

Ebenezer Ltd. Clinical Laboratory achieves ISO accreditation

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Ebenezer Clinical Laboratory Ltd. has received the ISO 15189 accreditation, the highest international quality standard for medical laboratories. The South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) approved the accreditation on December 23, 2005 after an assessment from September, 2005. SANAS is affiliated to the International Standards Organisation (ISO). Ebenezer is the first Ugandan medical laboratory to receive the accreditation.

The European Union's Head of Economics, Trade and Social sectors, Mr. Tom Vens who was the chief guest, said Ebenezer's achievement was a big honour for Uganda as well. He said, competition had taken a global dimension and local companies must meet the challenge of providing international class services. "I encourage you to use the accreditation as a springboard to greater achievements and better services. Quality assurance is not a destination but a journey", he added.



Mr. Tom Vens congratulates Mr. Kiyimba-Kaggwa of Ebenezer Ltd. as Mr. Charles Ocici looks on

The head of Technical Operations at the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS), Dr. Ben Manyindo, officially handed over the accreditation certificate to the Managing Director of Ebenezer Laboratory, Mr. Stephen Kiyimba Kagwa, on February 3 at the firm's head offices on Bombo Road in Kampala. Dr. Manyindo said receiving the accreditation was a more rigorous and bigger achievement than certification. He commended Ebenezer for achievement saying it was an important step in building the confidence in Ugandan medical laboratories. "This is no ordinary certificate. I urge you to treasure it", he said.

Enterprise Uganda's Executive Director, Mr. Charles Ocici said "Ebenezer is Ltd. represents Enterprise Uganda's ultimate dream of a world-class Small and Medium Scale Enterprise (SME), whose culture and operations are underpinned by corporate attributes of management systems, corporate policies, business strategy and business plan anchored on a shared vision and mission.

Mr. Kiyimba said the 15 year old laboratory started with four people but currently employs 30 Ugandans. The laboratory has state-of-the-art laboratory testing equipment and can carry out the most sophisticated medical tests. The laboratory, which has benefited from Enterprise Uganda's business development and advisory services, is run as a fully fledged SME.