

## Response to the allegations by activists in Kikuube District.

Reference is made to the allegations made by activists in Kikuube District on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024, regarding unfair compensation of Project affected Persons and the project's potential impact on the environment.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd is committed to world class environmental and social compliance. EACOP is carrying out the process of land acquisition in compliance with national laws and the applicable international standards including the International Finance Corporation (IFC) performance standards.

As of December 2024, 3,730 out of 3,762 (99%) PAPs have signed their compensation agreements. 3,703 (98%) PAPs in Uganda have been paid. All 177 replacement houses have been constructed and handed over.

Land Acquisition status - Hoima and Kikuube Districts

District	Total No. of PAPs	Agreements Signed	PAPs Paid
Hoima	83	83 (100%)	83(100%)
Kikuube	437	436 (99.8%)	436(99.8%)

\*For the detailed land acquisition status in Uganda and Tanzania please refer to the link (<u>https://www.eacop.com/land-acquisition-resettlement-status/</u>)

In both countries EACOP has established a field-based team of Community Relations Coordinators and Community Liaison Officers together with an accessible grievance mechanism.

We encourage the reporting of grievances through our established grievance mechanism, which has enabled us to address and resolve almost 1,000 cases in Uganda to date. Should there be specific grievances from individuals who are EACOP PAPs or from EACOP impacted communities, we commit to investigating, with confidentiality and do our utmost to resolve them.



The EACOP pipeline route was finalized based on rigorous environmental, biodiversity, social and engineering studies. The studies applied the mitigation hierarchy to avoid, minimize, restore, and offset.

Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs) were undertaken and approved in both countries - National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Uganda on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and National Environment Management Council (NEMC) in Tanzania on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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The East African Crude Oil Pipeline is a 1,443km crude oil export infrastructure that will transport Uganda's crude oil from Kabaale - Hoima in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania for export to the international market. This major export system includes 1,443 km (296 km in Uganda and 1147km in Tanzania) of insulated and buried 24" inch pipeline, 6 pumping stations, two pressure reduction stations and a marine export terminal in Tanzania.

Following the Final Investment Decision (FID) that was taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2022, East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd. on 15<sup>th</sup> February concluded the formation of the company that will construct and operate the pipeline.

EACOP Ltd. is a special purpose company, governed by its Shareholders Agreement in which TotalEnergies (62%), Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC - 15%), Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC - 15%) and CNOOC (8%) are shareholders.

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