

1- PROJECT OVERVIEW:

(Summary of general information about the project)

The forest sector and wood processing industries can promote stronger economic growth and contribute to poverty reduction and socio-economic development and to the security of livelihoods in the country. It is in this line of thought that the **“Serração Mecânica de Mawaela”**, located in Inhambane province, Panda district has been operating in the field of large-scale forestry for the primary supply of medium and large civil construction projects. Currently, the sawmill processes three types of wood: mecrusse, umbila and chamfuta, with mecrusse wood being the most prevalent because the sawmill owns a forest concession of about 25 ha conceived for 25 years where the mecrusse wood species predominates.

With the scarce resources available to the sawmill, we currently have an annual production of about 800m³ of wood, which equates to an annual turnover of around 100,000 USD.

We employ around 25 local workers, in a village with no jobs and where the Mechanical Sawmill is the only industry in existence. We also support social causes, promoting community development in the village of Panda.

It should be mentioned that the **“Serração Mecânica de Mawaela”**, has been stopped for a long time and the operation in question started about 2 years ago. We have a growth perspective for the next 2-3 years of about 120% of the business volume, where the determining factor will be production capacity and the existence of specialized equipment for this area of operation.

2- OBJECTIVES:

(Summary of the main objectives of the project)

- Become a reference industry in the area of logging and wood processing, with the main focus on supplying projects in the south and center of the country.
- Make use of modern technologies and equipment to meet demand and provide high quality and precision products.
- Better the panda village community, offering more jobs.

3- VISON:

(Short, medium- and long-term view of the project)

In the short term (2-3) years we foresee a growth in turnover of around 120%, which will be possible through the acquisition of critical wood cutting and processing equipment, namely: Large capacity dolly, 180 KVA generator, a Crank Logger, an excavator grabber, twelve chainsaws, two tractors and safety equipment for operators.

In the medium and long term (4-10) years we foresee a plus 50% growth in the trading volume, at this stage we already have at our disposal another concession (Mato de Gopila, which is 60 km from the panda village), with about 50 ha of exploration area, we also plan to increase our processing capacity at the site in order to reduce transport costs, so in this phase an investment in wood processing equipment will be made, namely: two squares, one rake, two delivery arm *“topia”*, and a drill, a tractor, an automatic industrial drill, and a thicknesser.

In addition, the Mecrusse carpentry will be reopened in *Chonguene*, Gaza province, about 120 km from the sawmill, which is a company owned by the same company in the Mechanical Sawmill in Mawaela. With the involvement of *Chonguene* carpentry, it will be possible to separate the cutting area from the processing area in finished product for consumption.