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Progress in Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea Project



1st meeting for Ministers of Energy of the CLSG interconnection project

The pre-investments studies on Côte d'Ivoire – Liberia - Sierra Leone - Guinea (CLSG) Interconnection Project are in progress.

Two contracts relating to this project were signed at the offices of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) Secretariat respectively on September 2nd and 8th, 2008.

The first contract signed between WAPP, represented by its General Secretary Engr. Amadou Diallo, and the Joint Venture Application Européenne de Technologies et de Services (AETS) - SOGREAH Consultants, represented by Mr. Claude Pevrebonne, was about the conduction of a

Feasibility Study. The second, signed with KEPCO, represented by Mr. Young-ha Lee, was about the Line Route and Environmental and Social impact Assessment Study.

These contracts signings occurred only few days after the 1st meeting for Ministers of Energy of the CLSG interconnection project which took place on August 19th, 2008, in Freetown. The meeting was presided over by Sierra Leone's Energy and Power Minister Haja Afsatu Kabba who confirmed the importance of the meeting as energy is the foundation of development.

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Progress in CLSG...

The Ministers applauded the achievements made towards the realization of the Project. "Though a lot has been achieved," said WAPP General Secretary, Amadou Diallo, "a lot still remains to be done for the CLSG project to become a reality."

The GLSG Interconnection Project forms part of the Côte d'Ivoire – Liberia – Sierra Leone – Guinea System Redevelopment Sub-program of the WAPP and it would serve to establish a more secure, reliable transmission corridor for transfer of low cost energy to post conflict countries such as Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Signing contract with Joint Venture AETS-SOGREAH

Mr. Claude Peyrebonne (left), Rep. AETS-SOGREAH; Engr. Amadou Diallo (right), Rep. WAPP



Signing contract with KEPCO

Engr. Amadou Diallo (left), Rep. WAPP; Mr. Young-ha Lee (right), Rep. KEPCO;



WAPP 2009 Work Programme and Budget Drafted

The WAPP has drafted the 2009 Work Programme and Budget.

The exercise took place at a retreat organized by the Staff of the WAPP from July 29 to August 1st 2008 in Grand-Popo, a coastal small city about 80 km from WAPP Secretariat in Cotonou. Last year, the retreat was organized in Ouidah for the preparation of the 2008 Work plan and Budget.

WAPP Staff Preparing the 2009 Draft Work Programme and Budget WAPP under Supervision of WAPP Secretary General



9th Meeting of ECOWAS Energy Ministers: Important Resolutions to Solve Energy Crises

The West African Power Pool (WAPP) Secretariat participated in the 9th Meeting of the Ministers of Energy from West Africa on 29th August, 2008 in Bissau, Guinea Bissau.

The ministers, who reviewed the report of a preceding experts meeting held from 27th to 29th August, 2008, noted the various regional energy projects, acknowledged the constraints, accepted the proposals for accelerating these different projects and expressed satisfaction with the progress made before adopting important resolutions to further address the energy crisis being experienced in their region.

The resolutions relate to the establishment of a Joint ECOWAS-UEMOA Action Plan to Address Energy Crisis in the region, the establishment of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA), the Financing Plan for the ERERA, the establishment of a Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, the Promotion of Energy Efficiency in Member States as well as the urgent implementation of the Emergency Specific Plan of Electricity Supply for Guinea Bissau.

The ministers tasked the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions to set up a joint plan of action to address the energy crisis in West Africa pursuant to the adoption of an emergency power supply and security plan by regional leaders in January 2008 in Ouagadougou. They asked both commissions to harmonize their activities in the energy sector to avoid duplication of efforts and urged them to pay special attention to Guinea Bissau, Liberia and Sierra Leone in the action plan.



WAPP General Secretary at the 9th Meeting of ECOWAS Energy Ministers

According to the ministers, the Community would benefit from energy efficiency as it promotes the efficient use of electricity, reduces the investment requirement for new power generation, transmission and distribution systems as well as the emission of green house gases. For instance, (Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs can reduce energy consumption by over 75 per cent, greatly improve illumination, emit less than 25 per cent of the heat emitted by incandescent bulbs and last much longer.

Strategic document of the WAPP Capacity Building Program Initiative

The strategic approach to the development of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) Capacity Building Program (CBP) has been completed in July 2008 by Nexant, the USAID-funded Technical Assistance to the WAPP, with the assistance of the staff of the WAPP Secretariat.

The resulting report is a strategy document summarizing the findings of a lengthy survey and needs assessment which targeted WAPP Secretariat, stakeholders, utilities and training centers.



A Presentation on WAPP Capacity Building

4th Meeting of the Strategic Planning and Environmental Committee on the WAPP 400 MW Maria Gleta Power Plant



Opening Ceremony for Reviewing the WAPP 400MW Maria Gleta Feasibility Iterim Report

The members of the Strategic Planning and Environmental Committee (SPEC) held from September 3rd to 5th, 2008 their 4th meeting at the Offices of WAPP Secretariat in Cotonou to review and comment the Interim Report on the Feasibility Study submitted by the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) on the WAPP 400 MW Maria Gleta Power plant in Benin.

The meeting was opened by WAPP General Secretary, Engr. Amadou Diallo, who took the opportunity to remind the SPEC that member States were relying on WAPP for finding a solution to curtail their successive energy crises. He then encouraged the Committee to work harder in order to achieve well its vital mission.

The participants scrutinized many key elements of the Interim Report including the power plant configuration, the project cost, the power delivery tariffs and the implementation schedule. Base on the schedule presented, the first and second gas turbine units recommended by the study will be commissioned after thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33) months from the effective date of the EPC Contract. The steam turbine will be in operation after forty-one (41) months from the effective date of EPC Contract.

After reviewing the report, the SPEC and other participants made some key recommendations. They especially recommended that the power plant should have dual-firing capability in order to ensure that the power plant is operational in the event of interruption in the supply of gas from the pipeline. In this connection, the primary fuel should be natural gas and

the secondary fuel should be fuel stored on site to operate the plant for at least two days.

While noting with satisfaction that the feasibility study has been well carried out, the reviewers requested KEPCO to take into account their comments.

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