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ALL LPG MARKETING COMPANIES

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CYLINDER RECIRCULATION MODEL

In October 2017, the Government of Ghana (GoG) through the Ministry of Energy (MoEn) introduced a new policy directive for marketing and distribution of LPG in Ghana, using the Cylinder Recirculation Model (CRM). The goal of the policy is to ensure at least 50% of Ghanaians have access to safe, clean, and environmentally friendly LPG for increased domestic, commercial and industrial usage by 2030.

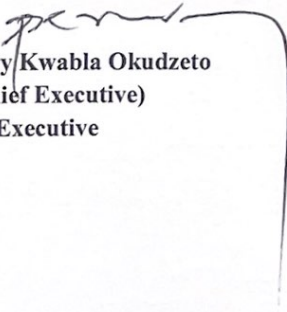
The Ministry of Energy in October 2017, mandated the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) to constitute an implementation committee to plan, oversee and ensure the smooth and successful implementation of the CRM. Subsequently, the Authority and the Committee has formulated some strategies for the implementation of the CRM and undertaken some key activities. A regulatory framework including licensing structure, pricing structure, HSSE guidelines and operational standards has been developed and followed by a pilot CRM implementation which covered some parts of the value chain in March 2020 in four (4) regions of the country.

The Authority wishes to commence the main CRM implementation with the full value chain of the model which will involve the filling of domestic cylinders with LPG at the Bottling Plants and the distribution of same to LPG consumers at Cylinder Exchange Points (CEPs). The Authority plans to begin this main CRM implementation in the Greater Accra and the Ashanti Regions as Phase 1 in September 2023 and then extend implementation to the other regions across the country in Phases.

Following our deepened engagements and in preparation towards the commencement of the CRM, the Authority wishes to reassess all the LPG Refilling Outlets in the country starting in the Greater Accra and the Ashanti Regions with the view of re-classifying the outlets into high, medium and low risk categories. The Outlets that are classified as medium or low risk shall be considered for operation as Autogas Stations whereas Outlets classified as high risk shall be considered to operate as Cylinder Exchange Points.

The outcome of the exercise will be communicated to relevant stakeholders to inform the next line of action. In the meantime, we request that you alert your station managers to be ready to provide the necessary information to officers of the Authority who visit your premises to ensure the exercise is carried out smoothly and successfully.

We count on your cooperation in this regard.


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