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In furtherance of its determination of bringing positive reforms in the nation's Port system, the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority [NPA] has handed over the Old Port Terminal 'B' of the Warri Port to a Concessionaire – Ocean and Cargo Terminal Services Limited.

The Managing Director of the NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman who was represented at the occasion by the Executive Director Marine and Operations, Dr. Sokonte Davies informed guests at the occasion that the concessioning exercise was a fulfillment of the Management's goal of repositioning the Port for more efficient service delivery.

Bala Usman emphasized that the successes recorded in the concessioning exercise undertaken in 2006 by previous Managements reinforced the need to embark on the present one in Warri.

In recent times, Management at different fora had taken the bull by the horn through the formulation and implementation of policies geared towards the realization of making the Maritime sector and most especially the Nigerian Ports a force to reckon with. At the moment, the Maritime sector is undergoing positive changes and reforms towards making the Nigerian Ports a hub within the Sub Saharan Africa. Management had often stressed that there has been tremendous changes witnessed in the sector in line with International best practices by its users and Operators.

Furthermore, in line with the above, the Federal Government has also supported the drive of the NPA Management through the formulation of policies to serve as incentives for stakeholders coming into the country to do business in our ports across the country. One of such is the Ease Of Doing Business introduced for the Business community to facilitate operational efficiency on which the NPA has benefitted.

Industry watchers agree that a critical look at this Concession in Warri by Management is seen across board as a welcome development. It would create more jobs for the unemployed youths within the axis. It would further enhance productivity and attract more Cargo to the Ports which would generate revenue to the nation's purse and most importantly assist in the growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This will also aid in addressing youth restiveness in the Delta region.

In addition, Infrastructural development would be swiftly facilitated within the Warri Port and its axis through Corporate Social Responsibility for the community and most importantly, improve on the Federal Government Partnership with private investors through the public private partnership initiative.

In conclusion, this latest development by Management should be embraced and applauded by all in view of the potentials and benefits to local populace and the nation at large.

From the Editorial Suites



In this month's edition, we bring you educative and insightful stories as usual.

In our Lead story, we take a critical assessment of the Management of Nigerian Ports Authority's (NPA) decision at encouraging local investors through the provision of a conducive environment and policy which would go a long way at impacting positively in the area of development.

Recently, Management represented by the Executive Director Marine and Operations Dr Sekonte Davies at a colorful ceremony held at Delta Ports handed over the old Warri Terminal 'B' to Ocean & Cargo Terminal Services Limited. He urged the community to support the Organization to succeed.

We also report that Industry watchers recently recognized the positive contributions of the NPA Management in its thrive at bringing to the fore positive changes in its operations in line with International best practices.

In our Safety corner, we highlight Workplace and Safety guidelines in the Work place and at home. It is necessary to adhere to safety tips designed to avert unfortunate occurrences in the areas of fall, Lifting of objects and other issues which might lead to disability and death.

We also highlight the series of positive developments on the part of the NPA Management which have impacted on the lives of the indigenous communities within the Eastern Port axis through the Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

These and many other juicy stories are for your reading pleasure.

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**A Ship is
always
safe at the
Shore, but
that is not
what it is
built for.**

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**CEREMONY AT THE PORT DURING THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
DR. NNAMDI AZIKIWE FROM EUROPE BY SEA IN 1961**

ONNE PORT IN FOCUS

ONNE PORT MANAGER EULOGIZES THE PRESS, SEEKS FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION



Mallam Alhassan Abubakar, the Chief Operating Officer of the Onne Port, located within the Eastern Port axis has eulogized members of the fourth realm of the Estate, the press for their numerous positive qualitative reportage of the Maritime sector which has impacted positively in the area of operational efficiency and improved service delivery adding that it has placed the Sector positively before the International Community in line with International best practices. Alhassan made this remark during the end of year interactive session with gentlemen of the print and electronic media held at the conference room of the complex. He further reiterated the determination of the Authority led by Hadiza Bala Usman in

further providing an enabling environment for operational growth and development through improved infrastructural development, sound security network within the Port and the waterways and most importantly procurement of equipment for swift operational activities.

Journalists present at the occasion thanked the Port Manager for hosting them to the event. This they strongly affirm is a way of further fostering the cordial working relationship between both parties as partners in progress for the growth and development of the Nation especially in the area of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

NPA CLEANS WATER CHANNELS AT ONNE PORT

FOR IMPROVED NAVIGATION

The NPA Management would ensure that it reinvigorates the Organization's operations towards improved efficiency especially its Water Channel across the Ports aimed at attracting foreign investors and attaining a hub status within Sub Saharan Africa.

This remark was made by the Port Manager Onne Port Alhassan Ismail Abubakar represented by Barbara Nchey-Achukwu at the flag off of the cleanup exercise of the Water Channels within the Federal Oceans Terminal (FOT), Onne. He appealed to members of the Port Community to desist from acts such as oil bunkering and waste which eventually leads to the pollution of our Water Channels adding that this is not in line with International Standards. The Assistant General Manager, Environment Khadijat Sheidu Shabi informed the gathering that the Hadiza led Management is delighted to be at the forefront of ensuring that our channels are of the highest quality compared with the best within the sub region and beyond. This step she assured would attract investors to the Ports and reduce risks.

NPA CLEARS EMCUMBERANCES AT ONNE PORT ROAD AXIS

- DEMOLISHES ILLEGAL STRUCTURES



The Management of the Onne Port located within the Eastern Port axis in its determination of providing a conducive and safe working environment for all users of the facility recently embarked on the demolition of illegal structures along the Port access roads.

The action which was carried out in conjunction with officers of the Federal Highway Unit of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, Federal Road Safety Corps, Etame Local Government and other Security agencies. It was a measure aimed at preventing the likely danger of loss of lives through indiscriminate parking of container laden trucks and prevent a hiding place for criminal elements within the Port axis.

Recall that the exercise is coming on the heels of the Federal Government's recent policy of attracting investors through the Ease of Doing Business in the area of providing an enabling environment such as the smooth entry and evacuation of goods for intending investors willing to do business in the Port.

The exercise which lasted the whole day witnessed the demolition of total of over 200 illegal shops and structures.

MD NPA COMMISSIONED CSR PROJECTS IN CALABAR

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), commissioned renovated Government Secondary School, Adiaboh Assembly Hall, and other Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects in Calabar, Cross River State.

The Representative of the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), the General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications, Engr. Adams Jatto (Middle), the Obong of Calabar, His Eminence Edidem Ekpo Abasi Otu V (KSM) (left) and Port Manager, Calabar Port, Olufunmilayo Olotu (right) during the event.



MD NPA RECEIVES APPRECIATION AWARD

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, received an Appreciation Award from the Senior Staff Association of Statutory Corporations and Government Owned Companies (SSASCGOC), Maritime Branch for her support and exemplary contributions to human development in Port Services during their 40th Anniversary in Lagos. The Representative of the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), the General Manager, Human Resources, Yahaya Bukar Gana receiving the award from the President of the Senior Staff Association of Statutory Corporations and Government Owned Companies (SSASCGOC), Maritime Branch, Comrade Adamu Gora Ya'u during the event.



MD NPA AT THE SHIPPING CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA'S BOOK LAUNCH

The Representative of the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), the Executive Director, Marine and Operations, Dr. Sokonte Davies (2nd from left)), and the General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications, Engr. Adams Jatto (right), the Board Chairman, Shipping Correspondents Association of Nigeria (SCAN), Bolaji Akinola (left), the President SCAN, Yusuf Babalola (3rd from left) at the unveiling of the Book titled "Footprints of President Muhammadu Buhari in the Maritime Sector in Lagos.



LEAGUE OF MARITIME EDITORS HONOUR HADIZA

The League of Maritime Editors and publishers recently held its 20th year anniversary in Lagos. The event which took place recently at the Golden Gate Restaurant witnessed the investiture of the Managing Director of NPA Hadiza Bala Usman as its Patroness for her drive towards repositioning of the Maritime sector to greater heights.



Health and Safety

By Engr. Dafe T. S. Prin. Manager, Safety

WORKPLACE/ OFFICE SAFETY



Accidents in the workplace are a fairly common occurrence, resulting in injury, lifestyle-altering and death. These safety tips are design to ensure our safety at our workplace which unarguably constitutes the greatest percentage of our time out of our homes

1. Falls:

Always use a ladder or step stool to retrieve anything above shoulder level.

Ladders, or step stools, should be sturdy and not have any broken rung or legs.

Do not lean too far back in chairs. This may result in over-balancing and a fall.

Never use ladder substitutes such as chairs or boxes.

Be sure the pathway is clear before you walk.

Secure electrical cords and wires away from walkways.

Avoid excessive bending, twisting, and leaning backward while seated.

Maintain adequate lighting in work areas.

Clean up all spills immediately.

Use a footstool or stepladder when changing a light bulb or retrieving something from a high shelf, don't allow our staff to stand on their desks, a box or a wastebasket.

2. Filing Cabinets/Bookcases

Fill the second drawer from the bottom in a four-drawer filing cabinet before any of the others, to weight the bottom and to prevent it from tilting over.

Return drawers and doors to the closed position after use to

prevent bumping and tripping. Never open more than one drawer or door at a time.

Place file cabinets where their use will not interfere with traffic patterns.

Secure cabinets or bookcases taller than 64 inches to the wall to prevent toppling over.

Make sure computer and telephone cords are not underfoot to prevent employees from getting their feet tangled.

3. Lifting

Take a balanced stance feet placed shoulder-width apart. When lifting something from the floor, squat close to the load.

Keep your back in its neutral or straight position. Tuck in your chin so your head and neck continue the straight back line.

Grip the object with your whole hand, rather than only with your fingers. Draw the object close to you, holding your elbows close to your body to keep the load and your body weight centered.

Never twist when lifting. When you must turn with a load, turn your whole body, feet first.

Never carry a load that blocks your vision.

REMEMBER THAT:-

1. THE WORKPLACE IS YOUR HOME FIVE DAYS OF THE WEEK, HELP KEEP IT CLEAN.

2. THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE IS A CAREFUL WORKER.

3. SAFETY PROTECTS PEOPLE, QUALITY PROTECTS JOBS.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT: NPA EQUIPS HOST COMMUNITY FOR IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY

The NPA Management would not rest on its oars in the area of manpower development through the training and provision of tools and equipment for artisans within the Ikpokiri/Opi Community within and beyond the Onne Port axis of the Eastern Port.

Making this reassurance, the Port Manager Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar made this statement during the presentation of materials for catering, tailoring and hair salon equipment for Ogu youths at a well attended event held at the Ports Conference room, Federal Lighter Terminal, Onne.

Quoting the Port Manager 'it is a good thing that management of NPA has revisited you. We urge you to be proactive in the effective utilization of life surviving equipment, you are receiving today'.

In his response the Ogu youth President Comrade Dereso Nyeouko expressed great excitement and appreciation to the NPA Management for making it possible for the community to receive incentives towards a worthy living.

Mrs Gold Deresoma a beneficiary of the project promised the NPA Management that the equipment would be put to good use.

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop

TO WHAT EXTENT AND WITH WHOM WOULD YOU DISCUSS YOUR INTIMATE FAMILY ISSUES IN THE OFFICE?



In fact discussing personal family issues in the office such as family problems, life changing situations, emotional difficulties e.t.c. can impact on someone's job and ability to advance in one's carrier. It is better to keep one's private life separate from work. Therefore, it is better therefore to learn to keep personal issues from negatively affecting one's job and carrier. In view of the above, I doubt it if that will ever happen no matter how close the relationship.

Adeeko A.H.
SERVICOM Dept, HQ



It is quite improper to discuss my intimate marriage issues with anyone in the office. What is meant to be private should be private.

Onifade Adewunmi
Training Department Dept, Rivers Port.



No, I don't really discuss my family issues with any of my colleagues in the office because such issues are supposed to be confidential and private.

Ogunsanya B. A.
SERVICOM Dept., HQ



Intimate family issues are to be guided jealously in the public office inclusion. However, if I must discuss family issues it will be to the extent that I will not expose my immediate family beyond reasonable extent. This I can share with someone that has human feelings, original and has earned my trust.

Alaegbu Chukwuemeka
Accounts Dept., HQ



Never. What happens in the family stays in the family. I would rather not even seek advice from colleagues in making decisions that affect the family.

Badmos Oluwatosin
Accounts Dept., HQ



No! This will allow you to focus with organizational goals and objectives. Because discussing your intimate family issues in the office is a way of exposing yourself for discussion to the public. No matter how close the person is closed to you one day he/she will discuss the matter with someone else and you will feel so bad about it and this can affect your performance in the office. My advice is, your personal issues should be discussing by your family, pastor or imam or the Almighty God, and not in the office please note.

Sunday Oyeyipo
Accounts Dept., HQ



Generally, the office environment is not a good place to discuss your family issues. However, if you are to do it, you can only discuss your family issue with someone you can trust, who can give you a good advice not everyone, but someone who you know very well.

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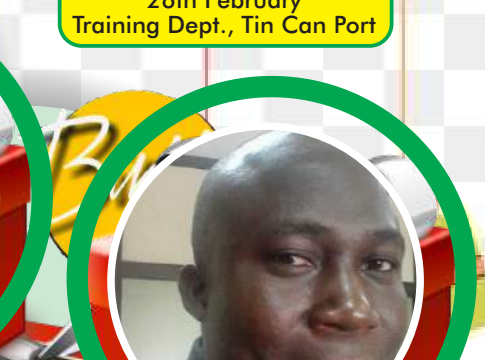
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