

New machines to increase production at Kimberly-Clark

Kimberly-Clark South Africa (K-CSA) has introduced new infant care and feminine care machines at its Epping Mill in Cape Town. In line with its five-year expansion strategy, this will increase diaper production significantly and localise production for the strategic feminine care segment.



With these two significant investments, the company confirms the strategic role of the Epping facility, as a best-in-class personal care production site. The new machine has created additional jobs for people who will support the operation. Extensive training was undertaken both locally and abroad to ensure teams are properly equipped in all areas of operations, technical and quality.

K-CSA managing director Kevin Clayton says, "With this additional investment, the company is now well positioned to generate improved returns and support rapid business expansion of its Huggies and Kotex brands."

With the new state-of-the-art technology applied to this asset, the plant will achieve 99% filtration efficiency, generate environmentally friendly air and reduce energy usage. Clayton says with this new commitment, the company is now well aligned with its strategic aim to position South Africa as a significant growth opportunity and hub for further expansion into Africa within the group's portfolio.

Wesgro CEO, Nils Flaatten adds, "We are very excited about the completion of this project, which was initially committed in January 2011 with a diaper production facility. Since then the Wesgro Investment Promotion team has been working closely with the Kimberly-Clark team to assist in the further realisation of this project. The two new state-of-the-art assets will be significant contributors to the Western Cape GDP and create much needed employment opportunities."