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# MAINTAINING AEO CERTIFICATION

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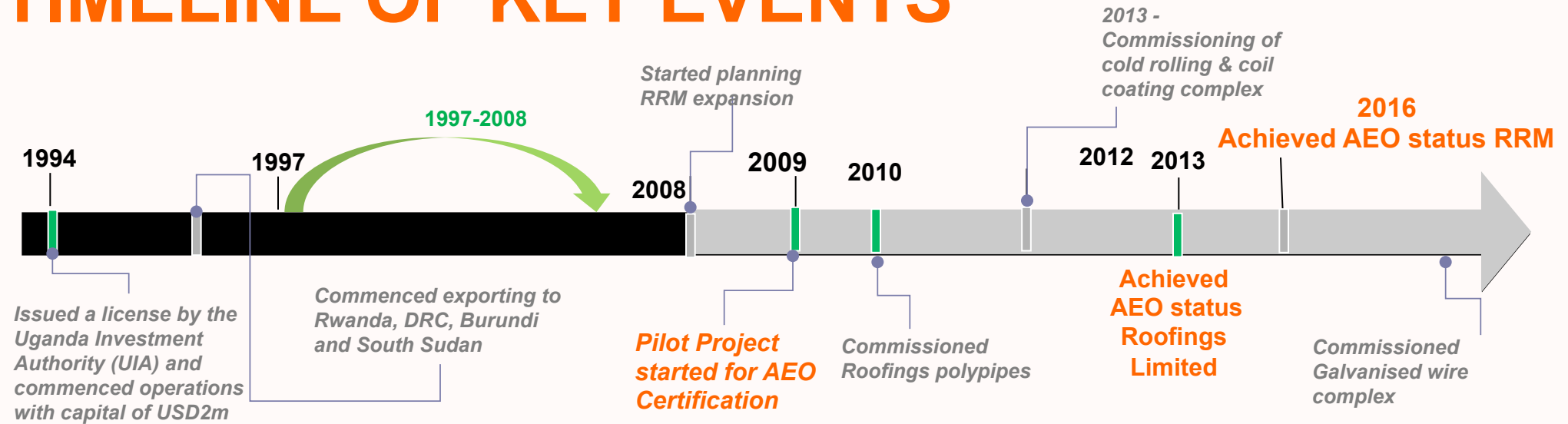


# INTRODUCTION TO ROOFINGS GROUP

- 1,700 employees
- +/- 200,000 tons of sales
- 35% market share
- Largest tax payer in the steel sector
- Top 20 tax payer in the country



# A TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS



Namanve Plant



Lubowa Plant



# BACKGROUND



- Roofings Group is a proud **member of AEO** for both RL & RRM
- Our entry into the project started early in 2011, culminating into onfirmation/approval in 2013, & 2016 respectively.
- This followed our historic **tax practice of compliance and transparency**.
- Among the first few in the pilot batch



# BENEFITS

- **Self-Bond Management** (in house receipts, manifesting, Entry, Declaration & exit)
- **Pre-arrival clearance** became a reality in the AEO program
- Reduced time of delivery of our imports from 20days **to just 4days by road**. Best delivery time was **5days for Rail**.
- **Priority treatment/** documentation processing in DPC after tax payment.
- **Reduced paperwork (about 60%)** ---on line system.
- Preferential treatment –each AEO is allocated a **Client Manager** creating strong link with Customs/URA.
- Obtaining **Tax Clearance Certificates (TCCs)** from Domestic Taxes Department in a **matter of hours** from 3 days.



# MAINTAINING AEO CERTIFICATION

- There is a clear compliance manual indicating the basic requirements for maintaining certification; including, but not limited to the following:
  - List of imported & exported goods clearly indicating the description/tariff/shippers names and other relevant information
  - Declarations on the system
  - Accuracy of computation in taxes
  - Presentation/ availability of supporting documents to our declarations
  - To provide appropriate instructions to third party
  - Ensure that preferential rates of Duties are applied for the neighboring countries (export)
  - Identification of errors should be disclosed/ shared with customs ASAP
  - Clear records available for all transactions in our ERP system
  - Internal Auditor fully designated to monitor and enforce controls within the company
  - Information flow with customers/ open communication



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- Accurate bond maintenance
- Stack card maintenance
- Clear demarcation
- Fully updated electronic bond register
- T1 checks/ movement of cargo

## Enforcement:

- **Spot checks** and annual audits are conducted to ensure that the above are enforced
- **Rights Removal** if found in breach of compliance certain rights may be withheld/ re-routed e.g. Declaration can be done by AEO licensee but assessment can only be done by customs
- Discussions with client managers to ensure that adequate guidance is given in case of mistakes
- Extreme misconduct results in total withdrawal of the license





# CONCERNS/ CHALLENGES

- Customs/URA to strive to have full Systems for infrastructural Development in IT Management.
- Asycuda-world Systems instability due to network failures.
- Increase AEO players (e.g. Transporters, Agencies, Warehouse operators, etc)
- Transmission of data between sister customs systems in case of Exports into the Region with Single Customs Territory (SCT). This causes delays in release of exports especially to Burundi
- Exports Management under URA control (consider weekend deployment since borders operate 24/7).



# SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

- Joint trainings with URA/Customs teams to appreciate challenges together-Common Human Resource Capacity building.
- Faster decision making on the side of URA Staff.
- Actualize extension of both Customs Bonded & Agency license for 3 years. Currently we still have to renew annually although the processes are well improved.
- Improve regional customs interface.



# CONCLUSION

Introduction of AEO has realized:

- simplification of Customs processes,
- reduced transit time
- increased turnaround time for logistics service providers
- improved regional cooperation.

Commend URA for their continuous innovation and commitment to enabling a more conducive environment in Uganda

# THANK YOU



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