



Introduction

Welcome to the third issue of our project newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on all development activities leading to the construction of the 225 MW Wind Farm Project at Great Ningo in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana.

In this issue, we feature highlights of Mr. Eddie O'Connor's visit to the project site, we introduce our Information Desk Office, update you on our rounds of community engagement as well as inform you of up-coming events and studies. Also included are names of common species of birds observed around the project site and the map of the project site.

We are pleased to inform you that the project has its own webpage now. Visit www.upwindayitepa.com and get abreast with the project updates.

Please feel free to give us your feedback using the contact details below.

Best regards,

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Community Liaison Officer (CLO)



Mainstream Renewable Power CEO visits Ayitepa Wind Farm Project Site, November 3, 2015

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mainstream Renewable Power (MRP), Mr. Eddie O'Connor, paid a working visit to Ayitepa, Old Ningo, in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. The purpose of the visit was to acquaint himself with the information desk office opened to members of the communities within the Ningo Traditional Area and the project site for the 225 MW Wind Farm Project. The CEO was accompanied by Adam Bruce, Global Head of Corporate Affairs, and Liam Leahy, Development Manager – Africa.

Earlier in the day, Mr. O'Connor met with the District Chief Executive (DCE) of the Ningo-Prampram District Assembly, Hon. Al-Hajj Sa Rhack Nartey, the District Coordinating Director, Mr. Matthew Tay, and the District Engineer, Mr. John Tsikor at the District Assembly in Prampram to discuss the progress of the project. The DCE was optimistic the project will improve the socio-economic activities and living standards of the citizenry within the district as well as complement the efforts of government in reducing the energy challenges of the country when completed. Also present were the founder and CEO of NEK Umwelttechnik AG and NEK (Ghana) Ltd., Dr. Christoph Kapp, and NEK's Country Manager Mr. Michael Wuddah-Martey.

Upcoming Events

Socio-economic Baseline Study: The purpose of this exercise is to:

- provide a baseline socio-economic description of the area including such variables as population demographics, ethnicity of local populations, available skills and key economic activities;
- assess the basic needs of surrounding communities under such headings as health and education.

It will involve project representatives holding focus group discussions and interviews with community members. The study will also supplement further studies in relation to ensuring the livelihood of any land user impacted by the project is restored.

Geotechnical Investigations: As part of designing the wind farm, geotechnical investigations will be carried out during the coming months. This will involve some excavation work on site. At various locations across the site, trial pits will be excavated and boreholes drilled to better understand the geology of the site. The work when it starts is expected to take 3 months but should not impact the local community.

Community Engagement Update

We continue to engage with communities in proximity to the site. The objectives of this is to ensure members of the communities know the developers of the wind farm, have access to relevant information and updates, realize the benefits the project



Participants engaged at Kpongunor

will bring to their communities and understand the national importance of the project contributing to resolving the power crises in the country. A number of stakeholder engagements were initiated including Chiefs, Elders and Landowners being consulted on the project. In mid of August 2015, the community of **Mangotsonya** was visited to capture their thoughts on the project. This was followed by consultations with **Kpomkpo**, **Lotsubuer** and **Kpongunor** later in



Participants engaged at the District Health Management

2015. Some of the main concerns and questions being raised were with regard to employment opportunities, safety, farming activities next to turbines, what will happen with the land after the project, land use agreements, free

electricity and the name of the wind farm. The project has noted these and where it can has responded during the consultations. However, if further information is still required, please get in touch using the contact details attached. The remaining communities around the proposed wind farm will be consulted in the coming weeks. These communities include: **Old Ningo**, **Ahwiam**, **Ayetepa**, **Ngmetsokope**, **Omankope**, **Lekpongunor**, **Wekumagbe**, **Minya**, **Baabi**, **Dawa**, **Tsopoli**, **Salom**, **Nunotso/Nugbenya** and **Dormanya**.

Completion of Ornithological Monitoring

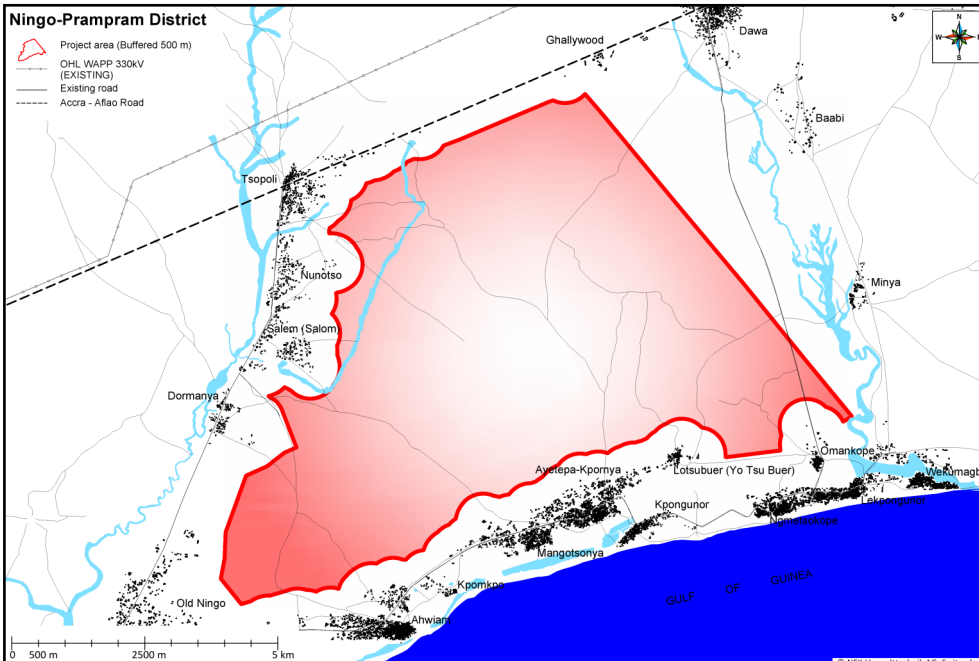
Team members from the Ghana Wildlife Society (GWS) have brought to an end their study of the activities of birds in proximity to the wind farm site in December 2015. The exercise, which was taken in the third week of every month, has brought to light a number of bird species around the project site. Common species observed include: Gonolek, Tchagra, Zitting Cisticola, Bulbul, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Black-billed Wood Dove, Double-spurred Francolin, Red-eyed Dove, Bronze Mannikin, Wattle-eye, Northern Red Bishop and Purple Glossy Starling. Do you know the names of these birds in your local language? This vital information has feed into the design of the wind farm to ensure no negative impact on bird species due to the construction and operation of the wind farm.



Nene Tetteh Angmlerh III, Chief of Mangotsonya Community watching birds at the lagoon with the GWS

Opening of Information Desk Office at Yehowa-Akweh

An office to act as drop-in centre for members of the communities in and around the Project Site at Great Ningo has been opened at Yehowa-Akweh, near Mangotsonya, Old Ningo. The office, located on the Old Ningo-Anyaman road along the Gulf of Guinea, serves primarily as reception and dissemination point of information in relation to the 225 MW wind farm project. We encourage all members of the communities influenced by the project as well as interested indigenes and non-indigenes of Great Ningo to call at the office and to drop questions or concerns, get the latest development news, and to learn more about our community engagement.



Site Map Explained

This map shows the project site in which the wind farm infrastructure will be placed. In reality the wind farm will not use all this space and will not prohibit farming on the land within this area. The siting of the wind turbines are also set back 500m from all known inhabited houses. For further information on design, please contact the CLO.

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