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INTERVIEW WITH PABOD BREWERIES MANAGEMENT ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF PROCESS AND PRODUCTION.

E-Newsletter: We want to know about your profile and experience which has brought you into the management of PABOD Breweries Ltd.

GM: My name is Franz. Donef Brume, from Germany and a Brewer by profession. I studied Food Technology in Breweries. My first job as food technologist was with Coca Cola in Germany, later a job in Namibia, South Africa. I also got a fishing job in Namibia, I was there for twelve or thirteen years, then I decided to go back to Germany, there I also got a good offer with a big company though I was not happy with the job. Finally I got an offer in Africa, Nigeria with PABOD Breweries which I accepted.

E-Newsletter: What is your plan to sustain PABOD in terms of choice and source of raw materials, project financing/planning, technical capability etc?

GM: Thank you. At this moment our technical body is very very good. It is of high standard. We can make now easily up to 250,000 hectolitres/per year. Initially, our sale was at low level but we are growing on a daily basis from a low level to medium and very soon perhaps before the end of the year we expect to achieve our target. Within a short time we will be in a position to be financially independent. Secondly we must have people here; we need technical people, financial people, so that what happened in 1996 when this company got stalled will not repeat itself. When we need spare parts, we must have it immediately and instal them as the need arises. That means we must see that Pabod Brewery's operation is high technically. For that I have to get human resources in all disciplines. For us we are on ground already with our people working.

E-Newsletter: What about local input? How far have you gone with engaging local engineers, technologists etc.?

GM: It is actually a very good question, yes for sure we have done that. It is part of our policies, we must first see that we get local suppliers for certain products and local engineering companies to do the work. Fortunately here in Port Harcourt, there are competent companies that we have engaged. For example tomorrow, a company based in Port Harcourt will start the routine maintenance of our generator. It's a very reliable company. They are also working for Coca Cola, since Coca Cola is happy with them I am sure they are good. We are also trying to build up good relationships with Nigerian based companies especially within Port Harcourt, one after the other.

E-Newsletter: What is your relationship with your host community, Oginigba? What is your future plan for them?

GM: We've not done anything yet but in the nearest future we will open a social budget. Our aim is that we work together with the community but I need ideas, influence from workers as you may know we have Senior Workers Association and Junior Workers Union, unfortunately, I have not had meeting with them but I want to have them all together here at this table, so they can tell us their needs, what they want and their expectations. At the moment we have other problems but definitely we will do something. Absolutely, each company has social responsibility and we are not exempted.

E-Newsletter: Must companies get stalled as a result of poor communication between the Board of Directors and the company. How often do you brief your directors and shareholder on the progress development of your operation to create the continuous existence of this company?



Franz. Donef Brume left & Engr. Dr. Ujile of the e-newsletter

GM: Yes, we will have few meetings per year with the Board of Directors and I being on the technical side, which may be an edge for the company, I will inform them on what we have to do, and what must be done and I can convince them that we need this and this amount for this and that maintenance. On the technical side, we are already at a good level, that's very important. Everybody is looking for it. But I am planning on long term. I am not planning for one year because if you are planning for short term, you don't put any money in the entire maintenance because that is the big part of your budget but we are planning for a longer term and we require maintenance from the beginning.

E-Newsletter: In your planning, do you have in mind to integrate recent engineering software to track progress development of your product in system like quality control, performance, reliability and efficiency?

GM: Yes, we have for Accounting, we have special software already for production. We till make do with Excel for some work. But when we develop further, I am sure we'll employ more software.

E-Newsletter: Thank you, from the facility tour of your operation, we have known that some of the operation is on continuous process and continuous processes will require certain softwares to enhance high productivity. So have it at the back of your mind to integrate certain process simulation software like Hysis and the like. It will help. You can consult Nigerian Society of Engineers. What is your future plan towards expanding the scope of this company? For now you have only two products, Grand Larger and Grand Malt.

GM: Thank you for asking this question. We have plans but we can't say when we'll start with it but definitely, we plan to start with bottling water either within one year or within the next three years, we don't know yet. Secondly, we want to produce the Can Brand Larger and Can Grand Malt and this will take time.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much for giving us audience. We are Nigerian Society of Engineers and we are willing to help professionally in all engineering fields related to your production process because we don't want this company to experience what happened years ago. Once again thank you.

GM: Thank you very much. I guarantee you that we'll do all we can so that this company will not close down again.

APPRECIATION TO ENGR. P. C. UKPAKA

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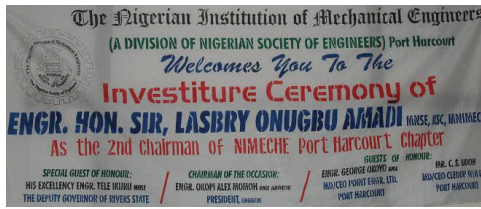
GET WELL SOON FOR ENGR. L. T. DOMKPE, FNSE.

E-Newsletter is praying earnestly for our senior member, Engr L.T Domkpe, FNSE who is presently sick and receiving medical attention at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) for quick recovery. God through His Son Jesus Christ will touch you and grant you divine healing. Amen

NIMechE INAUGURATES NEW EXCO- ENGR. AMADI IS NEW CHAPTER CHAIRMAN.



Hon. Engr. Sir. Lasbry Amadi



The Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers (NIMechE) a division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers on Sunday 29th of June 2008, held an investiture/ inauguration ceremony of its new Executive Committee Members. The occasion which marked the investiture of Hon. Engr. Sir. Lasbry Omuegbu Amadi, MNSE, Ksc, MNIMechE as the second Port Harcourt Chapter Chairman of NIMechE also witnessed the inauguration of other Exco members as follows: Engr. Denis A. A. Dania-Vice Chairman; Engr. Goodluck Ikenyiri -General Secretary; Engr. Oke Oderhohwo -Asst. General Secretary; Engr. Richard Ogonna-Technical Secretary; Engr. Sylvanus Oporum-Treasurer; Engr. Digbani Tam- Publicity Secretary; Engr. Humphrey Amadi Financial-Secretary; Engr. A. R. S. Dienagha - Immediate Past Chairman. The occasion of the investiture/inauguration ceremony was held at Aldgate Hotels, in GRA phase III Port Harcourt with the National Chairman of the Nigerian Institute of Mechanical Engineers (NIMechE) Engr. Ikopi Alex Momoh MNSE, MNIMechE, ably represented by Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE, Dean, Faculty of Engineering Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt as Chairman of the occasion. Other dignitaries at the occasion were the deputy Governor of Rivers State, Engr. Tele Ikuru, MNSE, who was ably represented by the Rivers State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Owate Israel as Special Guest of Honour; Engr. George Okoyo, MD/CEO, Point Engineering Ltd, the NSE Port Harcourt Branch Chairman, Engr. B.M.H. Ogariawo MNSE, ably represented by the Vice Chairman, Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni MNSE. Messages of goodwill were sent in from Engr. Chief. G. Massari; FNSE and Mr. C. S. Udo of Cledop Ltd. In his inaugural speech at the occasion, Engr. Lasbry Amadi advocated for the sustenance of the challenges of Mechanical Engineering Profession in Nigeria. He re-iterated for a political will of the Government and a resolved determination of captains of industries and other stakeholders in the challenge of human capacity building in mechanical engineering to meet the ever increasing global challenges in technology.

E-Newsletter wishes NIMechE new leadership fruitful tenure in the years ahead.

VENERABLE MAX HARRISON OGARIAWO GOES HOME

The body of late Venerable Max Harrison Ogariawo was laid to rest on Saturday 5th of July 2008, at Obuama (Harry's town) in the Kalabari Kingdom of Rivers State amidst pop and pageantry and in a very solemn celebration. The Homeward journey ceremonies which was totally marked with Christian solemnity started with a short service of song at SAINT SAVIOUR'S AFRICAN CHURCH Diobu , Port Harcourt enroute Buguma in a brief lying in state at his father land. Thereafter the whole programme switched over to Obuama his mother land for the final burial ceremony of Christian wake and interment. It was a moment of celebration and a challenge of faith as the late Venerable's burial was laden with a deep solemn celebration as a testimonial and true legacy of his life on earth, and of his mother land for his interment is a justification of the popular slogan "MOTHER IS SUPREME". The late Venerable Max Harrison Ogariawo, died at the age 84 after a very brief illness. He was survived by his wife and 5 children including Engr. Bateim Max Harrison Ogariawo MNSE, Branch Chairman of THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS PORT HARCOURT BRANCH.



Engr. B. Ogariawo, NSE PH Branch Chairman



Ven. Max H. Ogariawo been laid to rest



Members of NSE PH in a group photo with Engr. B. Ogariawo during the burial ceremony of his father.

COREN 17TH ENGINEERING ASSEMBLY:

THEME : *VALUE FOR MONEY IN ENGINEERING PROJECTS: THE ROLE OF ENGINEERING REGULATION.*

VENUE: *INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE. ABUJA.*

DATE: *23RD-24TH SEPT, 2008.*

REGISTRATION FEE: *#12,000.* **PRE-REGISTRATION:** *#15,000.* **AFTER 22ND AUGUST, 2008. TECH & CRAFTMEN:** *#6,000 FLAT.*

PROGRAMME OUTLINE:

DAY 1: *9:00AM-OPENING CEREMONY, 12:00PM: TEA BREAK, 1:00PM: TECH SESSIONS, 7:00PM: DINNER.*

DAY 2: *9:00AM TECH SESSION, 12:00PM: TEA BREAK, 12:30PM: TECH SESSION, 2:00PM CLOSING*

NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!

All members of NSE PH should pay their **annual branch dues** of N4000 and **compulsory levy** of N5000 towards the Engineer Resource Center to **UBA ACC. NO: 0820280000194 (Port Harcourt main Branch).** Also pay **National Annual Subscription** of N5,500.00 directly to **AFRIBANK ACC No. 142022215613** & forward all tellers to the secretariat for reconciliation.

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