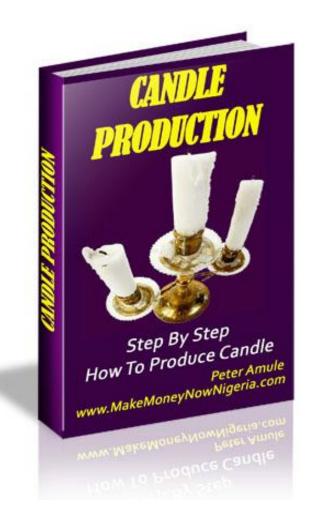
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CANDLE PRODUCTION

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The erratic power supply in Nigeria has created investment opportunities for smart and discerning investors and opportunity seekers who are ready to invest in candle production. The market is huge and the demand is high.

RAW MATERIALS

Candle is made up of just two raw materials: wax and wick or wool. The wax can either be petroleum wax or beeswax.

TYPES OF CANDLE

The common candles used at home, mostly, is called 'tapered candle'. Others include decorative candles used at home, hotels, night clubs, for aesthetic purpose such as weddings, birthdays, valentine etc. And then we have repellant candles for mosquitoes, insects etc. The interesting thing is that you can produce these candles right from your backyard.

SOURCE OF MATERIALS

The raw materials (wax and wick) for candle production can be gotten from Ojota Chemical market, Lagos. You can also get wax by simply walking into any NNPC office nationwide or any of the petroleum depots. It's always in slab form and is sold in kilos. For the wick or wool, you can also get them from any spinning company such as Golden Spin at Apapa Lagos, West African Trade Apapa, Spintex Ikorodu etc

EQUIPMENT

You can get your machine from any experienced local fabricator. However, if you need to customize yours with various conveniences and get a hand on experience in this business, then contact me for assistance in getting you one.

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Other equipment you will need are:

- Melting pot needed to melt your wax
- Source of fire for generating heat (stove, gas, charcoal)
- · Hanger to hang the wick
- Source of water
- · Packing table
- Tray to pack candles from mould
- Packing box
- Wick needle
- · Nylon label

CANDLE PRODUCTION PROCESS

The production process is very simple. These are the simple steps:

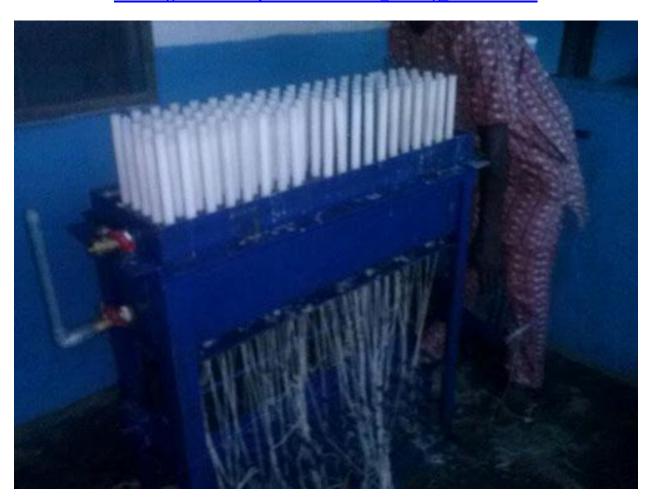
Step One: You break your wax from its slab form into pieces and drop in the melting pot and heat with fire (at a low temperature) till it becomes liquid. The candle mould is made of steel pipe which forms the candle shape. The wick is pre-arranged to pass through each of the mould from the hanger before the production process starts.

Step Two: The hot liquid wax is placed straight into the water chamber of the mould machine for cooling, say for about 30 minutes till it becomes solidified. After this you manually eject your candles out. You can produce as much candle sticks as you wish but it's advisable to have a 60 or 120 mould machine.

Step Three: Use the tray to collect the formed candle from the mould to the packing table where you begin to wrap and label. Then you pack them into the box – then to the market.

CANDLE MAKING MACHINE

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