PROFILE B5 PLUS LIMITED

HISTORY

B5 Plus limited is a certified ISO 9001:2015 QMS (Quality Management System) Company and a Lean Organization.

The B5 plus Steel Industry was started in the year 2002 by its founder Chairman Mr.Mukesh Thakwani (Mr. Mike), with the vision and mission to become the world's most recognized steel industry through the excellence of its employees, its innovative approach and its overall conduct. The company's mission is underpinned by its steadfast commitment to realise high growth in all spheres they operate in.

The indomitable spirit of this steel company stays buoyed up with its focused vision and relentless efforts of its employees under the astute guidance of Mr. Mukesh Thakwani, who has been at the company's helm from its inception and has carried it forward to its present position of prominence.

Governed by Mr Mukesh Thakwani, one of the best entrepreneurial visionary endowed with an enterprising spirit and the ability to discern future trends, the company has grown by leaps and bounds within a short span of time. Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards Association has honoured Mr. Thakwani for his generous contribution towards the socio–economic development of the country.

Mrs. Tanya Thakwani is a currently the Shareholder of B5 Plus limited and is actively involved in the running the operations of DPSI, an international school in Ghana. She has completed BSc, B.E.D and have certifications in Montessori Pedagogy from Montessori center international and have attended several workshops on Psychology, Leadership from reputed universities like Cambridge University UK. She is also a Certified Counselor. Her sole aim is to impart quality education-the hallmark DPS International. Mrs Tanya is a true educationist who envisaged to build capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students. Her focus is making DPSI carve a niche for itself on the map of West Africa. Having single-minded devotion to her goal, there is no doubt that her dreams will be transcended beyond everyone's expectations.

THE MARKET

B5 Plus (<u>www.b5plus.com</u>) established close to two decade ago has become the leading steel manufacturing, pre-engineering fabrication and trading company in Ghana with a complete range of steel products suitable for construction from small scale projects to huge ones like mining industry, shipping engineering, automobile industry and real estate projects. We are also dealing in chemical products, thanks to our expertise in sales, distribution and most importantly, our unwavering passion to deliver reliable products. B5 Plus is the largest of all its kind, not only in Ghana but in the whole West Africa.

We create value for our customers by ensuring they're always well stocked, maintaining the most extensive footprint of facilities and bolster our market leadership position in all the segments they serve. It has the total Manufacturing and Trading facility in Ghana and other neighbouring Countries in West Africa. Our services are extended to Corporate Sectors, Traders, Construction, and Mining Sectors and to end consumers in ECOWAS countries.

We have constructed one of the largest, strategic 'state of art' steel manufacturing plant in Africa at Larkpleku Village, Prampram, under the 1D1F (One District One Factory)programme. We have constructed this plant in line with the Government vision and their mission to promote the "Made in Ghana" products.

We have procured 642 acres of land under 1D1F. The first phase of the Plant was constructed in 100 acres of land which comprises of a SMS (Steel Melting Shop) a Rolling Mill with a production capacity of 250,000 MT per annum and a Pre- Fab manufacturing Plant with a production capacity of 60,000 MT per annum. We will be producing 1.5million MT in different phases.

In second phase we will be manufacturing steel profiles and Aluminium Products. In third phase we will be manufacturing cold rolled products.

The manufacturing facility operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week with Sunday as the Maintenance day. The steel factory at Tema is nestle in a sprawling 75 Acres of continuous land amidst the Heavy industrial

area in Tema and it is criss-crossed with inland roads and reinforced concrete storage areas.

The facility also includes factory blocks, warehouses, Head office, Engineering Stores, Automobile workshop with state-of-the-art facilities equipped, weighing scales and several auxiliary offices. To facilitate logistic, transport and material handling service, the company has ultramodern world-class material handling machines and equipment.

It has also initiated the R & D department for project re-engineering and continuous development to help reduce the dependency on imported spares and increase the production capacity with respect to local conditions. The company always endeavours to produce higher quality product with the help of advance machines in order to reach the acme of excellence.

We are locally purchasing scrap to nourish our Plant as these are the significant raw materials that will be used in manufacturing of Iron and Steel Products and we need these raw materials for running our operations smoothly without any bottlenecks and is key for sustainable growth. Based on the current operations we require approx. 40,000 MT of scrap per month which we will procure partly locally and our requirement will go up in the near future once we augment our production.

We are also in the process of building a ship breaking factory which will support our steel industry. Dismantled ships also generate quality of reusable steel scraps which serves as input for our SMS. We will be manufacturing Aluminium Ingots, Steel balls etc in different phases. We will be saving approx 100 Million USDs per annum in foreign exchange for the Country as B5 Plus will be manufacturing locally in the first phase and we will be saving USD 200 Million per annum in 2nd phase for the Country.

NETWORK

B 5 Plus has the largest network of wholesalers, dealers and distributors in Ghana, Togo, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Benin, Freetown, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Guinea and Mali. Ghana was an Importer of the steel material from the neighbouring countries in West Africa and now it has become a net Exporter of steel materials to all the neighbouring countries due to the concerted efforts of B5 Plus.

The wholesale distribution centres in Accra, Kumasi, Takoradi, Tamale, Kasoa, Agloboshie and the Manufacturing centres and distribution centres in 25 Branches across West Africa provide extended credit and prompt service to our customers all over west Africa.

The expertise of B5 Plus, the reputation for the best qualities, market know-how and timely delivery of service to meet the requirement of huge construction projects and regional market paved the way for its becoming the premier steel industry.

<u>ACHIEVEMENTS</u>

- Outstanding Manufacturing Innovation Award -B5 PLUS LIMITED for the Ghana Business and Innovation Awards 2023
- Premium Quality Iron and Steel Brand Awards 2022 -B5 PLUS GROUP – 7th Global Business Quality Awards 2023.
- African Public Service Optimum Awards 2022- B5 PLUS LIMITED, Best in Support of Public Sector in Steel Manufacturing in Africa.
- GHANA BUISNESS ICON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2022, Mr Mukesh Thakwani – Made in Ghana Summit 2022.
- GEPA, 29th Presidents National Awards for Export Achievement-2019

 – Gold Award for Export of Iron /Steel Circles, Rods, Sheets – B5 PLUS LIMITED
- 5th Ghana Industry CEO Award 2022 GH TITANS Mr Mukesh Thakwani CEO (B5 plus)
- 5th Ghana Industry CEO Award 2022- Ghana Most Respected CEO -2022, Mukesh Thakwani, Manufacturing Award
- Best Company in supporting local content 2022, Sustainability and Social Investment Award.

- 9th Made in Ghana Awards 2022 Iconic Iron & Steel Brand Awards – As one of the Top Made in Ghana Iconic Brand.
- ARCE -2022 Outstanding Business in Manufacturing & Fabrication
- GIPC, GHANA CLUB 100, B5 PLUS LIMITED.
- Brand innovative Awards 2022 Manufacturing Brand of the year Award.
- National Top Brands Top 100 Brands across Industries.
- Ghana Shipper Awards 2022 Importer of the Year.
- Ghana Shipper Awards 2022 Dry Bulk Importer of the Year.
- Ghana Business Standard Awards 2022 Steel Manufacturing Company of the year.
- Ghana Corporate Brand Awards 2022 Manufacturing Company of the Year 2022
- 2nd National Governance & Business Leadership Awards 2022– Entrepreneur & National Building Honor Award – Manufacturing – Mr. Mukesh Thakwani.
- 2nd National Governance & Business Leadership Awards 2022– Company of the decade Award -B5 plus Limited.
- 2nd National Governance & Business Leadership Awards 2022– Job Creation icon of the decade Award -Mr Mukesh Thakwani.
- Ghana Business Quality Award Quality Manufacturing Leadership Award -Mr. Mukesh Thakwani.
- Ghana Business Quality Award Premium Quality West Africa Iron & Steel Brand of the Year.
- 12th Ghana Entrepreneur & Corporate Excellence Award -2022 –
 Mr. Mukesh Thakwani Group Chairman -B5plus Group -Ghana

Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Award (Iron & Steel Manufacturing Industry)

- Ghana West Africa Business Excellence Awards 2022 Excellence in Health and Safety Awards (Manufacturing) B5plus Limited.
- Ghana West Africa Business Excellence Awards 2022 Social Entrepreneur of the Year – Mr. Mukesh Thakwani (CEO).
- Responsible Business & Leadership Excellence Awards B5plus Limited Responsible Manufacturing Company of the Year Steel & Metal 2021.
- Responsible Business & leadership Excellence Awards Responsible Mining Support Services company of the year -2021
- Responsible Business & Leadership Excellence Awards Mukesh
 V Thakwani CEO B5plus Limited Manufacturing Standard
 Achievement Awards.
- Ghana CEO Awards CEO of the Year Manufacturing.
- International Business Achiever of the Year (CSR) B5plus Limited
- AGI Awards Best CSR Company of the Year.
- Ghana Most Respected CEO 2021 Mr Mukesh Thakwani CEO B5 Plus Limited in Manufacturing Metals.
- National Customer Choice Awards overall Manufacturing Company of the Year.
- National Customer Choice Awards Industrialist of the Year Mukesh Thakwani.
- Sustainability & Social Investment Awards Best Covid- 19 Healthcare Response Initiative Awards.

- Sustainability & Social Investment Awards SSI Foreign Personality of the Year.
- CIMG working for Ghana Product of the Year B5plus Limited Pre- Engineering Buildings.
- National Business Honors national Steel Manufacturing Company of the year.
- National Business Honors National Business CEO of the Year.
- Ghana CEO Summit Mukesh Thakwani CEO.
- MIGA Outstanding Manufacturing Industry of the Decade Award.
- MIGA Mukesh Thakwani CEO , Made in Ghana Hall of Fame Award.
- Honorary Doctorate Degree Award Mukesh Thakwani SSBM
- Ghana Manufacturing Awards Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year.
- National Governance & Business Leadership Awards Business Leadership Personality of the Year (Overall) Mukesh Thakwani CEO.
- The Business Executive Excellence Award The Baron Mr Mukesh Thakwani in Manufacturing (Metal) Sector 2021.
- International Business Achieved Award SSMB 2021 B5plus Group.
- The African Global Trade & Investment Awards 2021 Mr Mukesh Thakwani – Facilitator of Gloafrica Trade & Investment.
- The African Global Trade & Investment Awards 2021 B5plus Limited.
- Global Iron & Steel Company of the Year SSMB 2020.

- Most Corporate Governance Complaint in Fabricated Metal Industry Category. B5plus Group Corporate Governance Excellence Awards -2020 Institute of Directors Ghana.
- Corporate Ghana 2020 –Hall of Fame Award to "Mr Mukesh V Thakwani.
- Ghana Philanthropy Award 2020 "B5plus Card foundation" for outstanding Philanthropic intervention which transformed many lives and positively impacted society as your contribution to the development of Ghana.
- Ghana's Most Respected CEO "Mr Mukesh Thakwani" Manufacturing (Metals) – Ghana Industry CEO Awards.
- Acknowledged by The 4th International Conference on Trade & Finance (AFCFTA Edition) for the year 2020.
- Leadership Excellence in Interaction by HESS "Mr Mukesh Thakwani" CEO B5plus Limited for the Year 2020.
- Best Company in Products Safety & Quality Management Practices for the Year 2020 by HESS.
- Manufacturing Facility Excellence Award by HESS for the Year 2020.
- Outstanding Iron & Steel Entrepreneur of the Decade 2010-2020 by Ghana Entrepreneur & Corporate Executive Award – 2020.
- Outstanding Business Leader of the Year Ghana Business Standard Awards 2020.
- Contribution to the Growth and Development in the Heavy Industry
 Ghana Development Awards 2020.
- Contribution for making Ghana the Leader in West Africa's Iron & Steel Products Industry – Ghana Development Awards – 2020.

- Outstanding Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year Ghana Business Standard Awards -2020.
- Manufacturing Company of the Year- Ghana Business Awards 2020.
- Dream Project of the Year Ghana Business Awards 2020.
- Corporate Ghana Hall of Fame for the year 2020.
- Appreciation from Ghana Institute of Architects for the Sponsorship towards the Event.
- Best Company in Partnership for Community Development of the Year – Sustainability & Social Investment Awards 2020.
- National Social Development Award 2020 "Mr Mukesh Thakwani
 –CEO B5plus Limited".
- B5 Plus won" Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year" at 2020 Ghana Manufacturing Awards.
- Mr. Mukesh V. Thakwani CEO, B5 Plus won" Personality of the Year" award at 2020 Ghana Manufacturing Awards.
- Outstanding Iron & Steel Entrepreneur of the Decade Award for the Year 2010-2020 by EFG Foundation.
- Overall Best Industrial Company of the Year-2019 at the 8th AGI Industry and Quality Awards.
- Outstanding Business Leader of the Year for 2019 by Ghana Business Standards Awards.
- Non-Traditional Exporter of the Year and Dry Bulk Exporter of the Year 2019 by Ghana Shipper Awards.
- West African Construction Awards 2019 Steel Company of the Year.

- West African Business Excellence Awards 2019 Outstanding Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year.
- Ghana Manufacturing Awards 2019 Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year.
- Ghana Manufacturing Awards 2019 Personality of the Year.
- Ghana Club award No.21 for the Year 2019.
- Honoured during the Presidential Outstanding Youth Award 2019 by Millennium Excellence Foundation.
- Made in Ghana Street Fair 2018 B5plus Foundation Care.
- Dry Bulk Exporter of the Year 2018 by Ghana Shipper Awards.
- GIPC Award Club 100 No 23 for the Year 2018.
- Business Icon of the Year by Ghana Business Quality Awards 2018.
- Best Metal, Building Sector Award by Association of Ghana Industries for the Year 2018.
- Ghana's Most Respected CEOs of the Year by Ghana Industry CEO Award 2018.
- Best Regional Award -2018 by Ghana Chamber of Commerce.
- GIPC Ghana Club 100 2017 awards No. 48.
- AGI Awards 2017 Metal, Building & Construction Sector.
- Ghana Expatriate Business Awards 2017 Top Expatriate Metal and Steel Company. A Citation was issued by His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, The President of Ghana, to B5 Plus Limited, in the Metal & Steel sector in recognition to Service

- to Mankind and for demonstrating dedication in commitment to create an enabling environment at the Nation and Local Levels in order to achieve sustained economic growth and development while supporting Ghana's effort for Peace, Stability & Security.
- The Business Executive Award -2017 Most outstanding Company of the Year.
- GIPC Ghana Club 100 2016 awards No 19.
- West African Regional Magazine Achievers Awards 2016 Best Entrepreneur Building materials sector.
- Ghana Industry Awards 2016 Fastest Growing Company of the year.
- The Business Executive Awards 2016 Ghana Development Award.
- 3rd Business Executive Excellence Awards 2016- Best Heavy Industrial Company of the year.
- West African Regional Magazine Achievers Awards 2016 -Foreign Investor In Education Sector.
- Ghana Chamber of commerce 2016 Fastest Dynamic Growing Iron & Steel company of the year.
- AGI Award 2016 Fastest Growing Company of the Year.
- Ghana Manufacturing awards 2016 Steel Manufacturing Company of the Year.
- Head of States Business Awards 2015 Import/Export Award.
- The Business Excellence Awards 2015 Best International Company in Building Materials.

- The Business Excellence Awards 2015 West African Personality of the year.
- AGI Award 2015- Best Company in Corporate Social Responsibility.
- West African Regional Magazine Achievers Awards Best Company Building & Construction materials.
- Made in Ghana Hall of Fame Awards Best Enterprise in Steel and Metal Products.
- The BUZZ Awards 2014 Excellence in Business Management.
- The BUZZ Awards 2014 World leader Businessperson.
- Europe Business Assembly Awards 2014 Best Enterprise 2014.
- Made In Ghana Awards 2014 Hall Of Fame Awards for Steel & Metal Products For The Year.
- Association of Ghanaian Industries Wards 2014 Best Company in Metals, Building and Construction Sector.
- Pillars of Modern Ghana Awards 2014 TNG Steel Company of the Year 2014.
- Ghana Revenue Authority Most Improved Tax Payer of the Year 2013, GRA Customs Division.
- European Quality Award 2013, B5 Plus Limited Iron and Steel Company has received "European Quality Award "and the Best Industry of the year award for Quality Iron and Steel Products.

THE PRODUCT

As a supplier, we give priority to the onus of ensuring quality as well as the security of supply. Our integrated supply chain helps us maintain a high standard of the quality of the product and prompt and safe delivery. This reduces the potential need for rework, increases reliability of service and saves the valuable time of to our customers and their money.

List of Products

<u>Mild Steel:-</u> Angle Bars, C Channels, Cheq. Plates, Flat Bars, H Beams, I Beams, Rect. Pipes, Round Bars, Square Bars, Square Pipes, Steel Plates, Steel Round Pipes, T Bars, U Channels.

<u>Marine or Mining</u>:- Forged Steel Balls, Seamless pipes SCH 40, Seamless pipes SCH 80, Wear Resistance Plate

Aluminium: Aluminium Plate, Aluminium Cheq Plate.

Roofing & Nails:- Galvanized Roofing Aluzinc sheet, Nails

<u>Concrete & Fencing</u>:- Barbed Wire/ Razor Wire, Binding wire, Expanded Metal Mesh, Galv. Chain Link, Galv. Wire Mesh.

<u>Stainless Steel:-</u> Stainless Pipes SCH 10,40 & 80, Stainless Plates, Stainless SQ Pipe, Stainless Angle

<u>Chemicals:-</u> Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrogen Peroxide, Sles, Labsa, Caustic Soda Flakes, Caustic Soda pearls

<u>Galvanised:-</u> Galv. Equal Angles, Galv. Plain End Pipes, Galv. Rect. Pipes, Galvanised Round Bars, Galv. SCH 40 Pipes, Galv. Square Pipes, Galv. Threaded Pipes, Galvanised Gratings, Galvanised Plates, Galvanised Wire, Galvanised Cheq Plate

Reinforcing Bars:- (Iron Rods), HT Iron Rods, MS Iron Rods

Others:- C PURLIN (CHANNEL), ZZ Profile, LAME (Lovers)

Concrete & Fencing:- BRC Mesh

<u>Pre- Engineered Steel Buildings & Structures:-</u> Detailing/ Drawing, Production (AWS)/ Exports, Erection, Steel Buildings, Civil Works, Structural Solutions

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

Employment & Social Contribution:

B 5 Plus has created employment for 15,000 people direct & indirectly. It has also contributed vitally to the development of shipping, banking, transport-logistic, real estate, mining, Oil, Gas, Fabrication, and automobile industry as a customer or supplier.

The vision of B5 Plus is to accomplish the benchmark not only in the quality of its products but also in "Corporate Citizenship" through the excellence of its people. The employees who join as novice get transformed into full-fledged stalwarts who become proficient in their respective fields. The progress of the employees is closely monitored, analysed and assessed by exposing them to a battery of in-house training and seminars conducted by the experts who are always willing to share their expertise with them.

The philosophy of B5 Plus has been to give back to the society generously by creating ample opportunities to everyone. There is a direct relationship between sustainability of business, well being and the development of the society.

B5 plus care foundation which is a charitable organization takes care of the underprivileged children in Ghana by providing them with basic needs including free education and basic medical care. They organize blood donation camps and free health check up campaign every year. B5 Plus is actively involved in CSR activities through B5 Plus care foundation.

As a part of social responsibility the group has undertaken activities like

- Free medical camp,
- Contributed monetarily in Construction of police station in Kpone
- Medical equipment donations to NGOs operating in Ghana
- Donation to adult home managed by Catholic Church in Tema
- Medicines to NGOs operating in Ghana
- Free education to students
- Donation to Lord Krishna Academy
- Numerous social causes and festivals
- Donated personal protective items like masks, common & medical protective suits, surgical masks, face shields etc for health workers and Society.
- B5 Plus has also donated to AGI (Association of Ghana Industries)
- B5 Plus has also donated to "FEED- A- KYAYO Project.

- B5 Plus have distributed food stuff to 2000 plus underprivileged families in remote areas of Ghana like Larkpleku, Chipoli, Ningo, Prampram, Kpone and Dwahanya. The items that we had distributed includes 12.5 Kg rice, Oil 1 Litre, Milk Powder, Sugar, Bath Soap, Key Soap, Tomato paste, Vegetable Oil, Toilet rolls etc.
- B5 Plus limited donated to the COVID-19 Trust Fund in order to support the governments fight against the novel corona virus pandemic.
- In order to support the ongoing fight against COVID-19 in Ghana and as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), B5 Plus limited pledged to donate oxygen to all Government hospitals free of cost. B5 Plus Limited provided Free Oxygen Refilling for all Government and Private Hospitals from March 2020 onwards till April 2022.

In line with the corporate belief that the capacity building is quintessential for long-term development and growth, B 5 Plus has promoted a world-renowned school in Tema, named **DPS International, Ghana**, which are the centre of excellence in learning and the all-round development of children in Ghana and the neighbouring countries.

It is committed to

- Continuous increase in the product range,
- Continuous improvement in the productivity, quality and efficient utilization of the resources,
- To provide world-class quality at the competitive prize
- B5 Plus has also brought in the concept of commitment and efficient service into market.

B 5 Plus has the infrastructure, expertise, capacity and the vision to support the developments in West Africa. It's vision for Ghana is to Manufacture and Export quality steel to the markets of the West African countries and beyond.