



## **EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP) PROJECT UPDATE**

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**PLACE:** ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)<sup>1</sup> Project and the Government of Tanzania have initialized the Host Government Agreement (HGA) between the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

This important milestone towards the implementation of the EACOP project represents yet another successful step in the process, following the initialization of the Ugandan HGA on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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President John Pombe Magufuli of the United Republic of Tanzania and President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda met together at Chato, on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, in order to resolve the harmonization issues between the two countries. There, they agreed that each State Party would expeditiously conclude their respective HGAs for the Project.

The State Parties are required to execute HGAs, executed between each State Party and the EACOP Project in order to implement the Intergovernmental Agreement for the EACOP System which was signed between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

In early October, representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline Project came together in Arusha, to conclude the relevant negotiations for the Tanzanian HGA covering among other things Project Authorizations, Land Rights, Local Content, Health Safety and Environment (HSE) and Labour Standards.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. and the Government of Tanzania shall continue to work together towards a successful implementation of the EACOP Project while observing national laws and international best practice standards.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline will unlock East Africa's Potential by attracting investors to explore opportunities in the region. The Project will result to over 60% Increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Uganda and Tanzania during the construction phase. Its success will be founded on the positive collaboration and understanding of all stakeholders.

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<sup>1</sup> The East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline comprises of a 24 Inch, insulated, buried pipeline, six pumping stations (2 in Uganda and 4 in Tanzania) two pressure reduction stations both in Tanzania and a marine export terminal. The viscous and waxy nature of Uganda's oil requires that the crude is shipped at a minimum temperature of 50 Degrees Celsius (50°), the optimal viscosity for it to flow. To maintain this operating temperature, the pipeline will be electrically heated, making the EACOP the longest electrically heat traced pipeline in the world.