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Dear Reader,

Current Issue:

Dubai Woodshow, the Middle East’s leading Show for Wood & Woodworking machinery to be held in month of March 2019 opens their publicity campaign in current issue of Modern Woodwork Gulf Edition. Mark your dates to book your exhibiting space / to visit this not to be missed Show for Gulf region.

Ligna 2019, the world’s leading trade show for machinery, plant and tools for the woodworking and timber processing industry beckons your attention in next quarter of year 2019 - to be held on 27-31 May 2019. You will read about the Wood Industry Summit - a joint production by LIGNA organizer Deutsche Messe and the German Forestry Council (KWF) that will be in its third season at LIGNA 2019.

The current issue has full reporting from Gabon Woodshow2018 held in June 19th. You will find an exclusive and informative interview that explains the variety of species available in Gabon and about the Company Woodpro which has established itself in this progressive West African country with full determination & enthusiasm.

Narratives from Gabon Woodshow: Modern Woodwork has travelled to Libreville, Gabon In June to participate in this very first edition of Gabon Woodshow. We were pleasantly surprised to see that almost all Companies were all praise for The Single Window Service & infrastructure offered by NKOK SEZ, Gabon, a joint effort by Olam International & Republic of Gabon - a very successful public - private partnership. Hence, we have compiled and brought an interview feature “Voice of Leaders from Gabon”. Exclusive to Modern Woodwork, this article is contributed by Exhibitors in Gabon Woodshow.

Expert Advice: “NKOK Gabon - an opportunity to Expand Business Globally” For curious readers here is the first-hand analysis by an Expert Point of view of Gabon Wood Hub furniture, and suggestions to upgrade.

Editor’s picks are presented as some glimpses of the new technologies exhibited at Xylexpo 18. More on this in coming issues so watch this space in next issue.

Domotex USA [Feb 28- March 2, in year 2019] - The preview press release of the celebrated and established Domotex Fair USA edition -to be held for the first time in USA - provides an attractive invitation for many Gulf based Companies to visit and source carpets &flooring in mind boggling varieties and see the latest in flooring technologies& designs. Read and follow the News Updates in every issue for more Exhibition News.

News, views and articles collected and compiled from around the globe should make this issue a remarkable copy. Awaiting your feedback:

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Weinig Luxscan receives major award

Luxscan Technologies Sàrl, a member of the Weinig Group, has been awarded the 2018 Export Award by the Luxembourg Ministry of Economy. The coveted Export Award is awarded to medium-sized companies in the country that have distinguished themselves through international activities in the course of their business activities and have achieved outstanding results in the process. Jury President Arsène Jacoby (President of the Export Agency ODL) presented the prize at a ceremony at the Luxembourg Ministry of Economy in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Guillaume, Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Etienne Schneider, the Minister of Finance Pierre Gramegna and the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Michel Wurth. Luxscan Managing Director Jean-Philippe Hildebrand accepted the trophy together with the second Managing Director and company founder Raphael Vogrig. Luxscan was also pleased to receive about 15,000 euros, which were offered as an additional prize for the 1. place. A total of 21 Luxembourg companies from all sectors of the economy applied for the export award. “We are very proud of this award, which represents a particular appreciation of our extremely positive international development in recent years. It is great that the award coincides with Luxscan’s 20th birthday, which we are celebrating this year”, said Raphael Vogrig.

Luxscan started in Luxembourg in 1998 with the production of scanners for the optimization of cutting processes in solid wood processing. In 2007, the company became a member of the Weinig Group, the world’s leading technology provider in solid wood and panel processing. Due to increasing demand, Luxscan expanded continuously. In 2016, the company moved to its current headquarters in Foetz / Luxembourg.
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Gabon SEZ has emerged as the West Central Africa’s timber processing and manufacturing hub. This SEZ has around 114 industrial customers from 18 countries which includes around 40 investors from India.

WOODPRO INDUSTRIES SARL, investor from Mumbai, India, have leased 3 Ha of industrial land for their timber processing operations in Nkok SEZ. WoodPro Industries was established in 2017 with an aim to utilize wood to its maximum. Spread in 3 hectares, WoodPro Industries is one of the first company inside GSEZ NKOK, Gabon to have the integrated units of Sawmill and Kiln Drying under one Roof. This investor has invested in fully automated SAWMILL MACHINES with a capacity to cut 72,000 cbm of logs and KILN DRYING machines with a capacity to dry 48,000 cbm of sawn timber annually. WoodPro has invested about 10 million USD till date and they are looking forward to invest further for the 3rd level transformation of wood.

Mr. Devesh Kabra

Question 1: We congratulate you and your esteemed company for setting up the State of the Art Factory in SEZ at NKOK, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured and exported by WoodPro.

Devesh Kabra: Thank you. In our Sawmill, we produce and cut many exotic Timber species especially Padauk, Tali, Azobe, Okoume, Beli and several other hardwoods. We take care of every detail and finesse to provide the best standards and quality to our global clients. In our Kiln Drying Plant we deal with moisture removal from the wood in less time. Thanks to our professional team and automated machines.
Equatorial Guinea in North and Republic of Congo on East & South. Forestry has been one of the driving sectors of Gabon’s economy. Boasting the second highest forestry potential in Africa, Gabon’s forests covers 22.8 million hectares, i.e. 88% of the country’s land surface. The tropical forest offers enormous possibilities with a logging potential of 12.5 million hectares with more than 400 species including Okoumé, Okan, Padouk, Tali, Kevazingo. Gabon’s reserves of exploitable timber includes 130 million cubic meters of Okoumé, 25-35 million cubic meters of Ozigo, 20-30 million cubic meters of Ilomba, 15-25 million cubic meters of Azobé and 10-20 million cubic meters of Padouk. Other woods are Dibetou (Tigerwood or African Walnut), Movingui (Nigerian Satinwood) Mahogany, Kevazingo, Ebony and Zingana (Zebrano or Zebrawood). Gabon follows the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) system by which the forests regenerate on their own and green cover does not get reduced and therefore timber processing is an attractive and sustainable business in Gabon.
Question 2: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon?

Manish Jain: Well, we were looking to diversify and expand our business in Africa. We had heard a lot about Gabon and its vast natural resources. And when we came in Gabon in 2016, we found a cooperative and business friendly environment. Timber really took our attention due to its immense availability and sustainable forest management. After doing some research, we finally decided to set up WoodPro Industries in GSEZ, Gabon. We were also much motivated by the vision of the President Ali Bongo and his dedication to make Gabon the Gateway to Central Africa. It seems we are at the right place at the right time.

Question 3: Which are the relevant markets for your products? What are your future plans?

Devesh Kabra: We have a good clientele base in Europe, Middle East, India and South-East Asia. Because of the increasing demand, we are also looking forward to invest in Logistics and Logging Operations so as to fulfill the demands. We also have plans to expand our Sawmill and Kiln Drying. And soon, we are going to invest in 3rd level transformation of wood.

Question 4: We see your Tagline as Trust, Quality and Commitment. Can you brief us about it?

Jyoti Kabra: These qualities are important in every business, but these become much more relevant in international timber business. Our clients trust us completely by providing advance payment against orders and in return we provide them quality material within stipulated time period. Hence, Trust, Quality and Commitment are pillars of this business.

Question 5: Creating a new business in Gabon NKOK should have been a gigantic task. How did you manage the different approvals for plant installation? How do you rate the ease of doing business in NKOK’s SEZ?

Manish Jain: Setting up a new business in a foreign country is always a challenging. But we must be thankful to the Gabon Government and GSEZ team for their support and cooperation at every time. Especially GSEZ were very resourceful and with their support, it was easy to get all sort of approvals and swift company setup procedure.
Please contact: Mr. Devesh Kabra or Mr. Manish Jain for any commercial query at woodproindustries@yahoo.com
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Door Production Systems

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Essepigi continuously invests in search of original and innovative solutions to provide competitive advantages for its customers. Some important intuitions have become European patent reference for the sector. Our story begins in 1973, when the company Essepigi S.r.l. was established, founded as the conversion of an existing company already active since in 60s in the production of double cutting-off machines. By exploiting this wealth of experience, since 1974 Essepigi also began the production of special combined machines for cutting and drilling, a world exclusive in this area. Essepigi production is focused on machinery door market.
INCOMAC
Timber Drying Kilns

INCOMAC has been founded in 1975. Throughout the following years there has been a continuous and extraordinary technological progress. The first Incomac computer was in 1988. Despite events like the knocking down of the Twin Towers in 2001 and the Bank’s Crisis in 2008, there has been a great scientific and technical progress. The communication systems have been revolutionized by use of the internet and mobile phones. INCOMAC start production in their first premises. They have now manufactured over 10,000 drying kilns, which have been installed in 95 different Countries.

In addition, 22 Schools and Research Centers have been supplied special driers for use in their laboratories.

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Profile sander for component sanding

The Model 220 Profiles Sander is a two spindle machine designed for use with flexible brush type sanding wheels. The spindles are counter-rotating, allowing corners to be sanded without rounded over, and to sand in two directions. There are two height settings, allowing it to be used for both edge and panel sanding. In the raised position, the table moves toward the spindles, providing support for small panels.

The Larick Model 220 features two counter-rotating spindles to be used with brush type sanding wheels. This allows parts to be sanded without noticeable rounding over on corners. The sanding technique is to sand the left corners on the right sander and the right corners on the left sander. This method has the brushed formed to the profile as they go over the corners.

The spindles move up or down together and are controlled by an air valve. Adjustable stops are used for positioning. In addition to the vertical spindle travel, the tabletop also moves back 2” when the spindles are raised. This provides support under the lower sanding head when sanding raised panels.
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The Machine with automatic 6-position tool changeover and Boring - drilling head, with ISO 30 spindle cone. It is also equipped with a commercial PC with color screen 17”, keyboard, mouse, Operating system windows XP Professional Multilanguage, Ethernet Card, Integrated CAD CAM programming System and Preset macro.

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**Polishing Machine**

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The polishing system by means of orbital-rotating sponge-pads grants a high quality level of the polishing in a shorter working time by using suitable polishing products.

In the basic version the machine has a single working area, while in the double version the machine has two working areas that allows a pendulum-working mode. The Pad-holding group moves with alternate displacement and adjustable speed over a strong table made by electro-welded steel, which grants a great stability.
We would like to quote the words of H. E Ali Bongo Ondimba - President of Gabon: Gabon has an ambitious vision in the forest-wood sector by 2025: “Make Gabon a world leader in certified tropical timber, driven by an innovative industry, fully valuing the forest under sustainable management, carbon sinks and biodiversity sanctuary”. [Source - www.gabonwoodshow.com]
We at Modern Woodwork India had the opportunity to visit Libreville, Gabon as we participated in the very first edition of woodworking machinery and materials show GABON WOODSHOW 2018 in Libreville. During our visit we were pleased to observe this vision turning in reality. It was a delight to see a tiny nation in West central Africa so determined and marching on path of progress. Republic of Gabon is today one of the fastest growing countries in Africa and has developed very good infrastructure to promote industries in wood and agricultural products.
Gabon Woodshow was organized by GSEZ [Gabon Special Economic Zone] and Strategic Group from Dubai, UAE. The show was Supported by Gabon Government.

The show was well attended from various African countries like Kenya, Nigeria, Cameroon etc to name few.

The exhibitors were from Gabon NKOK SEZ, France, Germany, China, India, Italy, Cameroon etc. Veneer manufacturers and also few furniture manufacturers, almost all from Gabon, dominated the show.

The OKOME face veneer has became very popular across the Globe due to the quality, versatile use and because of the price factor. In NKOK SEZ, out of total 146 investors, 105 are operational as on date. Out of these 36 are manufacturing veneers and 30 of them are from India. OKOME face veneer has remained their main manufactured product.

We visited and discussed with many Exhibitors and we were impressed with their resolve to make it big in a foreign country. Of course the infrastructure provided by GSEZ plays a vital role in this scenario. We have compiled an Interview Feature “Voice of Leaders in Gabon” which gives our readers a clear-cut view of Gabon wood based manufacturing industry. You will find all of the Companies have acknowledged this supportive role of GSEZ, which is the Public Private Partnership project between Olam International Ltd (Singapore), Africa Finance Corporation and Gabonese Republic, Africa.
LEADERS IN GABON

VOICE OF LEADERS
1. Modern Woodwork:
We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by AFRICA VIEW SA.

We manufacture OKOUME VENEER for Commercial use (PLYWOOD AND DOORS) for speciality markets across 4 continents spanning over 14 countries. The veneers manufactured by us are made to order as per the application of the final product. The plywood made from our veneer is mainly used in Yachts, Railways, Speciality Packing boxes (Cigar, Tea etc.)

2. What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

Okoume is the single largest sustainable species available for the Faces of Plywood owing to its attractive appearance. We looked at opportunities in other countries like Vietnam, Burma, Cameroon, Congo and many more but decided to set up a unit in GSEZ Gabon due to the ease of doing business and availability of good quality sustainable supply of Timber. GSEZ has been instrumental in allotment of the forest to us from the Government of Gabon.

3. Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

The most important market for us are the European Markets (France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Netherlands to name a few). For the future in the near term we are installing a saw mill for the Hardwood that is harvested in our forest and a plywood unit.

4. Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Thinking about setting up new business in Africa - looked to be difficult but with the support of GSEZ, Olam and the government authorities at the unique Single Window Clearance, it was done within 48 hours. The Single window Building is a unique concept in the GSEZ wherein all the government authorities are under one roof to help investors get all the approvals required to set up the business in GSEZ. We personally are extremely happy and satisfied with the ease of doing business in GSEZ!!

Company Profile:
Africa View Group - was set up in the year 2006 by Mr. Rajesh Shrishrimal with an idea of trading in agricultural commodities like Raw Cashew Nut, Shea nut, Cocoa etc from Africa. The group always looked at having a manufacturing base in Africa wherein there was no shortage of Raw material and decided to install a Veneer manufacturing unit in GSEZ.
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for exhibiting at first Edition of GABON WOODSHOW. Readers would like to know more about machinery manufactured & exported by Darshan Mechanical & Engineering Works.

Our years of expertise in effectively incorporating latest technologies and continuously improvising on our offerings have made us a well known exporter, manufacturer of a varied range of wood peeling machines.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to participate in Gabon Woodshow 2018?

As we all know that Gabon is next wood hub and we are the Manufacturers & Exporters of log peeling machines and Gabon have many investors from India, China & Europe. So we got market under one roof that is the main reason.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which kind of Companies in GSEZ and Africa are the important target market Companies for your machines?

Mainly we target those industries who are manufacturing face veneer.

4. Modern Woodwork: What is your feedback regarding visitors in first edition of Gabon Woodshow? What is the potential for your kind of machinery in Gabon and African Market?

As I think we are having a very bright future because we have done a very good & hard homework towards new technology and maintaining it with high technical standards, so that our customers once buy and they always ask for Darshan log peeling.

Company Profile:
Wood serves a lot of purposes in the industrial sector. In the manufacturing of wood furniture and several other wood products, Log Peeling Machine and Wood Peeling Machines are extremely crucial. To cater to the escalating demand for quality wood Peeling Machines, Darshan Mechanical & Engineering Works, came into existence in the year 1985. Our years of expertise in effectively incorporating latest technologies and continuously improvising on our offerings have made us a well known exporter, manufacturer, wholesaler/distributor, supplier and trader of a varied range of wood peeling machines.
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by Evergreen Gabon.

Thanks for your appreciation. Right now we are manufacturing best quality of Okoume Face Veneer & we would be like to inform you that in future we are planning to manufacture all types of furniture.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon?

We are trying to expand huge business in Gabon and we aim to make company name famous in all over world.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

Our main products market are India, Morocco, Dubai. In current year we have order from China, Europe, Singapore also and we are trying to sell our products all over the world.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Right now we are focused to establish business in Gabon, due to easily available facilities here. In future we are planning to run our business in Europe as well as in other suitable country.

Mr. Vijaykumar
Director,
Evergreen Gabon

Company Profile:
Evergreen Gabon Manufactured Okoume Face Veneer in difference type of Thickness.
1. Modern Woodwork:
We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for exhibiting at first Edition of GABON WOODSHOW. Readers would like to know more about machinery manufactured & exported by Kalyan Industries.

Our presence in African market is already there for the last more than two decades. We have been supplying in 5 - 6 African Countries. Our major products are Veneer Dryer, Veneer Band Dryer, Hydraulic Rotary Peeling Machine 8feet & 4 feet size, Spindleless Peeling Machine, Double Dimension Saw (D.D.Saw) machine, Automatic Plywood Double Sizer Machine, Guillotine Jointer etc..

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to participate in Gabon Woodshow?

Gabon is becoming Veneer manufacturing hub. We being specialist in the manufacturing of Veneer making machines took us to participate in the show.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which kind of Companies in GSEZ and Africa are the important target market Companies for your machines?

We look at it as a small but reasonable market for our type of machines.

4. Modern Woodwork: What is your feedback regarding visitors in first edition of Gabon Woodshow? What is the potential for your kind of machinery in GABON and African Market?

Since there are many companies making face veneer. So our target is to sell Veneer making machines which is fortunately our major and core business. Our major manufactured machines are Veneer Dryer, Veneer Band Dryer, Hydraulic Rotary Peeling Machine, Spindleless Rotary Peeling machine, Clipper Machine, Guillotine Jointer, D.D.Saw machine, Peeling Knife Grinder Machine, Knives, etc.

Company Profile:
Kalyan Industries is most reputed Plywood Machinery Manufacturer. Kalyan has completed 66 successful years providing machinery & satisfactory after sales service to its customers. We are constantly upgrading the range of machines with latest innovation & technology and have steadily grown over these years. Kalyan offers total solution to Plywood Industry and is catering to all conglomerates in Plywood Industry. Our major manufacturing products are Veneer Dryers, Rotary Peeling & Spindleless Machines, Knives, Double Dimensions Saws, Guillotine Jointer, Peeling Knife Grinders, Seasoning Kilns, Glue Spreaders, Wide Belt Sanders etc etc.
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by MARUTI [Gabon].

Maruti Gabon is manufacturing school furniture for Gabon for the time being. We are in discussion with many buyers in USA and Europe including wholesalers and chain retail stores for export of furniture. Some of the discussions are on final stage. We expect to deal with Europe clients in coming future.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

We are in Gabon since 2012. The main reason to setup a furniture factory in Gabon is availability of extra ordinary quality of timber. Other reasons are ease to deal with administration with single window facilities, Established democracy and less crime rate.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

Our target to produce better quality furniture and to maintain quality to deal with USA, Europe and China buyers.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

We found setting up a new business in NKOK GSEZ was easier as compared to India. The single window has all the government offices under one roof. Various approvals were just a procedure but never were a problem.

Company Profile:
Maruti Gabon is a company with four partners. All the partners are having an experience of 10 years in furniture manufacturing in India and export to abroad. The various species and quality of timber available in Gabon attracted us to setup a furniture manufacturing unit in Gabon. Less transit time to Europe was also cause of attraction.
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about furniture products manufactured & exported by MAGAL WOOD.

Magal Wood, is an Industrial Carpentry located in Gabon Special Economic Zone. To this end, MWI offers to its prospects, Wood Processing, Trading, Manufacture of furniture, Exports of wood and derivatives. All of its products are made with 100% Made in Gabon dried Essences.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

The motivation that has boosted MWI to start a plant in Gabon is that GABON in the sub-region has a good positioning in terms of diversification, quality of the Essences, also with the construction of an economic zone, benefits to meet at the request of the markets

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your furniture products? What are your future plans?

The important markets of MWI, are the local market in AFRICA : (public orders, individuals, entrepreneurs) and international. With diversification, Magal Wood Industries wants to build strong partnerships that ensure win-win negotiations. This will allow us to be the leader in the sector of Industrial Joinery in AFRICA.

4. Modern Woodwork: Creating a new business in Gabon NKOK should have been a gigantic task. How did you manage the different approvals for plant installation? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok’s SEZ?

As any enterprise the beginning is not easy but with the grace of GOD MWI with our determined collaborators always tries to overcome the obstacles also with the good cooperation and the trust of the partners like GSEZ, BERNABE GABON and still other than we could settle down. This creation also results from the Administrative Authority which facilitated our integration, today it spares the efforts to facilitate the business of the operators in the ZERP of NKOK.
LEADERS IN GABON

Mr. Anique Junaid
MD, Resurgent Gabon SEZ Timber

1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by Resurgent Gabon SEZ Timber.

Currently we are into 1st and 2nd level of transformation of wood. We are exporting sawn timber to various destinations, primarily Europe, North Africa, Middle East, North America and South East Asia. We have also developed trading unit for various veneer and furniture export to various destination with our partners.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory / Timber Company in Gabon.

The resource richness of Gabon was a big motivational factor. There is gap between the demand and supply for tropical timber and we wanted to place us in a manner that it benefits all the stakeholders-forest owners-community-environment-end users.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

Our prime markets are Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Dominican Republic, UAE, Kuwait, Vietnam, Libya and Taiwan. We plan to do outdoor furniture and decking in the near future.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

To sum up, GSEZ understood the difficulty of the investor and we became the 1st investor of GSEZ to start production and export of timber. In the scale of 1-10 I would give GSEZ-9 for facilitating the business process in SEZ, NKOK.

Company Profile: We are the first company to export from GSEZ. Our flexibility to work with different partners makes us the first choice among all stakeholders. Our client base ranges from scandinavian countries, mediterranean countries, far east and middle east is testimony to our values “Easiest timber company to deal with in GABON”
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by OTIM VENEER SRL.

We are currently running a face veneer unit having a capacity of 24,000 cbm per annum. The plywood boasts a capacity of 12,000 cbm per annum. We plan to increase this capacity to 24,000 cbm in the next 3 years.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

Timber is an integral part of our industry. We were looking to develop an alternative for Gurjan/Kerving. Gabon boasts a forest of 22.8 million Ha with Okoume being the major species. Another key advantage of Gabon were its political stability and sustainable forests enabling us for a long term vision.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

India, Europe and USA being our primary market for Okoume face veneers. For the plywood we export to Middle East and African countries. In future we would like to expand our plywood capacity but we have a long term vision to study the possibilities of sliced veneers or decorative plywood.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Going into Africa and starting is never easy. But thanks to Olam and Nkok with the Single Window concept documentation was made extremely swift. With Olam now supporting us for the logs and logistics we are extremely optimistic that our business will grow and can invest further in Gabon.

Company Profile:
Otim Veneer started its operations in December 2014 as the first face veneer unit in Gabon producing for Indian market. The company has grown from exporting to India and now penetrating into European and US market. A new plywood unit also running for Middle East and CEMAC.
LEADERS IN GABON

Mr. Amit Garg
Director,
Solid Wood Gabon

1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your Esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by SOLID WOOD.

Thank you on behalf of Everest Ply Group. We are into production of Okoume Veneer which is being widely accepted worldwide for production of plywood. Of late Indian Plywood manufactures have also shown lot of interest in this veneer for their plywood Production.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon?

We are into the Veneer manufacturing Industry Since last 25 years. Having our factory in Vizag, Pondicherry, Myanmar, Laos & Gabon. We could sense the scarcity of wood in Myanmar & other S.E. Asian Countries. I thus choose Gabon. Gabon has potentials to provide Timber on long term sustainable basis due to its forest management plan & strict rules on forestry.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

India of course will be the biggest market for us. Our main motive to come to Gabon is to continue our supplies to our customers in India. We would also look forward to supply to other countries as and when the opportunities knock. We have been supplying to other Asian Countries as well.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Whenever we walk out of our comfort zone, there is bound to be a hardship. Initially there was challenge to come & set up a company in a non English speaking country where everyone you meet are stranger.

But I acknowledge my sincerer thank to Olam & their team who served us everything in a platter. Without their support we can never imagine shifting here & running business. Now there are more than 20 Indian companies in Veneer production because of hard work of Olam. We can get all approvals for simple window clearance system & it is not difficult. I would say it is very simple to get all licenses & approvals.

Company Profile:
SOLID WOOD is 2nd generation of family working business since 1975. We started with trading up plywood and entered manufacturing of plywood/veneer. Since then, our Group has established factories in 5 different locations in India, besides factory at Myanmar, Laos & Gabon. In Gabon, we have the capability and ability to produce Okoume veneer of various thickness and sizes. Our aim is to deliver highest quality products to meet our customer satisfaction.
1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by SUN VENEER.

Thanks for visiting our stall at Gabon wood show. We are at the moment manufacturing and exporting 3mm okume face veneer. We are exporting graded as well as mix grade material.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

As we all know that there are problems in gurjan face veneer (shortage, quality issues and high price) and Gabon being an upcoming investment friendly country with assured long time timber supply makes us invest in Gabon.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

Okume face is well accepted all over the world. I am mainly concentrating on Indian market as demand is growing day by day. I am planning to put up a new unit to cater for European market also.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Setting up business was not so difficult as much we thought as we have single window facility in GSEZ. We got all our approvals done through them in time. It is easy to do business in NKOK GSEZ as everything from log supply to logistics to clearing of containers is in house.

Company Profile:

We, “Sun Veneer Zerp” is leading name in the world. We are Located in Gabon the continent of Africa, and having a Modern machines equipped factory with the best infrastructure there offering best array of Face Veneer. Our experts are best in this realm. The offered Face Veneer are made by our experts with the use of best quality machines. The offered array is best in class made with the use of best Raw Material.
LEADERS IN GABON

1. Modern Woodwork: We congratulate you & your esteemed Company for setting up the State of the Art factory in SEZ at Nkok, Gabon. Readers would like to know more about products manufactured & exported by WOODS INTERNATIONAL.

We are manufacturing at present Okoume face veneer using rotary peeling technology. We also manufacture Veneer from other Species such as AIYLE, ILOMBA, SAPELI etc on special orders. we are exporting Veneer of different thicknesses, Sizes and Quality all Over the World. Our current Capacity of Manufacturing is 2000 CBM which we are expecting to double in next few months.

2. Modern Woodwork: What had been the motivation to start a factory in Gabon.

Well, Our Motivation to start a Factory in Gabon was:
1) Gabon is the only African Country that has been Politically stable and Secured from Last 50 years.
2) It has sustainable and legal forest practices that have 90% of the worlds Okoume.
3) The local currency of Gabon “CFA” is pecked to Euro which makes it stable.
4) Gabon special economic zone (“GSEZ”) was the best location with an excellent infrastructure, single window Clearance approach, tax benefits and ease of doing business .
5) GSEZ Team which is always ready to support with solutions.

3. Modern Woodwork: Which are the important markets for your products? What are your future plans?

We would like to target all International markets where there is a demand for the FACE AND CORE VENEER AS OKOUME IS THE BEST and most widely accepted SPECIES FOR VENEER. We are already expanding to some new markets like KOREA. Our future plans are making Plywood, Sliced Decorative Veneer.

We are also exploring setting up a saw mill and exploring options of sending sawn Okoume to India, availability of Miranti from Malaysia is becoming constrained and also its price in Indian market is increasing after the ban on export of logs from Malaysia. Okoume sawn already is in big demand in China and Europe for door and window manufacturing.

4. Modern Woodwork: Setting up a new business in a foreign country should have been a mammoth task. How did you manage various approvals for setting up the factory? How do you rate the ease of doing business in Nkok SEZ?

Approvals have not been difficult and its fast because of single window clearance. Company registration and bank account can be opened in 2 days other approvals come, in the mean time construction of factory can be started and before a company comes into production all approvals are complete. I would give a 5 star rating for ease of doing business in NKOK.

Company Profile:

We are a group of companies based out of India for 20 years. We have subsidiary companies in UAE and Gabon. We have set up a manufacturing plant in the Special Economic Zone in Gabon in Central Africa to manufacture veneer from Okume logs using rotary peeling technology . We are currently exporting Okoume face and core veneer to Europe, USA, Mexico and India. We could potentially supply Ilomba, Aiyele veneers too !! We have currently long term supply contracts with certified forests eg- ROUGHER, SEEF AND GSEZ.
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The client list of woodworking & joinery factories extends from Dubai, Qatar, Muscat, Kuwait & Saudi Arabia, to Prominent Factories in INDIA.

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Visit to NKOK GSEZ & Centre D’exposition - Gabon Wood Hub

NKOK Gabon - an opportunity to Expand business Globally

Gabon Special Economic Zone (GSEZ) SA is a successful Public Private Partnership project between Olam International Ltd (Singapore), Africa Finance Corporation and Gabonese Republic, Africa. Gabon is fast emerging as the West Central Africa’s manufacturing hub and they welcome entrepreneurs from across the globe to benefit from the business opportunities unlocked by SEZ at Nkok. SEZ at Nkok currently has investors from 17 nationalities and foreign direct investment expected is more than USD$ 1.7 billion. Out of the total 146 investors in the SEZ, 54 are from India.

In month of June 2018 GSEZ had organised a successful GABON WOODSHOW in Libreville, Gabon for which our publications Modern Woodwork INDIA & GULF were” International Media Partners”. We, namely the Editor & Publisher availed this fabulous opportunity to visit and cover the very first edition of Gabon Woodshow 2018 , at Libreville, Gabon in June 2018.

On first day of Gabon Woodshow 2018, we were invited to visit the NKOK SEZ, Libreville GABON to study the facilities and to observe the business prospects at NKOK that are offered to ease the procedures for the entrepreneurs in Timber based Industries and the various facilities are provided to setup business in Gabon. We were driven to the NKOK SEZ.

We had already read about the economy and the industrial growth of Gabon and we knew Gabon is one of the fastest growing economies among all African countries. Still we were amazed to actually witness the infrastructure created in the Gabon Special Economic Zone.

NKOK SEZ - AMAZING INFRASTRUCTURE: ONE WINDOW SERVICE

The entrance of SEZ is very impressive and Free shuttle buses are available for the workers and staff to reach their respective factories. The roads are of very good quality, without any potholes.

Immediately after the security check there is this building of One Window Service for all the factories, [mentioned by many Gabon Exhibitors in their interviews with Modern Woodwork]. Here all the clearances are done at one place only. The Entrepreneurs who apply to establish factories in GSEZ get all the required information and clearances for exports / imports / container handling and for other Government formalities in very short period and at one place only, under the roof of One Window Service building.

The factories in NKOK are allotted the required volume of the timber for processing -mostly for peeling veneers and for making furniture. This vast industrial estate is located nearest to the forest from where the timber is sourced. Most of the peeled veneers are exported all over the world. OKOME wood species, widely available in Gabon forests, is suitable for making face veneer and is well accepted in the world market. The veneers are peeled in thickness of 0.2 mm to 0.9 mm. Right now few companies are in the installation stage for the manufacturing of Plywood and furniture.

Apart from OKOUME There are other hard wood species like Padook available in Gabon and these are used for making Furniture for local market. At present there are about 105 active factories out of which about 80 factories are producing veneers.

INAUGURATION CENTRE D’EXPOSITION -GABON WOOD HUB:

Centre D’exposition -Gabon Wood Hub is a huge common display area with halls arranged in attractive fashion was made available by GSEZ for the Furniture
factories in NKOK SEZ. They can display their wooden products there which is a sort of permanent Exhibition so that visitors and the overseas clients can have a look at the entire product range easily. This Centre was inaugurated on 10th June by Honorable President of Republic of Gabon H.E Ali Bongo Ondimba. We had the privilege to attend this elaborate opening ceremony on 10th June 2018.

Names & Designations of Dignitaries present at the inauguration ceremony:

Left to Right Front row:
- Gagan Gupta, PDG Olam/GSEZ
- Ali Bongo Ondimba, Honourable President of the Republic of Gabon
- On their left side, Investors
- On their right, Workers of the Special Economic Zone

Left to Right Second Row:
- Just behind the President, Norman Chng, Director of GWI
- Emmanuel IssozeNgondet, Prime Minister of Gabon
- Jacques-Denis Tsanga, Minister of Water and Forestry of Gabon
- And the other people are workers
WONDERFUL DISPLAY & VARIETY OF FURNITURE:

The Furniture Display / Exhibition was wonderful with very good wooden furniture products made by several Factories in GSEZ. The use of hardwood gave a rich look and feel to the furniture products. The variety of furniture that was exhibited was quite impressive in quality and was also well designed.

OUR OBSERVATIONS:

FURNITURE DISPLAYED IN GABON WOOD HUB:

After watching meticulously the furniture displayed, I personally felt that the Gabon high quality timber should fetch premium price in the international market and to achieve it, with due respect to the Gabon furniture makers, I would like to suggest that there is lot of scope for improvement that will add real value to the products.

Measures such as improvement in joinery, avoiding the use of nails, improving quality of surface finishing/joinery etc will take the furniture to the next level to match with European surface finish and will certainly draw better price also in international market.
AVOIDING THE USE OF NAILS: MODERN TECHNIQUES FOR NAIL-FREE WOODWORKING

The use of nails makes the joinery fast but it also takes the product to a lower level of value addition in spite of using a very rich grained timber. Using metal in joinery is an old technique which is time barred now. Today’s good machines and techniques that are available will totally eliminate the use of nails without affecting the strength of the joinery. Regarding joinery techniques the gaps in joinery call for additional putty filling – sanding work which becomes a totally manual work and can easily be avoided by using modern joinery techniques. A perfect joinery without gaps and without nails will take these very beautifully patterned wood products having rich grain patterns to a high value addition with just little efforts and precautions and by adopting modern methods.

ENHANCED USE OF HARDWOOD SPECIES:

Furniture manufacturing for exports using the hard wood species available will be a good business proposition in Gabon. This will value add to the furniture in great measure. Perhaps with design inputs from International designers from Italy this type of furniture will attract a huge demand in the international market.

IMPROVING SURFACE FINISH TO MATCH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS:

Surface Finishing is the only process for imparting the highest value addition to the product. We can adopt various types of finishes like Natural Oils, Natural Waxes, Lacquers, Polyurethane finishes and Polyester finishes etc. With proper procedure for surface finishing and selection of abrasive papers we can get International quality finish that will not only add value to the products but also give a lot of pride and satisfaction to the manufacturer and that is priceless.
Lot of waste material is generated in various factories like veneer waste – timber waste - saw dust etc. This timber has taken decades to grow and we should utilize every part of it to justify the harvesting it. We can convert all types of wood waste in beautiful wooden products on very large. So here lies a million dollar opportunity in wood waste conversion. We can produce veneer collage, decorative panels and gift items from veneer waste. We can produce small gift items like key rings- and bigger items such as jewelry boxes, wooden pen-drives, wooden pen sets, toys, laser cut products and decorative wall panels from wood waste.

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Wood Industry Summit at LIGNA 2019

The next LIGNA, which runs from 27 to 31 May 2019, will put the spotlight on three key themes: “Integrated Manufacturing – Customized Solutions”, “Smart Surface Technologies” and “Access to Resources and Technology”. For primary wood industry players, the world’s leading trade fair for machinery, plant and tools for the woodworking and timber processing industry serves as an important platform for dialogue and the latest technologies as well as a gateway to new markets. The same is true of the fair’s Wood Industry Summit, which will be themed “Access to Resources and Technology”.

The Wood Industry Summit is a joint production by LIGNA organizer Deutsche Messe and the German Forestry Council (KWF) and will be in its third season at LIGNA 2019. Comprising a forum, lounge and exhibition space, the Summit will have a strong presence right in the heart of Hall 26 at the Hannover Exhibition Center.

Other key themes covered by the Wood Industry Summit include digitization in forestry, data protection and data integrity, forest firefighting, forestry infrastructure, road networks and logistics. Digital technologies now span the entire forestry value chain, from forest information and integrated harvesting systems right through to modern forest management practices. The technologies involved include drones, apps, laser scanners and all kinds of sophisticated software programs.

“We are delighted that the German Forestry Council is supporting us again this year by giving us access to its excellent international networks and by ensuring that the topics covered at the Summit are highly relevant and offer a good mix of scientific and commercial issues,” said Christian Pfeiffer, Deutsche Messe’s Global Director LIGNA and Woodworking Events.

Looking back, LIGNA 2017 was in top form as the world’s leading trade show for machinery, plant and tools for the woodworking and timber processing industry. The show attracted more than 1,500 exhibitors from 50 countries and occupied some 130,000 square meters (1,399,300 sq. ft.) of net display space. It also attracted 93,000 trade visitors, 43,300 of whom came from abroad, from more than 100 different countries.

For more information visit: www.ligna.de
80 Percent Of DOMOTEX USA Exhibition Space Sold To More Than 150 Top Exhibitors

Hannover Fairs USA, the organizer of DOMOTEX USA, today announced that it has sold 80 percent of the trade show’s exhibition space, drawing more than 150 top floor covering manufacturers and technology producers. Strong demand continues for the remaining exhibition space.

“To date, DOMOTEX USA has attracted a fantastic mix of domestic and international players to America’s new home for the residential flooring community,” said Donna Busse, show director of DOMOTEX USA at Hannover Fairs USA (HFUSA).

Milliken & Company is the latest manufacturer in a long list of key industry players contracted to exhibit at DOMOTEX USA. “We believe DOMOTEX USA will provide a great North American platform for floor covering manufacturers such as Milliken to present products and conduct business with a large portion of our customer base in an exciting new venue,” said Scott Reams, director of residential, Milliken Floor Covering.

“Shaw fully supports the new DOMOTEX USA trade show,” said Tim Baucom, EVP of residential business at Shaw Industries, Inc.

DOMOTEX USA features product displays across soft and hard surfaces including area rugs, carpet, hardwood, laminate, resilient, as well as flooring technology. Notable exhibitors include: Beauflor USA, Card-Monroe, Dixie Group, Engineered Floors, Graf Brothers Flooring & Lumber, Hamat BV, Joy Carpets & Co, Merinos, Milliken & Company, Mullican Flooring, NK Sales, Anderson Tuftex (Shaw), USFloors (Shaw), Swiss Krono Group and Tuftco Corporation.

“In addition to the strong demand for our show, we also are thrilled to have assembled a highly engaged and active advisory board for DOMOTEX USA’s launch,” added Busse. “Our advisory board recently convened for its first meeting in Dalton, Georgia, and we came away with great ideas to solidify content for the educational programs, to offer behind-the-scenes factory tours in the area and to continue to garner outstanding industry support as we celebrate DOMOTEX USA as America’s home for flooring.”

“Locating the event in Atlanta in the heart of the flooring industry is a real advantage for the North American marketplace,” said Daniel K. Frierson, chairman and CEO of The Dixie Group. “We will utilize the new show to not only visit with our customers but also to bring them to our manufacturing facility in Dalton, Georgia for additional events surrounding DOMOTEX USA.”

About DOMOTEX USA

DOMOTEX USA is a new annual flooring innovations industry trade show and conference. The event is the latest extension of the 30-year-old DOMOTEX, the world’s foremost showcase for floor coverings held annually in Hannover, Germany in January. DOMOTEX USA is focused on the needs of the residential floor covering industry’s buyers and manufacturers. The trade show features product displays across soft and hard surfaces including area rugs, carpet, hardwood, laminate, resilient, as well as flooring technology.
ACIMALL new “Annual Report” presented

During the general assembly held last June 22, the Confindustria member association representing the Italian manufacturers of woodworking machinery and tools decided to extend the term of its management by one more year.

The highlight of the event was the speech by president Lorenzo Primultini, who listed the proactive collaboration agreements with Italian and European organizations and institutions, and then illustrated the goals that Acimall has always pursued, first of all global promotion. In this area, Xylexpo, as world-class event, is an ace in the hole, as confirmed by the latest edition hosting 425 exhibitors and 17,781 unique visitors totaling 37 thousand accesses.

“It was a big moment for the Italian industry - Primultini told the assembly, talking about projects until 2020 - and we are already working at the next edition, supported by an industry that is really healthy not only around the world, but also in Italy, where our industry reached a production value of 2,272 million euro in 2017, with 1.4 billion euro export”.

The assembly approved the extension of term of office for the Board of Directors, comprised of president Lorenzo Primultini (Primultini, MaranoVicentino) and vice presidents Luigi de Vito (Scm Group, Rimini) and Raphael Prati (Biesse Group, Pesaro), and board members Remo Costa (CostaLevigatrici, Thiene), Marianna Daschini (Greda, Mariano Comense), Pierluigi Paoletti (Paoletti, Lentiai), Umberto Pizzi (Pgs, Borgosesia), Giovanni Sedino (Finiture, Saonara) and Gianluca Storti (Storti, Motta Baluffi). Then, the association arbitrators were elected (Consuelo Curtolo of Cursal in San Fior, Franco Paviotti of Metal World in Pavia di Udine and Gabriele Laghi of Sistemi in Pesaro) and the financial auditor Pierpaolo Grisetti of Studio Grisetti, Monti, Spanu in Milan.

The assembly meeting was also the occasion to present the new edition of the “Annual Report” by Acimall, the traditional statistical document that sums up the figures of the previous year. The report - http://www.acimall.com/upload/blocchi/X128allegato1-1X_acimall_annual_report_2018.pdf - offers an in-depth overview of the wood technology industry: from lobbying actions to the full list of Acimall member companies, the document provides a rich set of figures and charts about Italian and global economy, trends in the mechanical equipment industry, and key indicators of Italian woodworking technology in 2017 (production, export, import, apparent consumption etc.).

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