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## Welcome to our Winter Update

NMSI would like to welcome you to this winter edition of our newsletter updating you on all progress on the Ghana 7 District Hospitals Project.



### Presidential visit to Dodowa

NMSI and Genelec Support Services had the honour of hosting the President of the Republic of Ghana, HE John Dramani Mahama, for a visit of the Dodowa District Hospital site as handover of the new 120 bed hospital draws ever nearer. The president took a walking tour of the almost complete facilities and then gave a speech to the watching crowd and press, saying he was pleased to hear that the “workers on this project had been fantastic” and “that the majority of those are Ghanaians”!



The commissioning of the Hospital, now planned for early 2016, should see the return of the President for this important occasion.



### 2016 British Expertise International Awards

The Ghana 7 District Hospitals Project has been shortlisted in the category for “Outstanding International Architecture Project” at the 2016 British Expertise International Awards. The award will celebrate the most influential architectural project and the judging criteria will be based on: innovative concept, strong local impact, meeting technical and cultural challenges, as well as sustainable outcome.

The winner will be announced in March 2016.



### Dodowa, Hospital No.1 - Site Progress

Significant progress continues to be made at the Dodowa District Hospital Site with all internal and external works drawing to a close. Rapid progress has also been made on the additional housing units and mothers' hostel. Equipment installation is ongoing across the various wards, with mains power now connected to the site.







## Fomena, Hospital No.2 - Site Progress

The Fomena Hospital site continues to develop at a good pace. Excellent progress has been made on the external works, including the internal roads, drainage systems and swales. The additional staff housing units are also progressing nicely and the waste water treatment plant has now been completed.



## Kumawu, Hospital No.3 – Site Progress

This site continues to witness rapid transformation, with the majority of buildings now erected and clad. Major efforts have been applied to the drainage systems and good progress has been made on the hospital staff housing.



## Abetifi, Hospital No.4 – Site Progress

Work on the Abetifi hospital is progressing nicely with the 1st phase staff housing units having now all been erected and awaiting roof installation. The erection and commencement of spraying and plastering of the ward buildings has also been ongoing, with work on the main clinical building due to start in the New Year.



## Garu, Hospital No.5 – Site Progress

The prelims work at the Garu-Tempane hospital site are well underway. Work on the topsoil stripping continues, as well as the protective works to divert surface water away from the site.



## Takoradi-European, Hospital No.6 – Phase 1 Progress

The civil works, foundations and substructure work are 80% complete on the Takoradi European Hospital staff housing part of the site, with ground level and ceiling slabs having now been erected. An extended topographical survey is taking place on the site of the new Infectious Disease Centre in preparation for final sign off of the master plan in the New Year.



## Pharmaceutical Management System Central Stores

Clearance of the Pharmaceutical Management System Central Stores site is ongoing, with work concentrated on demolishing damaged structures and running tests to assess the composition and design of the existing concrete foundations. The site offices have also been renovated in preparation for the construction phase of the works.







## Purchasing and Logistics – Events in Ghana

Since August, we have received 22 sea and 15 air shipments of medical and non-medical equipment. These shipments are now held at the Tema Warehouse or have been transported to site in support of the ongoing installation process at Dodowa which commenced on the 21st October.

The stabiliser in Dodowa hospital's electric power room has now been commissioned (acceptance tested), while Life Care Technology have also started to test the oxygen pipeline as part of the commissioning process. The kitchen, laundry, CSSD, waste management machines are also all on site.

## Purchasing and Logistics – Off-site

Purchase Orders continue to be placed for priority construction, medical and non-medical equipment to meet the build and installation programmes for the Fomena, Kumawu and Abetifi sites.

## In Other News

On the 25th November, Wiseborn Danquah was inducted into the Institution of Ghana Engineers (Geotech Division). Wiseborn joined us in 2014, having been identified by Forces For Help, who assist ex-Military personnel in finding employment in Ghana. Initially based in a support role at the Abetifi District Hospital, Wiseborn is now the Senior Geotechnical Engineer for NMSI.



## Introducing "Patrick Arthur"

Patrick is currently employed and working at the Takoradi-European Hospital Housing site as a welder. Although Patrick is deaf and dumb, his level of work on site is excellent and goes to prove that equal opportunities form an important part of this "Built To Care Ghana" construction project.



## Health & Safety Training at Takoradi Site

On the 8th and 9th October, members of the Takoradi European site team were taken through a First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Training course by Mariam Sai and Naa Odoi. The training schedule included sessions on emergency preparedness and basic first aid, as well as covering the benefits of promoting a healthy workforce and increasing the team's awareness of HIV/AIDs in Ghana.



## Finally... Merry Christmas from all at NMSI

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all a merry festive holiday season and happy New Year.



New dedicated CSR Newsletter to follow in January 2016.