

## Press release

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### **Cotecna Tanzania supplies electricity to Nkowe Secondary School**

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On January 29, 2010, Tiscan, Cotecna's Tanzanian subsidiary, celebrated the completion of their project to supply electricity to an entire school. Tiscan financed electrification works at Nkowe Secondary School in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region that lacked the infrastructure for power distribution within the compound and buildings. Tiscan financed the project with a budget of 27 million shillings (approx USD 21000) to extend the main TANESCO electricity supply to the school.

Tiscan's donation brought power to all classrooms, administration blocks and teachers' accommodation facilities thus opening the way for further education programmes such as computer classes, applied science and technology and evening tuition.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Lindi Regional Commissioner, Said Meck Sadiki, who was accompanied by a group of high-level officials from the Lindi region and Ruangwa district. Together with managers from Tiscan, they unveiled a commemoration plaque and toured the school to witness the power installations at a colourful event with dancing, drumming and singing by the students and local residents.

Tiscan is a Tanzanian company based in Dar-es-salaam with close to 200 employees. It is a member of the Cotecna Group and operates a contract with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to provide container X-Ray scanning, risk management and pre-arrival declarations processing services for imports into Tanzania. Tiscan's objective is to assist the TRA in its efforts to collect revenue and facilitate trade for national economic development.

In addition to its services that significantly support the national economy, Tiscan is also committed to directly help the people of Tanzania by making donations in line with its corporate social responsibility program. Tiscan annually finances various projects to improve provision of water, health and education.

More info on [www.tiscan.co.tz](http://www.tiscan.co.tz)

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