

CLX project, Kinshasa, DR Congo, 2013

Case study



Location

Kinshasa, DR Congo

Products

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| Coolflex 32/76 – 90/162 | 1700 m |
| Clip T-shells | 388 x |
| Bends | 32 x |
| Electric fusion fittings | 2000 x |

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Project

For many, the city of Kinshasa is still synonymous with 1974's legendary Rumble in the Jungle boxing match, when George Foreman took on Muhammad Ali in what was then Zaire and is today the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Almost 40 years on, there is a different kind of battle going on, with BRUGG pipes from Switzerland being installed in the central African country for the first time and taking on the tropical climate.

Kinshasa experiences a near-constant temperature in excess of 30°C during the day and relative humidity levels of more than 80%, which has led to the manually insulated steel pipes used in cooling supply lines suffering from corrosion damage time and again.

In the end, the 5* Hotel Memling was won over by our COOLFLEX pipes, which are perfectly suited to conditions like these – and it also valued the full range of services that we were able to offer in the process (planning, quotation, organising transport, installation training, and on-site supervision).

Execution

The hotel had to keep running throughout the renovation project and roll with the sometimes surprising punches (reminiscent of the Rumble in the Jungle, in fact), which meant that the exceptional African talent for improvisation proved a valuable resource. With the local installer laying the last few metres of piping just a few days ago, the schedule ran exactly to plan and the system was successfully handed over to the customer.

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