

BASE TITANIUM, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GERMAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SUPPORTS KWALE COUNTY IN BUILDING A BLOOD BANK AT THE MSAMBWENI REFERRAL HOSPITAL

In line with its commitment to improve health and empower communities as outlined in its Communities Policy and Community Development Management Plan, Base Titanium is supporting the County Government of Kwale to enable residents to access improved standards of healthcare.



On Friday 29th January 2016, an MoU to construct and equip a Ksh 30 million (\$300,000) blood bank at Msambweni Referral Hospital was signed by Kwale County, Base Titanium and the German Development Corporation (“GIZ”) at Mvinden Business Centre in Kwale.

This is a further example of the collaborative work undertaken by Base Titanium to support the Kwale County Government in upgrading healthcare delivery and various other community projects.

The company has previously built a dispensary at Bwiti and the Magaoni Health Centre and, more recently, donated an ambulance to the Msambweni Referral Hospital.

Construction of the blood bank is expected to start in March 2016 and be completed by August. Completion of the facility will for the first time establish a blood transfusion facility in the South Coast and relieve residents of the need to travel to Mombasa to obtain such services.



The Governor, Salim Mvurya in this speech said *“Today Kwale County is marking history as in the coming days, residents will stop relying on Coast General Hospital”*.

The Kwale County Government will contribute KShs 13 million to the project as will Base Titanium and an additional KShs 7 million will be donated by GIZ. The project is expected to reduce the number of deaths, especially expectant mothers requiring blood during delivery periods, as access to blood transfusions will soon be readily accessible.