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**WORKS ON DAMAGED SECTION OF AKWATIA – NEW OBUASI  
TRANSMISSION LINE**

The Ghana Grid Company LTD. (GRIDCo) wishes to inform the public about repair work it is undertaking on a section of its 161kV Transmission Line from Akwatia to New Obuasi.

The section of the line being worked on was faulted when illegal chainsaw operators felled a tall tree damaging a critical tower section on the line. This incident occurred on March 17, at 9:30am. (*see some pictures from the site below*). This line is one of the key lines that supplies power to Kumasi and portions of the middle belt of Ghana. The outage to the line has significantly affected the quality of supply since the incident to Kumasi and its surroundings.

Our maintenance engineers quickly moved in on the same day of the outage and started work to restore the line. Unfortunately, their assessment showed extensive damage such that, it required moving heavy duty equipment to widen access to the point of fault, dismantle the damaged tower and conductors and reconstruct a new tower in its place.

Our engineers have worked expeditiously around the clock and of Thursday April 17 the reconstruction of the new tower has been completed. Remaining conductor stringing works are projected to be completed by Sunday April 20, 2025 for the line to be restored to service.

GRIDCo wishes to draw attention to the negative effects of illegal chain saw operators (and sometimes ‘galamsey’ operations) whose activities often damage our electricity transmission infrastructure across the country. We urge the public to assist in curbing these illegal activities to safeguard Ghana’s transmission infrastructure.

GRIDCo apologises to the public especially, residents of Kumasi and its surroundings for the power challenges brought on as a result of the damage to the line.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

**About The Ghana Grid Company Ltd (GRIDCo)**

Ghana Grid Company LTD. (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-three (33) Bulk Customers and Distribution Utilities from eleven (11) Wholesale Suppliers.

**Damaged Conductor & Cables**



**Damaged Tower**



**Top of Mangled Tower**





GRIDCo Engineers working to restore the Line



GRIDCo Engineers working to restore the Line

Reconstructed Tower

