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### USTDA SUPPORTS ETHANOL AND POWER PRODUCTION IN TANZANIA



U.S. Ambassador Michael Retzer (left) and KSC General Manager Dave Coates (right) exchange documents after signing a USTDA grant agreement supporting the development of ethanol and power production in Tanzania.

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA – Promoting ethanol production and the use of biomass for power generation to help meet Tanzania’s growing energy demands are the objectives of a USTDA grant awarded today to Kilombero Sugar Company Ltd (KSC). The grant will be used to assist KSC in determining the viability of installing a distillation plant for ethanol production (using waste molasses) and a combined-heat-and-power plant (using sugar cane waste).

The \$299,780 grant was conferred during a signing ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam. U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania Michael Retzer and KSC General Manager Dave Coates signed the grant agreement on behalf of the U.S. government and KSC, respectively.

KSC is the largest sugar manufacturer in Tanzania. Like many other sugar mills in sub-Saharan Africa, KSC utilizes heavy fuel oil, which is costly and inefficient, to obtain power and heat for its sugar production. In addition, the disposal of the molasses and sugar cane waste that the company produces can be environmentally harmful. The USTDA-funded assistance supported by today’s grant will include an evaluation of a strategic commercialization plan to transform these waste products into valuable resources for power and ethanol production. Some of the power produced with the combined-heat-and-power plant would be used internally for Kilombero’s sugar production (approximately 10 megawatts) and the remaining power (approximately 40 megawatts) would be sold to the national grid. The ethanol produced would be exported to Europe for blending with gasoline.

The opportunity to provide assistance to KSC pursuant to the USTDA grant will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website at [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov). Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions contained in the FBO announcement. KSC will select the U.S. contractor that will provide the assistance.

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