Ayitepa wind farm secures grid connection with Ghana Grid Company

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Lekela Power today announced the signing of a Grid Connection Agreement for its 225 megawatt Ayitepa wind farm in Ghana. The agreement was signed at the Headquarters of the Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRIDCo) in Tema and is a very significant step towards preparing the project to commence construction early next year.

Set to become Ghana's first utility-scale wind farm, the Ayitepa project could power up to 5% of the country's electricity demand and represents a total investment of approximately USD525 million.

The connection will be secured through a new transmission substation to be constructed between the villages of Sege and Dawa in the Greater Accra Region. It is the first Connection Agreement signed in Ghana for a renewable energy project.



Commenting on the Connection Agreement, Ing. William Amuna, Chief Executive of GRIDCo, stated: "This agreement is a huge step forward for this project and GRIDCo is supporting the development and implementation of the first Ghanaian wind farm as it helps to overcome at least part of the current electricity challenge in Ghana. We hope that this project will be completed as quickly as possible because the country needs this energy, and we are convinced that this step will encourage other developers interested in renewable

energy projects in Ghana."

Commenting on the signing of the agreement, Lekela's Chief Executive, Chris Antonopoulos said: "With the signing of the Grid Connection Agreement, the development of the 225 megawatt Ayitepa wind project has achieved another important milestone in the completion of the development activities and we are moving fast towards financial close and start of construction. We are confident that with the support of the Ghanaian Government, we will be able to commence construction in early 2016 with the aim to start generating electricity by the end of 2016. Lekela Power and



its shareholders Actis and Mainstream Renewable Power are proud to be investing in Ayitepa, the first utility scale wind power project in Ghana and Western Africa."

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