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BAT Kenya’s Green Leaf Threshing Plant (GLT) in Thika receives trailblazing recognition

BAT Kenya’s Thika GLT is officially a trailblazer within the manufacturing industry. Last month, our Thika GLT received multiple accolades at the Kenya Institute of Manufacturers’ (KAM) Energy Management Awards and the National Annual Occupational Safety & Health Awards held by the Directorate of Occupational Safety and Health Services (DOSHS) under the Ministry of Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

BAT was awarded as follows at the EMA award ceremony:

- Winner: Electricity Savings Award (Med. Consumer) – BAT Thika
- Winner: Water Conservation Award – BAT Thika
- Winner: Sustained High Performance Award – BAT Nairobi
- Runners up: Overall Energy Management Award – BAT Thika
- Runners up: Best Energy Committee Team- BAT Thika

At the National Annual Occupational Safety and Health Awards, BAT Thika GLT emerged second best in the country and produced the best first aider of the year - 2019.

To achieve this recognition, a lot of hard work went into the assessment and review process for each award.

For the Energy Management Award, the Kenya Association of Manufacturers conducted an independent review of all participating organisations. Anchored on our sustainability agenda, various energy saving milestones in 2018 contributed to the successful outcome, including the reduction of energy usage by 24%, reduction of our water usage by 25%, our 100% recycling rate and 25% reduction of reliance on wood fuel for tobacco curing in partnership with our contracted farmers.

The National Annual Occupational Safety and Health Awards were executed in line with the Government’s ‘Big 4’ Agenda, focusing on the four key pillars namely: agriculture, housing, health and manufacturing, under which our GLT plant participated. Companies from across the country participated in a first aid contest ahead of the World Safety Day on 28th April 2019.

The exercise was organized by St. John’s ambulance to test the readiness of workplace first-aid responders in giving emergency treatment.
BAT Kenya Head of Operations, Sebastian Giannetti commented on the achievements:

“As a responsible corporate citizen and leader within the manufacturing space, we are proud and appreciative of this exceptional recognition. It is testament to our commitment to developing the manufacturing sector under the Government’s ‘Big 4’ agenda and as such, I reiterate our commitment to the continuous improvement of our energy management and environmental, health and safety practices.

Such prestigious and record-breaking recognition is no small task. I thank everyone who was instrumental to this achievement, including our external partners and, of course, BAT colleagues for their unwavering commitment and collaboration.”