



Mrs. Adefunke Sharon Kasali, Executive Secretary, PEF(M)B tagging a truck



PEF(M)B staff in a joyous mood after the tagging of a truck



Mrs. Adefunke Sharon Kasali (Centre) with top management staff at the depot and Mr. Elliot Oyeoba of Total Nigeria Plc.

TEST RUN of Project AQUILA a huge success

We are proud to announce the successful test run of the electronic-loading system initiated by the Board to monitor the loading and delivery of petroleum products in all depots across the country.

The tests were simultaneously undertaken at three loading depots in Lagos: Total Nigeria Plc, Conoil Nigeria Plc and Ejigbo depot of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). The test involved successful tagging of marketers' trucks with readable-/writable tags and seamlessly establishing contact between the tag and the Board's computer network, using handheld Radio Frequency identification (RFID) devices. The testing exercise was witnessed by stakeholders in the industry at the respective depots, as well as consultants, trainers and staff of the Board led by the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Adefunke Sharon Kasali.

Mrs. Kasali who performed the official tagging of the first truck at the Total facility was ecstatic, as the Board will be making history as the first agency in the downstream sector to implement such an electronic loading solution to monitor loading and delivery of petroleum products. It will be recalled that the Board pioneered the electronic payment system in the public service; which has become the norm in both public and private sectors now.

The electronic loading system tagged "Project Aquila" is intended to guarantee delivery of products to designated depots, thereby helping ascertain actual consumption levels of various petroleum products for planning purposes.

It will ensure faster documentation of marketers' transactions; enhance processing and payment of marketers' claims; eliminate human interferences and enthrone transparency and full accountability in the Board's activities.

Mr. Eliot Oyeoba of the operations division of Total Nigeria Plc and his team were on hand to experience the successful tagging and dispatching of the trucks. He expressed delight at the development which he said would be of immense benefit to the downstream sector of the petroleum industry.

He commended Mrs. Kasali and the Board for initiating the project and nurturing it to a successful actualization. He promised that the company will make its truck parks available for unimpeded registration and tagging of all trucks transacting business with the organization.

The Lead Consultant of the project managing company, DynaKonsult, Mrs. Yemi Obileye, the Managing Director of the training firm, Logistics Consult, Otunba Toyin Abass and the Chairman of the Trust company in-charge of the tagging nation-wide, Mr. Emeka Ndu expressed delight at the success of the project. They expressed delight at being part of the successful testing of the project.

Staff of the Board including Mr. Harold Ubabukoh, the General Manager (Operations), Mr. Goddy Nnadi, General Manager (Corporate Services) and Mr. Tekena Alison, the Manager (Lagos Operations) and the Head of IT, Mr. Saheed Lasisi participated in the exercise which was celebrated at a reception held at the command Guest House, Apapa, the Head Office and the Zonal Offices. ■

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