that focus on packaging for customers from the fishing sector and industry. Soon, the Diamniadio industrial estate near Dakar's new port will be home to a new plant with two production lines, where sheets of corrugated cardboard from Klingele's Tenerife-based subsidiary Klingele Embalajes Canarias will be processed into finished packaging.

The production hall has already been completed; during the first semester of 2022, Klingele will install a four-colour case maker inline machine with a three-colour Ward rotary die-cutter and five Boix box erectors. The packaging will predominantly be used in agriculture as well as in the fish industry and the wider food sector. The plant will start off with a production capacity of 4,000 tonnes; however, expansion of the site is already being planned as volumes grow. Klingele's long-term objective is to cover West African markets from Morocco to Gabon.

Through the establishment of local production capacities in Senegal, Klingele primarily aims to tap into new markets in West Africa, including the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Cape Verde, Mali and Burkina Faso. With its site in Dakar, Klingele is certainly in a pole position to achieve this. The new project also offers Klingele the opportunity to optimally utilise the corrugated cardboard plant operated by its subsidiary Klingele Embalajes Canarias in Tenerife, where there is hardly any additional local growth potential.

Klingele Paper & Packaging Group is one of the leading independent manufacturers of corrugated base paper and corrugated cardboard packaging.