

## AREA 5: RACE TO FINISH



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MD PHRC, Engr. Ibrahim Onoja during a plant tour with the O&M team

### COMPLETION OF OPHR AT ADVANCED STAGE

Port Harcourt Refining Company Project Team is currently focusing efforts on activities and processes leading to the restreaming of Old Port Harcourt Refinery (OPHR) also known as Area 5 in the ongoing rehabilitation project. Indications show that Engineering, subcontracting works and other activities are at advanced stage.

Preparatory to the restreaming process, Management has also commenced engagement with NPSC on product evacuation via truck loading at the depot to

ensure that petroleum products that would be Processed, will be evacuated smoothly.

In addition, Management has set up a Committee to explore possibility of having Alternative crude supply pipeline from Trans Niger Pipeline (TNG) aside the existing crude supply Line from Bonny Terminal to ensure uninterrupted crude supply to the plant.

Furthermore, PHRC has confirmed arrival of key Pumps and has received on site other parts like stud bolts and gaskets needed to ensure the smooth start-up of Area 5.

Currently, other ongoing activities

at Area 5 include refurbishment of vessels and tanks; fixing of piping network and Flare system; equipment installation, and foundation works for key heavy equipment.

The company in its desire to ensure that the plant is delivered on schedule is already engaging the contractor, Tecnimont, to optimize the schedule and firm-up plans leading to the restreaming of the Old Refinery.

Related to this, the company is interfacing with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Sub-contractors to expedite activities relating to procurement and operational readiness.



Group photo of the Rehabilitation team members.

## PHRC RECONSTITUTES PROJECT TEAM

Stories by Ikenna Emeka Okpani

To successfully deliver the rehabilitation on time, on cost, safely and at the right quality, PHRC Management has reorganized its Project Team.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Team, the Managing Director of PHRC, Engr. Ibrahim Onoja said the team was expected to work in a composite unit to ensure that the rehabilitation was delivered as expected.

The MD emphasized the need for all the Team Members to be on top of their roles and to ensure that challenges are nipped in the bud or escalated and resolved.

He encouraged the members to have their eyes on the target date and do everything possible to ensure delivery on schedule.

The representative of Rehabilitation Project Consultant (RPC), Akintunde Abiona of Wood Mackenzie, in a presentation said the roles of the team, among others, were to evaluate work done by Contractors-Engineering, Procurement

and Construction and report to Management.

The Project Team is also mandated to visit the site regularly, monitor activities, engage workers, escalate challenges and communicate positions to Contractors. They are also to timely address and review all correspondences from contractors.

Other activities the team will perform include report progress to various stakeholders; Pay invoices as at when due and adequately prepare to start-up and run the plant.

The Project Team led by Engr. Lawandi Ishaku has

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**To be the dynamic global energy company of choice**

professionals covering Engineering and Construction; Procurement, HSE, Project Control and management; Commissioning and Services.

In his remarks, Engr Lawandi Ishaku promised that the team will put in their best to ensure the overall success of the project in the interest of over 200 million Nigerians.



A cross section of some imported Parts and Equipment at the Rehabilitation Warehouse



Ongoing works at Area 5

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Reliably delivering energy while continuously creating value for all stakeholders

**ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: KEY TO REHAB PROJECT SUCCESS**

Effective Community Stakeholders Management play very vital role towards the successful execution of Port Harcourt Refinery rehabilitation.

Over the years, PHRC has been maintaining robust community relations with her host communities of Eleme and Okrika. The ongoing rehabilitation project of the Refinery has provided additional impetus to deepen the cordial relationship.

To avert crisis that can disrupt the project execution within the time frame and to further provide opportunity to improve on its Corporate Social Responsibilities, the Corporate Communications Department midwived the birth of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Project Contractor, Tecnimont Nig Ltd and the Leadership of the Host Communities via its Communities Joint Relations Committee (JCRC) Members.

The MoU spelt out the obligations of the Contractors to the host communities in the areas of training, employment opportunities, developmental projects, skills acquisition programs, local contracting, welfare of community Leaders and monarchs, homage to the monarchs and other stakeholders etc.

It also specified the obligation of Community in the areas of guaranteeing peaceful environment.

Regular meetings with relevant stakeholders are held to build and sustain consensus.

Through these arrangements, the effort of management towards effective project execution is complemented.

**HOW PHRC MONITORS PROGRESS OF THE REHABILITATION**

Monitoring a project as huge as the rehabilitation of PHRC plants comes with multiple challenges and could be quite demanding. This is not lost on PHRC as it has set in motion various means of monitoring the ongoing rehabilitation.

This is distinct from the regular monitoring exercise of NNPC Refineries' Rehabilitation Steering Committee and the regular Operations briefings at the Corporate and SBU levels.

PHRC has a Project Team, whose members regularly visit the project sites and observe activities. The Company also has a full department- the Asset Management and Rehabilitation Department whose functions are fully centred on the rehabilitation of the plants. This department heads the project team and is at the epicentre of all the activities.

In addition, the Management of PHRC usually carries out Monthly Management Walk-Through during which they undertake an on-the-spot assessment of the works and activities going on. The Management uses the Walk-Through to interface directly with the contractor and subcontractors on site and at the workshop and Warehouse.

## ONOJA TAKES OVER AS MD, PHRC

Engr Ibrahim Onoja has assumed the position of Managing Director of Port Harcourt Refining Company (PHRC) Limited following the ongoing restructuring and optimization aimed at delivering on the goals and objectives of NNPC Limited.

He has since eased into the new position from his former role as General Manager. In his first meeting with PHRC Management and PHRC Rehabilitation Project Team, on February 7th 2023, he called for all hands to be on deck and solicited for the cooperation of every staff.

The new MD said staff should focus on the job at hand and ensure that they worked as a team to achieve the rehabilitation project.



*Engr Ibrahim Onoja*

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Excellence and Sustainability**



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