



AYITEPA WIND FARM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Boundary Demarcation Successfully Advancing

The boundary demarcation work for the 225MW Wind Farm Ayitepa has started mid-September with the aim of setting out the project perimeter in the field so it is clearly marked and visible. Furthermore, the boundary demarcation will bring clarity in the complex land ownership situation at the project site and mediate between the various families, in order to agree and survey the boundaries. The mediation work is under the lead of the Ningo Traditional Council (NTC).

After marking the agreed boundary in the field together with representatives of the families and the NTC, concrete pillars are installed by local workers and issued with the corresponding project markings. Following that, the erected pillars are surveyed by static GPS.

During this exercise, also local livelihood data is gathered, what will make sure that our Community Engagement and Livelihood Restoration Program is fine tuned to the needs of the local people.

So far, the work is making good progress. At the time of reporting in this newsletter, 123 points have already been demarcated, 104 concrete pillars set and 94 static GPS measurements done.

The company in charge of the demarcation is Rudan Engineering Ltd. from Accra. Rudan contracts on a daily basis around 10 local workers from Ningo for the clearing and concrete work.

We wish to inform you that the boundary demarcation is not intended to stop people from carrying out their livelihood activities like farming etc. So if you find any pillars or pegs on your farm land, please don't destroy them but contact the CLO for further information. You can find his contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

We also want to thank you for your cooperation so far and hope that we continue to work together to realise this project.

Introduction

You are warmly welcome to the seventh issue of the Great Ningo Wind Farm newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on all development activities leading to the construction of the **225MW Wind Farm Project** at Great Ningo.

In this issue, we would like to inform you about the performance of the Customary Rites leading to the start of work on the project area for the Wind Farm, the commencement of the boundary demarcation exercise and the launch of the three (3) selected School Renovation Projects within the Ningo Traditional Area. Further, we are happy to introduce to you two (2) new members of our project team.

For more information, please visit our webpage www.upwindayitepa.com and get abreast with more project updates. Please feel free to give us your feedback.



Three (3) selected School Renovation Projects

As part of the Community Investment Strategy, which focuses amongst others on education, Lekela is sponsoring the renovation of three selected schools around the project area of the wind farm. These three schools are:

- ◆ Old Ningo DA Kindergarten
- ◆ Ayetepa DA Junior Secondary School
- ◆ Dawa DA Primary School

The renovation work is planned to start in the first week of November and will be done by the following three local companies: Esco-Fitts Ltd., Dwawill Construction Ltd. and Rinic Construction Co. Ltd.

Again, Upwind is committed to maximize the local employment. This means, wherever possible, companies and labourers from the Ningo Traditional Area will be employed.

Customary Rites performed for the Wind Farm Ayitepa

On the 19th of August 2016, the official customary rites performance took place at the Ningo Traditional Council.

The performance of the customary rites was supported by us as project developers because we deem it as important to respect local traditions and customs when a project is implemented at a new site or in a new region.

The performance of the customary rites is an integral element of the culture of the Ningo people and needs to be done before the launch of every project. This rite is to express appreciation to God Almighty and the lesser gods of the Great Ningo for bringing such a project to the traditional area and calls for an incident free and smooth implementation of the project.

The customary rites consist of pouring libation, preparation and sprinkling of various foods and the slaughtering of animals to acknowledge the good omen.

Present were all members of the Ningo Traditional Council, the family heads and chiefs of the landowning families as well as other opinion and spiritual leaders of the Ningo Traditional Area.

This official ceremony marked the start of a series of individual, family-based customary rites. Nene Kanor Atiapha III explained: "At Ningo, we have Family Lands. And every family have something or some gods protecting the Family."

Hence, there is the need for each family to hold their own customary performance in order to address their specific gods.

Later in this year, there will also be a Christian Non-Denominational prayer and thanksgiving service as well as a prayer for the Muslim population of the Ningo area in order to also express the respect for the non-traditional believers.



Ghana Civil Aviation Authority releases Airspace Safety Permit for the Ayitepa Wind Farm

On October 24, 2016, Upwind received the Airspace Safety Permit from the GCAA regarding the construction and operation of the 225MW Wind Farm at Great Ningo. The permit attests that as long the permit's conditions are met, the wind turbines will have no substantial adverse effect on the safety of the airspace. These conditions refer to the marking and lighting and the heights of the turbines, with which Upwind will comply.

Impressions from the on-going Boundary Demarcation



Introducing New Members of the Project Team

We are happy to welcome two new members in our project team, namely Pule Segale and Joseph Addai. They are recently also supporting our team on the field for the boundary demarcation works.

Pule Segale has been working in the renewable energy sector for about 3 years so far. He is a Civil Engineer and is part of the construction team for Mainstream Renewable Power. Recently, Mr. Segale has completed work on the Noupooort Wind Farm in South Africa where he acted as a Site Manager. He joined the Great Ningo Wind Farm Project to assist with the Contract and Site Management of the demarcation work, which is a critical work stream in moving the project forward.



Joseph Addai has over 10 years of experience in the natural resources industry with world class companies in different strategic roles. As an independent consultant, he is specialized in GIS, land survey and access, social and environmental baseline surveys and other areas. The developers of the wind farm were able to enlist his support for this project. As a consultant, he helps to speed up the realization of the project.



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