

IN CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT AKUFO-ADDO

In the last months, several meetings between the Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo and representatives of Upwind Konikablo Ltd. took place. The first and important meeting was at the Compact with Africa (CwA) summit in Berlin on 19th of November 2019. The initiative CwA is an investment summit under German patronage. At this occasion, the Konikablo Wind Farm and its benefits for Ghana were presented to President Akufo-Addo.



Meeting at Compact with Africa in Berlin (19/11/19)

At the end of the year 2019, the Ghanaian President was present at a sod cutting event in Ningo. Dr. Christoph Kapp, CEO of Upwind Konikablo Ltd, together with Nene Kanor Atiapah III, Acting President of the Ningo Traditional Area, and Jonathan Teye Doku, District Chief of NiPDA, took the opportunity to disclose the winnings of the Konikablo Wind Farm for the district and its population towards Nana Akufo-Addo.

Furthermore, the Ghanaian President was two times guest in Switzerland at the beginning of the year 2020. Good relations of Dr. Kapp made it possible to meet Akudo-Addo at these events.



Sod cutting in Ningo (05/12/19)



World Economic Forum Davos (22/01/20)



State visit in Berne, Switzerland (28/02/20)

NEW OFFICE IN ACCRA

We are pleased to inform you that we moved our office in Accra to the district Osu. The office is located at the Kukun office space in the Koi Street near Ako Adjei Park (GL-016-8211).

We have a workspace with four workplaces available, furthermore a meeting and training room supports our activities in the capital of Ghana. It allows us to meet our stakeholders in Accra but also hold internal presentations. The infrastructure covers all our needs, furthermore a café on the ground floor complements the new office.

Everyone is invited to get in contact and meet us at the new office location.



Kukun building in Accra in the district Osu where our new office is located.

UPCOMING

- > Siting permit from Energy Commission with site visit
- > Aviation Permit
- > Application for Export License at Energy Commission

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200 MW KONIKABLO WIND FARM GREAT NINGO PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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BETWEEN HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS AND FIELD WORK



It's been a while since the last Konikablo Project Newsletter was issued and a lot of things have happened since then. The bustling activities in the world paused for a moment due to the spread of the Corona virus. It showed how vulnerable humanity is and it can be understood as a foretaste of the biggest challenge of the 21st century, the climate change. We look forward and are optimistic that we will leave the Corona crisis behind us strengthened. Therefore, we donated face masks and sanitizers to the local population of Ningo-Prampram to get control of the Covid-19 spread.

An important step took place end of January 2020 with the preliminary geological survey. The investigation brought interesting things to light and helps us to plan the location of the wind turbines and their foundations in detail.

Our efforts involve all kind of stakeholders. It is not only local population which need to be informed and get convinced of the importance of Renewable Energy from the free and natural resources. Also President Nana Akufo-Addo needs to know the benefits of the Konikablo Wind Farm. Thanks to our good contacts and relations we cover the full range of stakeholders and are in direct and frequent contact with them. The project newsletter is an important piece in this puzzle.

PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CARRIED OUT



At the end of January 2020, the preliminary geological survey in the Konikablo Wind Farm project area was carried out. The investigation was accompanied with great interest by the local population. Trial pits at 10 selected points with a depth of approx. 6 metres provide initial information about the soil structure. The geologists from Grundbauberatung-Geoconsulting AG of Switzerland have also been taking soil samples to examine them. Furthermore, pipes were installed at each point for groundwater investigation. Sensors measure the height of the groundwater over the year, this data is of great interest especially during the rainy season between April and November.



This preliminary investigation provides first important geological findings for the Konikablo Wind Farm. It will allow a detailed planning of the turbine locations and the dimensioning of their foundations. As soon as the exact layout of the wind farm is known, a detailed geological investigation with drillings at each turbine site will be carried out.

A video of the survey can be found on YouTube (see box on the right).



SUPPORT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Upwind Konikablo Ltd. donated goods for the people of Ningo-Prampram to protect themselves against the coronavirus. The items, which include face masks and sanitizers, were presented by the Community Liaison Team, namely Emmanuel Adjei Kordie, Jeff Amoah and Samuel Manorty, to the District Chief Executive of Ningo-Prampram, Jonathan Teye Doku, on June 12th, 2020.



In line with advice from health experts, Ghanaian authorities have made the wearing of face masks mandatory. However, the cost of masks can be a barrier for some people, so the wind farm developers have stepped in to donate and distribute these reusable, FDA-approved masks to the host communities.

In receiving the gifts, the District Chief Executive, Honourable Jonathan Teye Doku, said "The COVID-19 situation is challenging, so we highly appreciate the help of the developers of the Konikablo Wind Farm project. It is reassuring to know that these companies are invested in the health and education of our communities. We look forward to partnering with them to distribute the items equitably."

Dr. Christoph Kapp, the CEO of NEK, said, "As the President of Ghana reminds us, these are not ordinary times. We at NEK must get creative to use what we have to get us all to overcome this pandemic."

ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM 2019

At the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum that took place in the Kempinski Hotel in Accra between the 22nd and 24th of October 2019, Upwind Konikablo Ltd. has signed with ECREEE a future-oriented Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding Upwind's Wind Energy pipeline in Ghana.

The ECOWAS countries represented by ECREEE declared that they strongly support the undertakings of NEK to develop up to 800 MW of Wind Power in Ghana, whereas the power shall be evacuated amongst others via the West African Power Pool's (WAPP) transmission network system to surrounding countries such as Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. It was agreed between the signing parties that the construction of the projects shall be phased between 2022 and 2028. The 200 MW Konikablo Wind Farm is the leading project and the first one to be constructed and connected to the grid. The signing of this MOU is an important milestone also for ECREEE in reaching their renewable energy targets.



Participants of the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum on 23/10/19

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY VIDEO

The video of the preliminary geotechnical survey for the Konikablo Wind Farm can be found on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/buN3yWjGZrk>

Geotechnical Survey for Wind Farms in Ghana

