



Engineers after testing the oil in Bullisa district. The Government and oil companies are relocating people to create space for the Telinga project. A central processing facility will be at Kasinyi village in Ngwedo sub-county. File photo

Resettlement planning for petroleum facilities on

By Robert Atuhairwe

Assessment of the people for compensation and relocation from a 310 hectare piece of land where mined oil will be cleaned of impurities before it is taken for refining, has been completed.

The assessment was done by the Government together with petroleum companies; Total E&P Uganda and Tullow Uganda Operations Pty Limited. The Uganda Human Rights Commission, civil society and the ministries of energy, lands and housing, urban development, local government, participated in the assessment.

According to the assessment, those to be compensated are people who were resident on that land by May 16, 2017. Among the items for compensation will be land, structures and crops which will have been on the land by that date as ascertained by consultants Atacama, Synergy and Nomad.

The impurities which will include gas, water, sand and additives used to enhance petroleum, will be extracted in a central processing facility (CPF), which will be constructed in Kasinyi village, Ngwedo sub-county in Bullisa district. Afterwards, it will be transported through a pipeline to Buseruka, where the refinery will be.

The Ngwedo CPF, named Telinga project, after an antelope, will also have associated access roads and camps.

Christopher Ocwon, the public relations officer for Total E&P in an email communication on Tuesday said the data from

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the evaluation is being used to make a report and draft a resettlement plan.

He said the resettlement plan will then be implemented after approval from the Government. He did not say when that will be.

However, it is hoped that it

will be much earlier than 2020 because the Government plans that oil production starts in 2020.

Ocwon said in the meantime, the Government has drawn a roadmap for the resettlement plan and set up a grievance management mechanism to handle all complaints arising out of the assessments.

Roadmap for resettlement

■ Disclosure of the strip maps, establishment of Resettlement Planning Committee, preparation of entitlements, preparation of the resettlement action plan and Livelihood Restoration Plan, submission of

the Resettlement Planning Plan and Livelihood Restoration Plan documentation to Government for review and approval.

■ During this period, the people affected by the project may continue to live and work in the designated industrial area, cultivating and harvesting their annual crops for subsistence purposes, and grazing their animals until compensation and resettlement assistance has been rendered.

■ After the delivery of compensation and resettlement assistance for people affected by the project, no activities will be allowed on the industrial area land.

UK to ban diesel and petrol cars

The UK ministers have unveiled a £255m fund to help councils tackle emissions, including the potential for charging zones for the dirtiest vehicles.

The £3b clean air strategy does not include a scrappage scheme, calling previous ones "poor value" for money.

Campaigners said the measures were promising, but did not go far enough.

The government report favouring electric cars has been released before a High Court

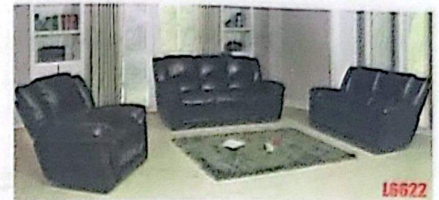
deadline.

After a protracted legal battle, the government was ordered by the courts to produce new plans to tackle illegal levels of harmful pollutant nitrogen dioxide.

Local measures could include altering buses and other transport to make them cleaner, changing road layouts, altering features such as speed humps, and re-programming traffic lights to make vehicle-flow smoother.

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