

Laboratoire Central du Bâtiment et de l'Équipement (LCBE)

An irreplaceable touchstone for the construction industry

Supporting The Construction Sector With Safe And Quality Infrastructures

Central Laboratory provides high expertise to companies operating in Djibouti to ensure that buildings and national infrastructures comply with the highest regulatory standards.

Founded in 1986 to better respond to the economic evolution of Djibouti, the Central Laboratory (LCBE) has seen its missions and attributions renewed in 2005, in a bid to adapt its tasks to the new challenges that stem from Djibouti's economic growth and ensure continued development of basic infrastructure across the country.

In its long-standing, tireless commitment to supporting the construction industry of Djibouti, the Central Laboratory enforces all the necessary procedures to ensure the durability of infrastructures, carrying on thorough investigations on building materials employed in the industry, evaluating their strengths and qualities to locate any possible feeble points and make sure that all buildings are ergonomic and bioclimatic.

Furthermore, the Laboratory conducts extensive research to improve the quality of local materials and encourage their usage in the construction industry, with the overall aim of enabling the building of more efficient structures that can adapt more adequately to Djibouti's specific climate and thus improve the quality of life of all Djiboutian residents.

The Laboratory is tasked with supervising the construction of major national infrastructures, in strict cooperation with the various governmental institutions involved, carrying out regular and extensive checks on the quality and conformity of all building materials and making sure all national standards are complied with and working with non-compliant companies to support them in the choice of new and

better materials. "We are proud to say that companies are appreciating our technical advice for the improvement of their construction products," says Rahima Ahmed Moussa, General Manager of LCBE.

Carrying out such a wide range of crucial tasks requires a highly skilled staff, and the Central Laboratory has launched a series of initiatives to ensure its team members are constantly updated on the latest standards and equipment available in the sector. "We are continuously training our teams," says Moussa. "We are in the process of establishing collaboration agreements with other laboratories in Africa to increase our skills and know-how and share our experiences." The Laboratory's commitment is perfectly in line with the human capital enrichment goals stated by the Djiboutian government in its Vision 2035 plan.

LCBE's commitment to quality training, however, is not limited to its own staff: the Laboratory is in the process of launching a national workshop that will bring together all the major players in the construction sector with the aim of showcasing the many technical resources and support solutions

offered by the Laboratory, as well as providing all stakeholders with a chance to make their needs and concerns heard.

Djibouti, says Moussa, is a young, dynamic country in full development: from an investment point of view, it offers all the stability and security perspective investors may need, as well as a fully accessible free market, all the essential technology and fast broadband connections. "In the



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latest Doing Business report of the World Bank," she explains. "The country ranked amongst the best 10 destinations for investment and the ease of creating business with a dynamic one-stop shop."



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