

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



THE PRIME MINISTER

Speech of The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister,

Dr. Ngirente Edouard,

At the Inauguration of the New Skol Packaging Line

Kigali, January 29th, 2019

- **Honourable Cabinet Members, here present,**
- **Members of Diplomatic Corps,**
- **Mrs. RELECOM, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of UNIBRA and shareholder,**
- **Mr. Thibault RELECOM, Chairperson of Skol Brewery Ltd. and shareholder,**
- **Mr. Ivan WULFFAERT, Managing Director of Skol Brewery,**
- **Distinguished Guests,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good afternoon.

1. It is my great pleasure to extend to you all, warm greetings from H.E Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, whom I have the honour to represent at this inauguration ceremony of the new packaging line of Skol Brewery Ltd.

2. This inauguration is an important milestone for Skol as a company, and for your current and potential customers as the new packaging line will help Skol Brewery to double its bottling capacity, increase exports to neighboring countries.

3. This is in line with our National Strategy for Transformation, 2017-2024. As you know, in this strategy, we aim at promoting industrialization and attaining a structural shift in the export base to high-value goods and services with the goal of growing exports by 17% annually.

4. This is also in line with our Made in Rwanda Policy. The inauguration of the new packaging line of Skol comes at an opportune moment, when the Government is implementing Made in Rwanda Policy. In this regard, I would like to assure Skol and other investors that the Government of Rwanda will continue to create a business conducive environment.

5. As far as easing the doing business is concerned, the 2019 World Bank report on Doing Business ranks Rwanda the second easiest country in Africa and the 29th in the world. Therefore, the Government of Rwanda would like to encourage all investors to take advantage of the existing favourable business environment in Rwanda.

6. I wish to conclude by acknowledging UNIBRA for its investment in Rwanda and I hope you will keep the momentum.

7. With these remarks, on behalf of H.E Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, I am very pleased to officially inaugurate this new packaging line of Skol Brewery.

I thank you very much for your kind attention.