



AYITEPA WIND FARM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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3rd Community Engagement Event for Wind Farm Ayitepa

On the 4th of April 2017, the third Community Engagement Event took place in the Pentecost Church of Old Ningo and was attended by family heads and women and youth representatives from the land-owning families. Present were also representatives of the Ningo-Prampram District Assembly, the Ningo Traditional Council and the company carrying out the demarcation work on site.

Main purpose of the gathering was to provide an update on the project development in particular with regards to the outcome of the boundary demarcation exercise, the land lease agreement situation with the involved families and clans, the than upcoming geotechnical survey and generally on the outlook regarding start of construction and implementation of the wind farm.

As in the previous community engagement events, the programme consisted of two parts: at first, the project developers held a presentation to outline in details the future work for the development. In a second part, an open forum was held in order for the participants to ask questions and provide feedback and comments.

The programme was closed after more than 3.5 hours of very interesting discussions by a speech of Mr. Matthew Tay, Ningo-Prampram's District Co-ordinating Director and by then Acting District Chief Executive. He expressed again the District Assembly's full support for the project and appealed to all invitees to collaborate with the project developers.

Introduction

You are warmly welcome to the tenth 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 **225 MW Wind Farm Project** at Great Ningo.

In this issue, we would like to give you an update on what has happened in the last two months including the 3rd Community Engagement Event, the signing of the State Lease for the project area, the opening ceremony for the renovated schools, the start of land registration as well as our visit to the new District Chief Executive of Ningo-Prampram. Also we are pleased to announce that the preliminary geotechnical survey for the wind farm has been completed,

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.

Best regards,

Emmanuel, Samuel and Jeff (Community Liaison Team)

Ayitepa Wind Farm



225 MW capacity



Up to 75 wind turbines



Electricity for more than 150'000 households



More than 600 new jobs during construction



Visiting the new District Chief Executive of Ningo-Prampram

The director of Upwind Ayitepa Ltd., Dr. Christoph Kapp, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed District Chief Executive, Hon. Jonathan Teye Doku, together with the NEK Ghana Team and the Lands Manager from Lekela, Mr. Joseph Addai. Purpose of the visit was to introduce the project and explain the economic, social and environmental benefits. The DCE expressed his full support of the wind farm and requested that the work should commence as soon as possible in order to create local jobs and opportunities as well as to generate sustainable and clean electricity for Ghana.



Official commissioning of three renovated schools and Opening Ceremony at the DA Basic School in Dawa

On 6th April 2017, the official commissioning of our first community development project took place at the Dawa DA primary school. This project, which is part of the developer's Community Investment Strategy, included the renovation of three dilapidated schools around the project area of the wind farm site and was funded by Lekela Power BV.



The ceremony included speeches of the Head Teacher of the Dawa School and the District Education Director as well as the cutting of the ribbon by Jennifer Boca, Head of ESG of Lekela. The ceremony was closed

with a magnificently performed cultural dance of the pupils of the Dawa DA school.

Aside of the **Dawa DA Primary School**, also the **Old Ningo DA KG School** and the **Ayetepa DA Basic A School** were renovated. The work was carried out by local companies and craftsmen.



Once the project will be under construction, additional community engagement projects will be launched in order to support the local population around the project site.

Start of Land Title Registration

After successfully having completed the land demarcation work for the Wind Farm Ayitepa and with lease agreements signed between the various land owning families and the developer, the process of registering the land at the Ghana Lands Commission has commenced. The registration of the land is required, since the Ningo-Prampram District falls within the Land Title Registration area declared under the Land Title Registration Act. This is an important step towards finalizing the project development stage and moving towards construction and realisation of the wind farm. The land title registration will be coordinated by the same company that already executed the demarcation work.



State Lease for 225 MW Wind Farm Ayitepa signed

After a lengthy approval and registration process, the required land lease contract for the part of the project area, which is managed by the Government of Ghana, the so-called "State Vested Land", could be signed recently. Out of the total project area of approximately 15,000 acres, some 7,500 acres overlap with State Vested Land. We have now been able to sign a 30-year lease agreement with the Government, represented by the Ghana Lands Commission. This lease agreement, together with the leases that we had previously signed with the customary owners of the land, brings the project a considerable step closer to being built and operated soon.

Preliminary Geotechnical Survey for Wind Farm Ayitepa completed!



The preliminary geotechnical survey, which was already announced in previous editions of this newsletter, is completed and the relevant field work successfully carried out. The purpose of these field studies was to determine the top soil and ground structure and to obtain information on the ground water situation.

The field studies included excavation of trial pits at

around 20 locations within the project area, which were dug to a depth of approximately 5 m and analysed geologically. Furthermore, soil samples were taken and the relevant parameters analysed in the lab.

This campaign, which is only the preliminary phase of a more comprehensive geotechnical survey, was completed in one week and forms the basis for the detailed survey of the construction ground with sounding drillings.



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