

### 1. Rwanda: VW, Siemens launch electric mobility pilot project in Rwanda

- In a first for the African continent, the Volkswagen brand has launched a pilot project in partnership with Siemens to test the feasibility of electric mobility in an African country.
- The pilot project, which will form part of Volkswagen's operations in Rwanda, was officially announced recently by Thomas Schäfer, CEO of Volkswagen Group South Africa and responsible for the Sub-Saharan Africa Region, in the presence of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda, Dr. Edouard Ngirente.
- During the pilot phase, four e-Golfs and one charging station will be introduced in the capital of Rwanda, Kigali. Volkswagen has signed a joint development agreement with Siemens to provide the charging infrastructure for the electric cars.
- With the launch of the pilot project, Rwanda becomes the first African country to introduce a Volkswagen electric car.

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### 2. Nigeria: Total Restates Commitment to Nigeria's Gas Master Plan

- The Managing Director, Total E&P Nigeria/ Country Chair, Total Companies in Nigeria, Mr. Mike Sangster, has stated that the oil major is deeply committed to the Nigerian Gas Master Plan, which centres around reducing gas flaring and monetisation.
- Sangster stated this in Lagos while delivering the sponsor's remark at a management session of the 2019 conference and exhibition of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) held recently.
- According to him, "Nigeria is Africa's top oil producer and when industry experts assemble in Nigeria to discuss any aspect of the oil and gas business, it's definitely a very good idea to join that conversation. That is evident in the quality of industry leaders and experts assembled in this hall this morning".
- "Total is proud to be associated with Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), which is the largest professional association of petroleum geologists and related disciplines in Nigeria and indeed Africa. NAPE is a very important part of Total."

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### 3. Uganda: Uganda Oil Refinery receives \$20m from AFC

- The Africa Finance Corporation has advanced \$20 million for the construction of Uganda's crude oil refinery, paving the way for the start of the \$4.27 billion project.
- AFC signed the financing deal on the sidelines of the Africa Oil Week in South Africa mid this month, The EastAfrican has established.
- Other financiers including the African Development Bank, Prosper Africa, a US government Initiative that unlocks opportunities to do business in Africa and another US-based firm, Trace and Development

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Agency are also expected to put money into the multi-billion-dollar project.

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#### **4. Seplat moves to consummate Eland deal as parties resolve dispute**

- Seplat Petroleum Development Plc is set to consummate its deal to acquire Eland Oil and Gas Plc following the amicable resolution of issues raised by Starcrest Nigeria Energy Limited, a key stakeholder in Eland.
- Starcrest, a member of the Chrome Group of companies, had on November, 13, issued caution on the proposed acquisition of Eland Oil and Gas by Seplat, which was announced on October 15, on the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE).
- According to Starcrest, there were fundamental misrepresentations, or material omissions in representation made by Eland and Seplat to NSE and the respective shareholders.
- However, sources familiar with the deal hinted that the Chairman of Starcrest, Sir Emeka Offor, met in London recently with the CEO of Eland, George Maxwell and Chairman of Seplat, Bryant Orjiako, where the trio resolved the impasse, resulting in a favourable outcome for all parties.

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#### **5. Nigeria: NNPC, China Pipeline Company, Brantex Consortium, Firm Up Plans to Commence AKK Project**

- The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Company Limited (CPPECL) and Brantex Consortium, have concluded plans for the commencement of work on the Abuja-Kaduna-Kano pipeline project popularly known as AKK project, a release by the National Oil Company's Acting Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, Mr. Samson Makoji, stated.
- Group Managing Director of the NNPC, Mallam Mele Kyari, gave this indication when he received the President of CPPECL, Sun Quanjun and the head of the Brantex Consortium at the NNPC Towers in Abuja.
- Mallam Kyari stated that the AKK project was key to resolving the power deficit challenge of the country, saying NNPC was ready to give all necessary support to CPPECL and Brantex Consortium to deliver the project within time and within budget.

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#### **6. Morocco: Boujdour wind farm construction in Morocco to begin in 2021**

- Two Moroccan institutions (Onee and Masen) have concluded an agreement with the private developer of the 850 MW integrated wind project to launch construction work on the Boujdour wind farm in 2021. The wind farm will have a production capacity of 300 MW.
- The wind farm to be installed in Boudjour is the second in the 850 MW integrated project launched a few years ago in Morocco. The latter includes a total of five wind farms, including Midelt (180 MW), Boujdour (300 MW), Jbel Lahdid in Essaouira (200 MW), Tiskrad in Tarfaya (100 MW) and Tanger II (70 MW). Together, these plants will prevent the production

of 2,380,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year, the equivalent of the consumption of a city the size of Casablanca.

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#### **7. Mozambique: Storms bring power cuts to parts of Niassa and Nampula in Mozambique**

- Some districts of Niassa and Nampula provinces are without electricity as a result of the heavy rains and high winds in northern parts of Mozambique since Sunday.
- Several regions of Niassa province have been without electricity since high winds felled 13 power poles in Mecanhelas district and 16 poles in Nipepe and Metarica districts.
- Three power poles were blown over in Nampula province, leaving Malema District in the dark, and some districts in Inhambane province have restricted electricity due to a breakdown in Temane Central.

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#### **8. Tanzania: Tanzanian Government to hold meeting with petroleum investors**

- The government plans to hold a roundtable dialogue with potential petroleum investors in the country to ensure a win-win situation for parties.
- The dialogue, set to convene after finalizing the ongoing review of Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) between the government and foreign investors focuses on allowing the country to benefit from abundant petroleum resources the country is endowed with.

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