

A TOTAL OF 400 ACRES WILL BE ACQUIRED AND CLOSE TO 700 PEOPLE AFFECTED WITHIN THE 47KM DISTANCE

CNOOC finishes oil facilities land survey

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China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) has completed a survey for the acquisition of land for its oil production facilities at the Kingfisher oil field in Buhuka, Kyangwali sub-county in Hoima district.

The facilities to be established once land acquisition is complete include a feeder pipeline to move crude oil from the central processing facility (CPF) to the refinery site in Buseruka sub-county, Hoima district.

Others are well pads, platforms and CPF, infield flow lines (lines coming from the respective well pads going to the CPF) both for injector and crude water injection.

Access roads leading to the various components of infrastructure will also be established on the said land.

Zakalia Lubega, the CNOOC Uganda corporate social responsibility department manager, said the survey highlights a total of 400 acres to be acquired and close to 700 people will be affected within the 47kms distance. He said out of the project affected persons (PAPs), 40 people have residential structures on the land to be acquired, while



Kingfisher oil field in the Albertine Graben in Bunyoro region. Photo by Richard Sanya

the rest own land.

The survey, which involved capturing the socioeconomic data, was undertaken by Surveysis, a valuation and survey consultancy company from June to August.

Lubega said subsequently strip maps were displayed from September to October.

He said this was intended to

capture complaints and data of the people who could have missed out in the surveyed land. "We believe the data we have is 100% accurate," he added.

Lubega said they have submitted the report to the chief government valuer (CGV) for approval.

He said once approved

by the CGV, they will do disclosures of the rates which lead to payment or relocation of the PAPs. He said they started with consultations from the Government, district local government and Bunyoro kingdom and other stakeholders, both political and technical.

He said the aim is to

acquire the land to erect the infrastructure to support oil production activities.

Construction of the infrastructure is expected to start in the third quarter of 2018 and end in 2020. He said an estimated 10,000 direct jobs will be created. The government pronounced 2020 as the key date to achieve oil

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production.

Gloria Sebikari, a senior communications officer at the energy ministry told *New Vision* that the survey is in line with work approved by the Government. She said the Government have staff attached to the project to ensure compliance.

CNOOC was granted a 25 year oil production licence in September 2013 by the government to start the development of the Kingfisher oil exploration area.

The well, which is at the northern tip of Lake Albert, is expected to produce 40,000 barrels of oil per day during peak production.



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