



EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE

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Message from the Executive Director



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Dear Stakeholders,

"I would like to commend the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) for the diligent works that have been conducted to date. This includes working closely with Government and other stakeholders to conclude the key agreements for the EACOP in 2021, together with the announcement of the Final Investment Decision, and formation of the EACOP company in 2022.

These important milestones have enabled the fast tracking of the key project activities including the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC), and land acquisition. EACOP is a USD 4 billion-dollar project, and to date, contracts have been awarded to various companies, of which the majority of the companies have been awarded to Ugandan companies. The project is directly employing 143 people, with 138 of these all Ugandans.

The land acquisition activities for the EACOP have progressed with payment of compensation for Project Affected Persons (PAPs) standing at 80% completion. Other key activities include livelihood restoration and improvement initiatives, transitional support, vocational trainings and other support provided to the PAPs. Replacement houses have been fully handed over to the physically displaced PAPs by EACOP for the physically displaced persons. I commend EACOP



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for the quality and design of the replacement houses that they are building, fully in line with the national housing standards.

The development of EACOP, like all the oil and gas projects in Uganda, are governed by the laws of this country and international best practices for the oil industry. The processes leading up to the above progress are implemented in a participatory and inclusive manner, that provides for respect of the rights and freedoms of the communities, and all other stakeholders.

The Petroleum Authority of Uganda would like to encourage all EACOP PAPs to apply the financial literacy training provided by EACOP and to diligently use the compensation for the betterment of your family and your household. I also would like to remind you that EACOP has put in place a mechanism that allows



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you all to raise your grievances.

The project has reached the stage of issuing notices to vacate for PAPs. Notices to vacate are documents that inform the PAPs that they can continue using their land after receiving their compensation payments and that they will be given a 3-month notice period where one will be able to harvest any crops on the land and salvage any remaining assets they wish to keep from the land. After the period is completed, the PAPs will not have access to the land as it will then be fully owned by Government of Uganda.

PAU would like to remind PAPs and stakeholders that this project should benefit us all. I therefore request for your support to achieve project success in a spirit of collaboration and constructive dialogue with all stakeholders for the benefit of the country.

As with previous guidance provided by EACOP management and other stakeholder on this newsletter, I would like to send a kind reminder for people to:

- Attend entitlement briefings and compensation agreement signing when EACOP teams advise that they will be coming to your area
- Attend entitlement briefings and compensation agreement signing exercises with their spouses: EACOP insists on gender equality and equal access to information and participation in all its

activities

- Bring the right documentation, for example National Identification Cards (ID cards) land title documents and other related documents
- Ask any questions you want to the contractor team and in addition to the team of EACOP Community Liaison Officers
- Be aware that an independent legal advisor is also present to answer any questions you may have and give legal guidance on compensation agreements and any issues you may have
- Feel free to speak up if something doesn't seem right on your documents
- Raise grievances with our Community Liaison Officers if you feel EACOP is not addressing your concerns on compensation agreements
- Make sure that you do not feel coerced into signing compensation agreements. Please report to any EACOP official if this is the case
- Please remember that there is free participation in this activity and a PAP can refuse and seek for more guidance if not comfortable

I want to thank the shareholders of EACOP, all district local governments and the communities where the pipeline will traverse for their continued support to the project



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CONSTRUCTION LICENSE GRANTED

The President of The Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, whilst attending the Kingfisher drilling inauguration ceremony witnessed the handover of the license to Construct the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), by the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, (MEMD) Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa, at the Kingfisher Oil Fields, at Buhuka, Kyangwali, Kikuube District.

The License was granted by the Ministry, following the application submitted on 1st July 2022, in compliance and accordance with Section 10 of the Petroleum (Refining, Conversion, Transmission, and Midstream Storage) Act 2013, Regulation 59 of the Petroleum (Refining, Conversion, Transmission, and Midstream Storage) Act 2016, and the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Special Provisions Act 2021 and found satisfactory.

The construction license is required to enable EACOP to formally start on the ground construction activities in Uganda as part of the development of the 1,443km, 24-inch diameter insulated and buried crude oil pipeline that will start from Kabaale, Hoima in Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga in Tanzania.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Mr. Martin Tiffen, EACOP Ltd Managing Director, said, "This marks another step forward for EACOP as it allows the commencement of our construction activities in Uganda upon completion of the ongoing land access process. We are grateful to the Government of Uganda for the expedited delivery of the application as per the commitment in the Host Government Agreement (HGA) and the continuous support for implementation of the EACOP project."



EACOP RECEIVES INVESTMENT LICENSE

East African Crude Oil pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, on 28th March 2023 received an investment license from Uganda Investment Authority (UIA). The Authority issues an Investment License to both domestic and foreign companies. Acquiring an investment license from the Uganda Investment Agency is a mandatory requirement for foreign investors as it is the instrument that legalizes investment in Uganda.

The License that was handed over by Mr. Mukiza Robert, Director General, UIA, comes with conditions that govern the investment including maintaining proper Financial and accounting records, respect of the conditions in the approved Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) certificates, ensuring a gender-sensitive working environment, Respect

and Protection of Human Rights among others.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Mr. John Bosco Habumugisha, EACOP Ltd Deputy Managing Director, said "EACOP is committed to developing the Project in a sustainable and responsible manner and is seeking compliance with international, regional, and national laws, regulations and standards, such as the IFC performance standards, the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business and Human Rights, and the Lenders' E&S standards, such as the Equator Principles IV and the Organisation For Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) common approach, always applying the most stringent.



EACOP LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION PROGRAM

EACOP Livelihoods Restoration Program has already started with the delivery of all the packages intended to provide the PAHs an opportunity to restore or enhance their affected livelihoods. This started with project-affected households in the priority areas i.e the areas designated as Material Camps and Pipe yards. EACOP Transitional support contractors Eco& Partner and Living Earth Uganda are continuing to deliver transitional support including sufficient dry rations to a total of 84 eligible PAHs as a short-term measure for loss of access to project-acquired land.

At the same time, EACOP Livelihood restoration contractors Montrose Africa Ltd and Asigma Advisory working through their Local implementing partners Hoima Caritas Development Organization (HOCADDO) and Community Integrated Development Initiatives (CIDI) respectively are implementing the agricultural improvement program to ensure these Priority project affected households have food security and are able to improve their production on existing land or newly acquired land.

Through this program, they are receiving advice on how to farm better and sustainably use better farm inputs, improve PAHs knowledge on improved livestock, pest control and agricultural best practices. With this support, we hope to sustainably enable these PAHs to enhance their crop and livestock productivity and household food security. This kind of support will be given to these PAPs for the two seasons of 2023.

To further improve the resilience of affected households and improve their potential to earn an income beyond the traditional agricultural-based activities, 167 youth from affected households were selected to receive a 3 month Vocational training at St Simon Peter Vocational Institute in Hoima, Mummy's institute of beauty, design and Commercial studies and St Joseph's Vocational training Institute Butende both in Masaka. These are receiving hands-on skilling in various vocational courses ranging from catering, motor vehicle and motorcycle mechanics, carpentry and Joinery, hairdressing, driving and motor vehicle repair, welding, plumbing, brick laying and construction. We hope these skills will enhance their employability and more importantly enable them to start and engage in productive and income-generating activities within their communities and beyond.



PAHs receive season 1 2023 pre-season training from CIDI staff on use of good practices for Land preparation and planting at Demonstration gardens set up in Kyotera and Kakumiro districts



PAHs receive starter packs for season 1 2023 in Kakumiro districts and Sembabule districts after receiving training pre-season. This includes improved seed of maize & beans, fertilizer and personal protection gear.



Vocational training launched for first cohorts in Masaka and Hoima at St Joseph Vocational training Institute and Butende and St simon Peter Vocational institute respectively in March 2023.



EACOP CULTURAL HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

Cultural heritage management systems aim at identifying, evaluating, and assessing preliminary impacts on both Tangible and Intangible cultural heritages with the view to provide recommendations for managing likely impacts and risks on the cultural heritage activities within the EACOP project areas. Through different interventions, archaeology and ethno-cultural history of past and present settlements is coming to life within the oil and gas projects.

Intangible cultural heritage

A mix of proto-kingdom, chiefdom, and kinship, in some cases several “mixed communities”,

With mixed traditional rituals activities in isolation or aided by use traditional plants is very much seen and documented. Some of the ritual practices like the ritual killing of animals during the grave relocations leave behind useful material collection which in turn EACOP passes on to the Museums and Monuments department for research purposes. A case in point is the cow bones recovered at PS1 in Hoima.

With belief in traditional gods, one of the shrines namely “Bigabero shrine” was encountered and respectfully relocated by the family members in line with their traditions.



Tangible Cultural heritage

The Archaeology and Cultural Heritage receptor covers effects on the historic cultural heritage in terms of archaeological assets (both known and unknown) and sites, structures and features of historic significance and value. The risks to the archaeology and cultural heritage receptor directly associated with the continued development of Oil and Gas have been highlighted by the different ESIA's. The main objective of the cultural heritage Management plan is to document cultural heritage resources that are found and likely to be impacted by the proposed Oil pipeline construction project with the aim of providing mitigation measures.



GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT

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EACOP UGANDA GRIEVANCE
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Cumulatively, by the end of June 2023, 872 grievances were registered, out of which, 856 were closed and 15 grievances remained in progress.

Table 1: Cumulative grievances by end of June 2023

COUNTRY	TOTAL REGISTERED BY END OF JUNE 2023	TOTAL CLOSED BY END OF JUNE 2023	TOTAL IN PROGRESS BY END OF JUNE 2023	STILL IN PROGRESS AFTER 30 DAYS OF REGISTRATION
UGANDA	872	856	15	11

Support from the District Consultative Committee (DCC)

EACOP has used, as much as possible, local stakeholders to assist in resolving grievances received from the public. EACOP instituted District Consultative Committees (DCC), which have been instrumental in coming up with amicable solutions to grievances and great success has been achieved in resolving grievances through the DCCs. Special thanks go to the DCCs of Kyotera, Sembabule, Mubende, Lwengo, Kakumiro, Kikuube and Hoima, where we have had a total of 15 grievances escalated to those districts and most of them were resolved through the district leadership intervention. For Kyankwanzi, Gomba and Rakai the DCCs were inaugurated but we have not escalated any grievances for their attention since all were resolved through direct consultation with the grievants. When difficulties are faced to manage a specific grievance at project level, EACOP will always first engage the district because most people trust voices of their local leadership.

Transition and the new nature of grievances

You need to know that grievances are not only about land and crop valuation. As the project evolves, new issues are expected too. To-date we have addressed grievances largely related to land and crop rates, items missed during assessments, land boundary disputes etc. With the transition of EACOP from the land acquisition phase to the construction phase, new grievances are likely to evolve away from those related to land and crop values. For example, dust and noise during construction, damage to property such as crops, damage to and blockage of community access roads, excessive speed by company vehicles, blockage of community water supply etc. It is essential that people affected by such nuisances contact EACOP through its CLOs and, where dissatisfied, through the community grievance mechanism. This will allow the company to be aware of and address the issue.

Secondly, during the construction phase, EACOP grievance management focus will be on impacts and risks to the wider community not just persons directly affected by the land acquisition. Our area of influence will shift to targeting the wider community, including new roads accessing the construction camps and work sites. We therefore expect to receive grievances from Project affected persons (PAPs), as well as the wider Project affected community (PAC) and emphasize that all persons feeling impacted by Project activities are invited to use our grievance mechanism to submit a grievance where they feel that their concern has gone unaddressed and where interaction with company Community Liaison Officers has not led to satisfactory resolution.

Our focus

In the past six months, the EACOP grievance team focused attention to management of timelines, and we will continue to do so. The EACOP grievance management procedure allows for a period within 30 days to manage a registered grievance. In the past six months, 96% of the registered grievances have been managed within the required timeframe. We are now dealing with 15 open grievances, 11 grievances which are beyond the timeframe are old grievances, yet only 4 in progress are among the newly registered grievances of June 2023, these are likely to be resolved within 30 days.

Message to communities around Material Camp and Pipe Yard 01 (MCPY01)

At MCPY01, located in Kakumiro and locally known as the camp, impact risks are likely expected to be felt by surrounding communities including Kasambya, Nyakabungo, Kyerimira, Kasenyi, Katikara and other nearby communities as the camp will be established. You should expect construction activities to begin soon. In the process, you will see transport trucks in your communities in addition to a growing concentration of workers in the camp. This change does not call for panic. We encourage all stakeholders to report any form of dissatisfaction about EACOP and/or its contractors' activities ranging from dust, pollution, over-speeding Project vehicles, social conduct of workers in the community. Be assured of our timely availability and response. Community and public safety is extremely important to EACOP.

How does one submit a grievance?

The grievance mechanism is for stakeholders who have a concern with EACOP, not just those directly affected by the land acquisition. There is a separate procedure which caters for company labour grievances. It is also not a means to request donations, jobs, or business opportunities with EACOP.

To lodge a grievance, you may use one of the following channels.

1. Contact an EACOP employee, especially Community Liaison Officers shown in this newsletter.
2. Call the toll-free number **0800 216 000**
3. Talk to your LC or district leaders, they know how to reach us
4. Send an e-mail at grievances.ug@eacop.com
5. Come to our Liaison Offices in Hoima (Kijungu ward), and in Masaka next to Brovad Hotel) or our main office, course view towers, Yusuf Lule Road
6. Call Micheal Mudhasi, Grievance Administrator at **0760 888 585**



Figure 3: Mubende DCC grievance resolution in session. The LC1 Chairman Luggala Village gives clarification about the claims by the PAP as the Deputy RDC takes notes.



PROJECT INDUCED IN-MIGRATION (PIIM) SITUATION ANALYSIS STUDY

BY **BARBARA NAKAYENZE**

Project Induced In Migration is a term to describe “the movement of people into an area in anticipation of, or in response to, economic opportunities associated with the development and/or operation of a new project”. This also includes the socio-economic development that may be catalyzed by a project development.

To understand the potential of the EACOP project to generate project induced in migration and to identify the regions likely to be more affected by this phenomenon, a survey has been conducted by a Ugandan supplier, ECO & Partner, since October 2022 and the survey covering all the 10 districts crossed by the pipeline route. ECO & Partner devoted several weeks for a field work phase (December 2022 – Beginning February 2023) to meet a broader range of stakeholders. This field assessment included discussions with

national, district, county, sub-county and village community stakeholders, in addition to community members in project-affected communities. Thanks to this survey, EACOP will be able to develop a PIIM management plan and to enable the EACOP Project and its contractors to anticipate and address both positive and negative social and environmental impacts. This PIIM situation analysis will also give a location-specific assessment of likely PIIM, including its likely impact and likely “hot spot” locations, defined as locations where the impact of PIIM is likely to be high. For these Hotspot locations, PIIM will be proposed to the District Authorities on a regular basis to see together how to monitor PIIM. The Situation Analysis then will combine this with feedback regarding the community preparedness and government readiness to face PIIM risk. The final results of this survey will be shared with the stakeholders by Q2 2023.



Consultation with women group - Kakumiro



PIIM Consultation with the Deputy RDC of Hoima

EACOP Project Induced In Migration team has also developed trainings and communication on PIIM. Thus, in January 2023, the EACOP field team including Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) and

Community Relations Supervisors was trained on this topic to enable them to communicate and discuss on this subject with their different stakeholders.



PIIM Training with the Community Liaison Officers (CLOs)
MASAKA



PIIM Training with the Community Liaison Officers (CLOs)
HOIMA



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