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FG accelerates 10MW Katsina wind, 215MW Kaduna power projects

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Federal Government is accelerating processes for the completion of the 10 megawatts (MW) Katsina Wind Farm project in Lambar Rimi and the 215MW Kudenda power plant in Kaduna State and other projects to increase power generation this year.

The Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing (FMPW&H) has set up a monitoring team that is visiting the sites of various key power projects for first hand easements from the contractors nationwide.

10MW Katsina Wind Farm ready in October

The monitoring team visited major projects in the North-west region recently where the Project Engineer at the 10MW on-grid Katsina Wind Farm, Engr. Emmanuel Yakubu, briefed the members.

He said out of the 37 wind propelled turbines, 16 have been commissioned and generating power while 21 others have been installed and are in the process of being commissioned.

“So far, since their installation, they have generated nothing less than 4MW. Although the host community has not started benefiting directly from the power generated from the wind farm, the electricity generated is moved to the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) substation in Katsina,” Yakubu said.

The contractor of the project, Crown Resources and Development Company (CREDCO) Nigeria Limited assured the team that the project would be delivered by mid-October 2019.

The project, which started in 2011, was originally contracted to a French company which carried out the installation to a certain level before the project manager was abducted. It was re-awarded in 2014.

Yakubu also told the team that optimum wind speed from the wind turbines is gotten between October and February as the wind speed operates between five and 12 meters per second.

The team enquired about challenges the plant faced such as vandalism of its assets but the project engineer said the situation had been resolved as the site now has a security apparatus in place.

215MW Kaduna Plant to use gas, diesel

At the 215MW Kudenda plant in Kaduna, the site manager, Paul Adeyemo, of Rockson Engineering, told the team that the plant has been configured to operate using both natural gas and diesel fuel.

Adeyemo said the project initially was sited at Kudenda industrial area instead of Kakuri industrial area because the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) was expected to route a gas pipeline tagged - the Abuja - Kaduna - Kano (AKK) near the site.

He noted that the plant is a green field project because it is being started all over again and all the facilities are being purchased anew.

Describing the plant, Adeyemo said, “It is a 215MW power plant project comprising eight turbine units which have been installed. Electrical works are at various stages of completion in each unit and for the first and second units, pre-commissioning has started.”

He said what is left is to install the Power Control Module (PCM) which has placed the work percentage at 86 per cent completion level for the project which comprised engineering, procurement and construction.

“Each of the eight units generates up to 25MW. The plant has also been designed in a way that it will be powered by diesel, and gas in the absence of diesel,” Adeyemo stated.

The Project Consultant for SEWA West Africa Ltd, George Eno Tembe, at the site said the substation will supply power to some industrial areas in Kaduna State and then to the national grid.

“The plant has two switch yards to evacuate power to TCN substation to the national grid and the other to the industrial areas in Kudenda and Kakuri,” Tembe said.

The Project Coordinator for Skipper Nig. Ltd, Njromjon Gupta, said the 132/33 kilovolt (KV) substation to evacuate power from the plant has been built.

He said, “Everything concerning the power station has been done; the only thing remaining are the corrections which the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA) has pointed out and are being effected.

“We have requested NEMSA to inspect it again, and then we will handover because last year July, we did the initial take over,” Gupta noted.

TCN wheels 110,724MWH energy, highest ever to DisCos

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The Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) said the power sector achieved a new record after it wheeled grid energy peak of 110,724.93 megawatts hour (MWH) to the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos) last Wednesday.

In a statement by the Public Affairs Manager, Mrs Ndidi Mbah, TCN said it was an improvement on the previous maximum daily grid energy peak of 109,372.01MWH attained on February 2, 2016.

The new figure is 1,352.92MWH higher than the previous daily grid energy peak

attained over three years ago.

TCN also recalled on February 7, 2019, the national grid reached 5,375 megawatts (MW) of generated power.

TCN said the new maximum daily energy and the peak generation (power) showed that TCN now has enhanced capacity and capability to wheel and transmit more power, provided the DisCos were ready to serve the load to electricity consumers.

“It is also evidence that the ongoing Transmission Rehabilitation and Expansion Programme (TREP) being executed by TCN is paying off,” it added.

Cottage industries kick as Kano DisCo cuts power supply

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

The leadership of the association of Dakata Cottage Small-scale Industries in Kano State has called for intervention as Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDCO) disconnects its members’ properties over disparity on payment of accumulated bills.

Speaking to newsmen, chairman of the association, Alhaji Yusuf Mukhtar, said though they have written to the Nigerian

Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Kano Forum Office, KEDCO had begun massive disconnection of its members, an act which he said, has plunged the members into quandary.

He said, “We have agreed on accumulated debt after reconciliation of the figures but KEDCO wants us to pay all outstanding debt at once. We cannot afford that and we have made it clear to them in writing and through all other means.”

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■ From right: Assistant Director Science Technology Promotion Dr. Victor Fadipe; President Nigerian Academy of Science Prof. Mosto Onuoha; Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu; Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Science and Technology Mr. Bitrus Bako Nabasu; Director Legal Adviser Barr. (Mrs.) Odu-Thomas; and Director Science Technology Promotion Mr. Ekanem Udoh, during the Cash Presentation to Four National Academies for Publication of Professional Journals by the Minister in his office Abuja yesterday.



■ From Left: Managing Director of Nigeria LNG Limited, Engr. Tony Attah and Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board, Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, after the signing of the Nigerian Content Plan for Train 7 Project, in Abuja recently.

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RETURNS ON SOURCES OF FUNDS SOLD TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FRIDAY 22ND MARCH, 2019						
S/N	CUSTOMER	FORM M/A NUMBER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF PURCHASE	AMOUNT	EXCHANGE RATE
1	STARLINK NIGERIA LIMITED			20-Mar	124,125.00	359.5
2	CBN			20-Mar	100,000.00	357
3	CBN			20-Mar	100,000.00	357
4	CBN			21-Mar	1,551,308.86	342.4755077
5	CBN			22-Mar	1,000,000.00	354.55
RETURNS ON UTILIZATION OF FUNDS SOLD TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2019						
1	CBN	REPURCHASE	REPURCHASE	18-Mar	4,026.00	358
2	UKASHA & NAZIRU ROYAL STANDARD COM.LTD	JAIZ/SME/0019004	SME	18-Mar	10,005.20	360
3	BAYOH SCIENCE NIGERIA LIMITED	JAIZ/SME/0019005	SME	18-Mar	2,070.00	360
4	ANAS GEBE ABDULLAHI	AA3838078	PTA	18-Mar	1,450.00	358
5	ONOME JENNIFER JACK	AA3136771	PTA	19-Mar	4,000.00	358
6	NMA USMAN SADIKU	AA3838080	PTA	19-Mar	4,000.00	358
7	NURATU ABDUSSALAM	AA3838081	PTA	19-Mar	4,000.00	358
8	PROVIDUS BANK	MA/QAZ/011	I & E WINDOW	20-Mar	124,125.00	360
9	CBN	REPURCHASE	REPURCHASE	20-Mar	100,000.00	357
10	CBN	REPURCHASE	REPURCHASE	20-Mar	100,000.00	357
11	BASE FLUID EXCHANGES LTD	MF20190001921	LC	21-Mar	98,313.60	342
12	BASE FLUID EXCHANGES LTD	MF20190001924	LC	21-Mar	160,676.79	342
13	ALGASCO LPG SERVICES LTD	MF20180001341	BC	21-Mar	250,000.00	345
14	GONGONI COMPANY LTD	MF20180121237	LC	21-Mar	8,141.92	339.5
15	GONGONI COMPANY LTD	MF2019000436	LC	21-Mar	8,008.35	339.5
16	BASEFLUID EXCHANGES LTD	MF20180113906	LC	21-Mar	51,565.16	342
17	BASE FLUID EXCHANGES LTD	MF20180113904	LC	21-Mar	113,097.92	342
18	DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	MF20190002962	LC	21-Mar	11,673.78	339
19	DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	MF20190003865	LC	21-Mar	6,737.80	339
20	DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	MF20190005422	LC	21-Mar	9,022.65	339
21	DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	MF20190005437	LC	21-Mar	6,592.42	339
22	ENERGY SHIELD PETROCHEMICAL LTD	MF20190009353	LC	21-Mar	162,656.25	342.5
23	AMSAJ INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LTD	MF20170081374	LC	21-Mar	51,342.76	343
24	GONGONI CO. LIMITED	MF20190005709	LC	21-Mar	52,100.82	339.5
25	GONGONI CO. LIMITED	MF20190013712	LC	21-Mar	13,279.13	339.5
26	TAVISTOCK GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED	MF20190014621	LC	21-Mar	187,500.00	345.5
27	NUCLEUS VENTURES LTD	MF20180090530	LC	21-Mar	17,609.16	342.5
28	NUCLEUS VENTURES LTD	MF20180090531	LC	21-Mar	70,545.90	342.5
29	NUCLEUS VENTURES LTD	MF20180090531	LC	21-Mar	72,444.45	342.5
30	KALANGU AGRO MACHINERY	MF20190020952	LC	21-Mar	125,000.00	343
31	KALANGU AGRO MACHINERY	MF20190023321	LC	21-Mar	75,000.00	343
32	ABDULLAHI MUHAMMADU SANI	AA3838082	PTA	21-Mar	4,000.00	358
33	ABDULLAHI HADIZA SANI	AA3838081	PTA	21-Mar	4,000.00	358
34	CBN	REPURCHASE	REPURCHASE	22-Mar	342.57	340.6
35	FATIMA BUKAR TATAMA	AA3127709	PTA	22-Mar	4,000.00	358
36	KALANGU AGRO MACHINERY	MF20180066012	BC	22-Mar	13,380.84	355.05
37	KALANGU AGRO MACHINERY	MF20190020952	LC	22-Mar	375,000.00	355.05
38	KALANGU AGRO MACHINERY	MF20190023321	LC	22-Mar	225,000.00	355.05
39	BASEFLUID EXCHANGES LTD	MF20190009353	LC	22-Mar	5,065.49	355.05
40	ALGASCO LPG SERVICES LTD	MF20180001341	BC	22-Mar	381,553.67	355.05