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ENG. OTOGO JOINS ERA BOARD

The Minister for Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Irene Muloni, on 14th July 2014, appointed Eng. Joseph Otogo Otogo to the Board of the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA). The appointment is for a five-year term.



bers of the ERA Board, namely: Mr. Richard Santo Apire (Chairman), Mrs. Lydia Kiriire Oporu, Dr. Muhammad S. Serunjogi and Eng. Fabian Ti-beita.

We welcome Eng. Otogo to ERA and wish him a fruitful term.

Eng. Otogo has over 20 years' experience in Engineering, with the most recent earned in the capacity of Senior Technical Support Engineer at Alcatel-Lucent (2000-2013). He previously worked as Network Engineer with Fibernet UK Ltd (1999-2000) and as Testing and Commissioning Engineer with Marconi Communications (1996-1998). Eng. Otogo is fervent about energy economics, power markets and power generation and transmission security

To his name, Eng. Otogo has a Master of Science Degree in Sustainable Electrical Power (Brunel University); a Bachelors' Degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering (University of North London); and a Higher National Certificate in Electronics (City of Westminster College).

His hobbies include traveling and voluntary service. Eng. Otogo will provide stewardship to ERA, alongside other mem-

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ERA CONSULTS STAKEHOLDERS IN HOIMA DISTRICT

Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) conducted a Public Hearing on 10th July 2014, in respect of the application for a license by Albatros Energy (U) Ltd, to generate and sell 50 MW of electricity from a thermal power plant at Mitala Cell, Busisi Division, Kibingo Ward, Hoima Municipality, Hoima District.

The Public Hearing which was held at Bulemwa Primary School in Busiisi Sub-County, Hoima District was presided over by the Director, Technical Regulation - ERA, Ziria Tibalwa Waako.

The Public Hearing was attended by the Ag. Commissioner in charge of Energy Resources at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Mr. James Banaabe, the Deputy Resident District Commissioner of Hoima District, the Mayor of Hoima Municipality, the Deputy District Internal Security Officer of Hoima District, Local Council (LC V and LCIII) leaders, the District Environmental Officer, the local community of Busiisi and Bujumbura Sub-Counties and Staff of the Electricity Regulatory Authority.

Mr. Banaabe noted, with concern, that Uganda's per capita consumption was still low, currently at about 90 kWh as opposed to Africa's average per capita consumption of 600 kWh. He also pointed out that Uganda's current generation capacity is about 852 MW, and the Government is exploring other sources of renewable energy like solar, wind and thermal to increase the generation capacity to about 3800 MW by 2020.

He assured the local community that, the indigenous oil in the Albartine region will increase Uganda's generation capacity; and attract investors to Hoima District, leading to employment opportunities and social-economic growth.



Mr. Banaabe (standing) makes a comment at the Public Hearing. He is flanked by Ziria Tibalwa Waako, Director, Technical Regulation, ERA (left) and Mr. Juan Garrigues, Managing Director of Albatros Energy (U) Ltd (right).

The issues that arose at the Public Hearing included; the impact of the developer's activities on the water table, environmental pollution, employment of local residents, corporate social responsibility of the developer, and accessibility of the generated electricity.

The public and the District Local Government Officials of Hoima District expressed their support and no objection to the granting of the license for generation and sell of electricity to Albatros Energy (U) Ltd.



Residents of Busiisi and Bujumbura Sub-Counties at the Public Hearing.

ERA TAKES PART IN CLOSURE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE PROGRAM

ERA participated in the closing ceremony of the Uganda Investment Climate Program (UICP), which was held on 11th July 2014 at Sheraton Hotel.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Maria Kiwanuka officiated at the closing ceremony.

She noted that stable electricity supply was a key driver of investments in Uganda. The Minister also pointed out that the proposed tax reforms were not intended to discourage Ugandans from trade or to widen the gap between the rich and poor but to facilitate economic growth.

The official closing ceremony was attended by Mr. Gideon Badagawa, Executive Director of Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Dr. Peter Ngategize, National Coordinator, Competitiveness and Investment Climate



Hon. Maria Kiwanuka, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) and Mr. Gideon Badagawa, Executive Director of Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU).

Strategy (CICS), Ms. Carolyn N. Ndawula, Program Manager, Uganda Investment Climate Advisory Services (ICAS), and the former Chief Justice Samuel Wako Wabuzi.

The Reforms so far achieved include; establishment of a Business Licensing E- portal,

partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) to reduce the Trade Licensing processing time from 60 days to four (4) days.

In March 2011, Hon. Kiwanuka appointed a high level Business Licensing Reform Committee to oversee the reform work under the Ugan-

da Investment Climate Program whose initial focus was on business licensing and tax reforms.

The goal of the committee was to reduce licensing compliance costs to businesses by 25% which was estimated at private sector savings in excess of 78.3 billion.

Individuals who actively participated in the program received awards for their outstanding performance.

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