

PRESS RELEASE

GHANA GAS CLARIFIES INTERRUPTION OF GAS SUPPLY FROM ATUABO

The Ghana National Gas Company Limited (Ghana Gas) wishes to correct an erroneous impression carried in a press statement issued by the Ministry of Power today, 24th November, 2015, through its Head, Public Affairs, Mr Kweku Sersah-Johnson.

We wish to state the following:

1. That the assertion that the current increase in load shedding in the country “has come about as a result of a shutdown of Ghana National Gas Company Limited (Ghana Gas)” is incorrect.
2. That Ghana Gas has no contract regarding the ongoing installation works by the African Middle East Investment (AMERI) power plant being installed at the Aboadze power enclave. However, because of the experience gained in pipelines construction over the past four years, Ghana Gas engineers are only assisting the VRA to connect the AMERI plant to its power systems.

The following are the facts.

On 12th November, 2015, Ghana Gas received a written request from the Volta River Authority, an agency under the Ministry of Power, to shut-down its processing and supply of lean gas to enable it (VRA) to connect the AMERI Plant to its “existing gas pipeline in the week of November 23-27, 2015.”

Consequently, Ghana Gas honoured the request and shut down Atuabo yesterday, 23rd November, 2015 to enable the VRA and the sector Ministry to tie the AMERI Plant onto the VRA facilities.

The shutdown of the Atuabo Gas Processing Plant was, therefore, at the instance of the VRA, which claimed that it had made adequate arrangement for light crude oil to power its Aboadze Plant and avoid a shortfall in energy generation.

Ghana Gas, therefore, find the attempt by the Ministry of Power on this matter unhelpful.

For the records, Ghana Gas does not have any challenge, whatsoever, with the Atuabo Gas Processing Plant. The Plant has been operational since Ghana’s first indigenous natural gas made its way from the FPSO Kwame Nkrumah, through the 60-kilometre journey, to safely to land.

Today, 24th November, 2015 marks exactly a year since Ghana Gas delivered the first lean gas to the VRA. There has been no safety incidents recorded at the plant or unplanned outage within the same period.

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