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WORKING VISIT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR VISITS GRIDCo's 330/161kV ADUBILIYILI SUBSTATION

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The Ghana Grid Company LTD. (GRIDCo) and the French Development Agency (AFD) are pleased to host a working visit to the Adubiliyili Substation in Tamale, Northern Region, for the Ambassador of France to Ghana, H.E. Jules Armand ANIAMBOSSOU.

The working visit of the Ambassador reflects a strong existing collaboration with GRIDCo and the Government of Ghana. It is this mutual partnership and cooperation that facilitated the construction of the 330/161kV Adubiliyili Substation in Tamale, which is an important component of the 330kV Kumasi-Bolgatanga Transmission Line Project, funded by the Government of France through its agency, Agence Française de Développement, and support from the European Union.

The purpose of the visit to the Adubiliyili Substation is to visit the great work and result, to engage with the facility managers and gauge the performance of the Substation, which serves the city Tamale and allows power export up to 150MW to neighboring Burkina Faso.

Chief Executive of GRIDCo, Ing. Ebenezer Kofi Essienyi commented: *GRIDCo is proud of its pioneering and impactful role in Ghana's power sector, in ensuring the reliable transmission of electricity across the country, which is strengthened with external collaborations & expertise. The 330/161kV Adubiliyili Substation is a critical infrastructure component which has significantly improved power supply reliability and enhanced GRIDCo's ability to export 150MW power to Burkina Faso. This strategic partnership with France through AFD & the EU has positioned GRIDCo to deliver critical Energy Projects to improve efficiency, ensure a robust national grid".*

Ambassador of France to Ghana, H.E. Jules Armand Aniambossou commented:

"France and EU Delegation have worked closely with GRIDCo for many years on Kumasi - Bolgatanga Transmission Line, and we can appreciate the results here today. I am impressed by Ghana's long-term commitment to ensuring a reliable and efficient power network for the Northern Region. GRIDCo shows an incredible level of expertise and efficiency with the construction and maintenance of this substation and the entire Transmission Project. I also want to recognize the expertise and partnership with Eiffage Energies Transport & Distribution and ABB AG Joint Venture of France: this shows how important it is to encourage cooperation between France and Ghana businesses. France - in close partnership with EU Delegation - is already working with Ghanaian authorities on new energy projects."

IMPACT:

- This substation has increased transmission capacity to meet growing demand in the Northern, North-East and Upper East Regions of Ghana.
- Power supply stability and reliability has also improved in the Northern part of the NITS.
- Positioned in the Northern Belt, the Adubliyili Substation facilitates the wheeling of 150MW power to Burkina Faso.

GRIDCo continues to improve its transmission assets, quality power supply in Ghana and beyond, to effectively carry out its mandate of being the model Grid Company in Africa. These efforts will impact positively on the socio-economic development of Ghana and Africa as a whole.

The Adubilyili Substation, built in 2019 is a component of GRIDCo's 330kV KUMASI – BOLGATANGA Transmission Line Project and has already been formally commissioned by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo in October 2022.

Project construction for the Adubilyili Substation was executed by Eiffage Energies/ABB AG J.V.

It was funded with a facility of 173.9 million USD (One Hundred and Seventy-Three Million and Nine Hundred Thousand US Dollars) by the French Development Agency (AFD) and a EUR 5 million European Union grant dedicated to Project Management, Supervision and Project works.

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Note to Editors:

About GRIDCo

Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRIDCo) was incorporated in December 2006 to carry out the economic dispatching and transmission of electricity from facilities of wholesale suppliers (Independent Power Producers [IPPs]) to bulk customers and distribution utilities in Ghana and West Africa. The Company became operational on August 1, 2008, following the transfer of the Transmission System Department and its core staff from VRA to GRIDCo. It operates the National Interconnected Transmission System (NITS). GRIDCo currently transmits electricity to thirty-one (31) Bulk Customers and Distribution Utilities from eleven (11) Wholesale Suppliers, including the Volta River Authority (VRA).

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