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A total of 73 shareholders attended, including members of the Board Audit Committee, and some members of Mobil Oil Nigeria Leadership Team.

The Chairman of the Board and Managing Director, Tunji Oyebanji, joined by his Executive Director, Lubes & Specialties, Alastair MacNaughton and Executive Director, Operations, Henry I. C. Obih provided stewardship of MON business for the full year of 2013 and the outlook for 2014.

Despite security and other uncontrollable operating environment indices, MON continued to delight shareholders by demonstrating good safety practices, controls, safety and responsible stewardship which increased income after tax in 2013 vs 2012 by 21 percent and Earning per Share at 13 percent in the comparative period.

Lubes business in 2013 recorded substantial 20 percent growth in premium, flagship and product mix. Distributor Channels continue to grow (representing 90 percent of sales) while the "Mobil Brand" strength continue to make impact in the market as it spread to spare-parts and fleet operators.

Fuels supplies continue to be affected by challenging environmental and regulatory framework within which we operated. Apart from the pipeline for discharging fuel which was put out for refurbishment, the Apapa Jetty congestion was another factor that led to volume dips compared with the prior year.

A total of nine long-drawn questions posed by shareholders on the business and environmental issues were satisfactorily answered by Tunji, Alastair and Henry. These ranged from security of our operations, retail operational enhancements, mechanic training, lube education and availability,

Satisfied shareholders expressed full confidence in the Board, Management and Staff of MON.
Mobil Oil Nigeria (MON) on Wednesday May 28, 2014 held its 36th AGM at the Shell Hall, Muson Center, Onikan, Lagos with Shareholders.

Highlights of proceeding included the adoption of the 2013 Reports & Accounts prepared accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The meeting also reelected Mr. Abba Kyari and three members of the Audit Committee.

The Chairman of the Board and Managing Director, Tunji Oyebanji gave detailed stewardship of MON business for the full year of 2013 to the delight of members and the other public present. Financial indicators pointed northwards due to business efficiencies and effective controls.

MON was also praised for its full adherence to good Corporate Governance and respect for law in the conduct of its business operations in Nigeria - an indication that MON is continues to be perceived as an ethical business and partner of choice in the downstream sector of the industry in Nigeria.

At the end of proceedings, shareholders expressed full satisfaction to the answers provided and restated their full confidence in the Board, Management and Staff of MON.
Getting Acquainted with Nolan O'Neal

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Nolan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Structural Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Engineering degree from Tulane University in United States, graduating with highest honors at each of the schools!

A lifetime with ExxonMobil

Nolan's professional relationship with ExxonMobil has been going strong for several years (31, to be precise!). He began working with Mobil's offshore operations in the Gulf of Mexico in 1979, while he was still in university. He was officially employed at Exxon in 1983, as a project engineer. Thereafter, he undertook numerous leadership positions in operations, project and technical organizations, as well as professional positions in gas marketing, project management, engineering and research. In 2001, Nolan was appointed Operations Manager, in the new ExxonMobil Production Company, with responsibilities for 16 assets with diverse operating characteristics in sensitive business and environmental areas over 10 states.

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Ernest Nwapa, Executive Director, NCDMB, speaking at the EMNCFS launch

Mark Ward, former Lead Country Manager, ExxonMobil Affiliates in Nigeria during his presentation

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As part of the activities to commemorate World Malaria Day, ExxonMobil Foundation, in partnership with the Malaria No More organization, recently announced their collaboration with the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health on a multimedia campaign to help stop the spread of malaria as part of Malaria No More’s NightWatch campaign. This program, known nationally as the “Malaria-Free Nigeria: play your part” campaign was launched recently in Abuja and Uyo.

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ExxonMobil affiliates partner with Malaria No More, Launch Anti-Malaria Campaign in Nigeria...
The Malaria-Free Nigeria campaign features anti-malaria messages broadcast across multiple media platforms nationwide. Radio and television advertisements will air every night throughout 2014 on different broadcast media, reminding people to sleep under insecticide-treated mosquito nets and seek timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment. These messages will feature some of Nigeria’s most popular celebrities, including Bez, Chioma Akpotha, Eva Alordiah, Falz the Bad Guy, Femi Kuti, Funke Akindele, I Go Dye, Mikel Obi, Stephen Keshi, Victor Moses, Vincent Enyeama, Waje and Zebrudaya.

The effort in Nigeria builds on Malaria No More’s innovative and award-winning NightWatch campaign, which uses mobile platforms and opinion leaders, from national music icons to local sports heroes, to deliver lifesaving health education. ExxonMobil was a founding partner in the creation of the program, which is currently active in Cameroon, Chad, Kenya and Tanzania.

At the launch event in Abuja, Minister of State for Health, Dr. Khaline AlHassan, who represented the Minister of Health, Prof Onyebuchi Chukwu commended the private sector, particularly ExxonMobil for collaborating with the ministry to fight malaria. “The Malaria-Free Nigeria campaign will re-emphasize the government strategy and the need to fast track the process of eliminating malaria in Nigeria,” he said.

Dr. Alhasan also formally launched the Public Service Announcement (PSA) messages including the Malaria-Free Nigeria anthem at the event.

At the launch event in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State Commissioner for Health, Dr Ememabasi Bassey, representing the Governor of the State, Chief Godswill Akpabio, welcomed the introduction of the malaria-Free campaign which he said “provides a significant key to the prevention and eradication of malaria”. He stated that the socio economic impact of malaria is enormous, as it accounts for over 627,000 deaths annually in Sub Saharan Africa and the campaign would go a long way in curbing the scourge of malaria.
ExxonMobil affiliates further marked World Malaria Day by sponsoring the second edition of the ‘Kick against Malaria Tournament’. The tournament was organized by the Youth Empowerment and Development Initiative (YEDI) and Novartis, and was successfully hosted along with several other activities such as community mobilization, malaria testing and treatment, and distribution of free Insecticide Treated Nets. YEDI’s Kick against Malaria tournament held in Lagos, at the Kudirat Abiola Freedom Square (Evans Square) in Ebute-Metta, as well as in Akwa Ibom State, in O.I.C primary school, Usung Inyang, Eket. The events had a combined total of over a thousand, five hundred registered attendees, with six school teams participating in the tournament in Lagos (four male teams and two female) and four teams participating in the Eket tournament (two male and two female teams).

In an effort to increase awareness on malaria prevention and treatment, a series of activities were carried out during the tournaments, such as the Grassroot Soccer Skillz Practice demonstration on fighting malaria and self-medication. Free health care services were also provided to community members present at the tournament. Part of the services available at the clinic were eye tests, checking of vital signs, blood glucose level, body mass index (BMI), malaria testing/treatment, HIV test and others. Additionally, Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) were distributed for free, with high priority given to women and children under age five and those that tested positive to the malaria parasite.

Further activities held around the World Malaria day included a Medical forum called “Doctors Discuss Malaria” - a forum where doctors from various practices and locations came together to listen to recent trends in managing malaria in different specializations of medicine, in order to learn from the success stories of those who had managed similar cases in the past. Over two hundred and fifty medical doctors from all over Nigeria came together on the 23rd of April 2014 to attend the round table discussion, which held at the Helemah Event Centre Uyo. The forum gave doctors, especially general practitioners, the opportunity to better understand how to manage malaria in various situations, e.g. malaria in neonates, infants and children, malaria in pregnancy, malaria in adults, and malaria in persons from non-malaria zones. The doctors also discussed the different drugs available to treat malaria and diagnostic kits. The forum received support from the Akwa Ibom state government, with the Commissioner for Health, Dr Emem Bassey in attendance at the event. He commended the organizers of the program, and the quality of the knowledge shared by the speakers.

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NNPC/MPN JV Sponsors Emergency Medical Services Training in Akwa Ibom State

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)/Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) Joint Venture recently sponsored Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training for about 355 doctors and nurses in Ibeno, Eket, Esit Eket and Onna Local Government Areas. The training took place at Eden Hotel, Eket.

The training was necessitated by an independent Health Systems Audit for the Akwa Ibom State Government that revealed a gap in the area of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), a critical component in medical care. Therefore, the training was held in order to bridge the gap in the provision of Emergency Medical Services in the State by high-grading the professional competencies of medical service providers, providing contemporary emergency equipment as well as empowering select trainees as designated certified trainers to ensure sustainability.

Ten (10) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) were presented to four health facilities within the communities as part of the project to enable the trainees practice the skills acquired from the training. The training covers a broad spectrum of EMS and meets the American Heart Association (AHA) standards and certification. Successful participants will be awarded the AHA certificates.
At the recent Production Leadership Team meeting in Houston, ExxonMobil Production Company (EMPC) President Tom Walters honored Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) with the 2013 safety awards for excellence in safety, security, health and environmental (SSH&E) performance. ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia (EMOI) and Mobil Equatorial Guinea Inc. (MEGI) also received the award.

MPN received the President's Safety Award for the first time. In 2013, the company did not have any lost-time incidents and achieved a total recordable incident rate (TRIR) of 0.05, which was a significant improvement from 2012.

Walters expressed appreciation for the companies' consistently excellent performance and praised MPN's commitment to improve their safety record. All of the organizations contributed to EMPC's safest year yet.

In addition to MPN receiving the EMPC President's safety award, three additional recognitions were awarded to EM Nigeria affiliate teams for their safety records in 2013 – the EMDC President's SSH&E award for the Nigeria drill team, the EMDC President's SSH&E award for the Nigeria Projects Organization (NPO) QGFE phase one project, and the Controllers 2013 Small Site Honorable Mention award for Upstream Controllers – giving the affiliates four global recognitions in 2013; a first ever achievement for the company!
The 2014 Nigeria Oil and Gas conference

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L-R: Cletus Egbuzie, General Manager, MPN, Ernest Nwapa, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board, George Osahon, Director, Department of Petroleum resources, Eric Atuanya, NNPC Delegate at the NOG conference.
ExxonMobil Nigeria affiliate personnel were in Abuja to participate in the 2014 Nigeria Oil and Gas conference - The biggest Oil and gas forum in Nigeria. The NOG brings together thousands of delegates annually to discuss emerging and prevailing issues in the Nigerian Oil and Gas industry. Conference attendees had the chance to interact with ExxonMobil affiliate representatives by visiting the ExxonMobil exhibition booth. The booth displayed highlights of ExxonMobil’s recent work in Nigeria, including the recently acquired operatorship of the Usan deepwater fields, and was manned by employees from several job functions, which allowed the company to actively engage multiple stakeholder groups including students, oil and gas support service providers, as well as personnel from fellow International Oil and Gas Companies.

During the conference, ExxonMobil Nigeria affiliates, as the chairing member of the Oil Producers Trade Sector launched the OPTS National Content compendium - which documented the achievements of the OPTS member companies in encouraging the participation of indigenous companies in the Nigerian Oil and Gas industry.
ExxonMobil affiliates Compete in the 2014 NOGIG Games

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- 2 Bronze in Chess - Iniobong Akpan and Magnus Ekpiken
- Gold in women’s 8-ball pool - Kafayat Oluwa
- Gold in men’s back stroke swimming - Obinna Ozorgwu
- Gold in men’s swimming relay team - Obinna Ozorgwu, Charles Abassattai, Evaristus Oforka and Levi Alaliabo
- Silver in women’s table tennis team event - Blessing Brown/Ekaette Umoren
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Akwa Ibom State and NNPC/MPN JV: Partnering for development

The Eket/Ibeno road is a major highway for community residents of Eket Federal Constituency in Akwa Ibom State, especially for members of the Eket and Ibeno communities. It is a major route for travelling community residents, students, workers and traders who need to transport commodities. Since its construction in the 1970’s, the road’s condition had significantly deteriorated, with a section of the road completely collapsed, making it almost impassable.

The Akwa Ibom State Government has taken up the project and contracted a firm - the Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC) - to reconstruct the road. Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, on behalf of the NNPC/MPN Joint Venture is partnering with the State Government on the project. The Joint Venture is contributing 30% of the cost and has fully paid up its N8b commitment. The road reconstruction will ensure a safer commute for the indigenes, visitors and businesses that use the road every day.

Furthermore, by reconstructing the road, Akwa Ibom State Government and NNPC/Mobil Producing Nigeria are revitalizing the economic and social well-being of neighboring communities - creating employment for the youth and local contractors, as well as increasing the ease of customer access to various businesses.

The Eket/Ibeno road is a shining example of how public/private partnerships in Nigeria can bring about significant process in the Country. By working together better, we can pave the way towards a brighter future for the community, the State and the nation.
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The Akwa Ibom State Government has taken up the project and contracted a firm - the Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC) - to reconstruct the road. Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, on behalf of the NNPC/MPN Joint Venture is partnering with the State Government on the project. The Joint Venture is contributing 30% of the cost and has fully paid up its N8b commitment. The road reconstruction will ensure a safer commute for the indigenes, visitors and businesses that use the road every day. Furthermore, by reconstructing the road, Akwa Ibom State Government and NNPC/Mobil Producing Nigeria are revitalizing the economic and social well-being of neighboring communities - creating employment for the youth and local contractors, as well as increasing the ease of customer access to various businesses.

The Eket/Ibeno road is a shining example of how public/private partnerships in Nigeria can bring about significant progress in the Country. By working together better, we can pave the way towards a brighter future for the community, the State and the nation.

Ongoing construction work on the Ibeno/Eket road
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Mathematics Teachers Training Workshop
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A Mathematics Teachers’ Workshop, Organized by the National Mathematics Center (NMC), and sponsored by MPN, took place in Uyo recently. The workshop was aimed at improving the standards of mathematics education amongst teachers in the state, who ultimately determined the quality of students advancing to higher levels of education.

At the workshop’s opening ceremony, The Director-General/Chief Executive of NMC, Professor A. R. T. Solarin, represented by Dr. Ben Osaka, A Deputy Director, stated that central to the teaching and learning of mathematics - which is at the core of the sciences - are the teachers themselves. He stressed the need for teachers to positively impact their students, especially at the post-primary level and mentioned that the Centre was very delighted and grateful for the JV’s sponsorship.

Speaking in the same vein, Prince Lawrence Udofia who represented the Hon. Commissioner of Education, AKS, Professor (Mrs) Atim Antai, urged other multinationals to emulate the NNPC/MPN JV which has over the years been at the forefront in the sponsorship of workshops to enhance new teaching methods in mathematics and the sciences as well as other educational supports at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. He urged the participants to make good use of the opportunity to improve themselves stating that the Ministry of Education was developing a template to monitor students’ results and this would be used as an index to compare future and past performances to ultimately decide whether or not participants benefited from the scheme.

The participants expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity and promised to utilize the prospect for the better of the students.
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The award recipients with their plaques

Nolan O’Neal, Lead Country Manager, speaking to the awardees at the ceremony

Udom Inoyo, Executive Director, MPN, addressing the awardees
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**List of Awardees**

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3. Mark Evans - Reservoir Management
4. Theo Oguchi - Development Planning
5. Ugochukwu Ogumanam - Subsurface Engineering
6. Kin-Seng Ng - Subsurface Engineering
7. Bayo Akinfenwa - Subsurface Engineering
8. Rita Aligbefo - Subsurface Engineering
9. Olusese Olugbade - Subsurface Engineering
10. Clement Okechuku - Subsurface Engineering
11. Shameka Nelson - Subsurface Engineering
12. Syamsul Bahri - Facilities General
13. Manoj Modi - Facilities General
14. Adeolu Adeboye - Machinery
15. Richard Alexander - Facilities General
16. Patrick Maddigan - Offshore
17. George Okonkwo - Reservoir Management
18. Ernest Mkpas - Reservoir Management
19. Rotimi Ogunowo - Reservoir Simulation
20. Cornel Udoh - Reservoir Simulation and Reservoir Management
21. Edet Essien - Environmental Management and Regulatory Compliance
22. Daniel Ubah - Loss Prevention
23. Mike Krywano - Global Project Management
24. Prasad Bobpara - Global Projects Management
25. John Unietis - Global Projects Management
26. Jide Ayo-Vaughan - Facilities General
Mobil Court Reopens

The renovation of the Mobil Court facility has been completed!

Here are some pictures from the Opening event:
Mobil Court, the residential facility adjacent to Mobil House, was constructed alongside the MPN headquarters in the early nineties, and provides accommodation for 52 families. Recently, the Global Real Estate and Facilities (GREF) team completed the first phase of a refurbishment project to bring the housing complex up to modern standards and to extend its useful life by a further 20 years, including the installation of two new generators, a new containerized sewage treatment plant as well as two new boreholes serving a new water treatment plant. The refurbishment project, which began in November 2011, is split into four phases, with phase one (10 apartments) completed at the end of January 2014. Phase 2, comprising the main mid-rise building and adjacent low-rise building (32 apartments), is due to be handed over at 3rd quarter 2014 for furniture installation. The remaining two phases are planned to be completed by 4th quarter 2014.
Meet **GREG IBIZUGBE**, the man with the Patent

Eghosa "Greg" Ibizugbe is currently OIMS Coordinator for Upstream Nigeria with an engineering background in the Integrity and Reliability disciplines. He is also the man who just secured a 20 year patent for an onboard compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle refueling and storage system - a product of his own design. We took some time to sit down with Greg and talk about his recent achievement, and get a closer look into the mind of the man behind the invention.

**EM News: First of all, congratulations on your patent**

**Greg:** Thank you very much.

**EM News: So Greg, tell us a bit more about yourself - How long have you been with the company?**

**Greg:** I joined the company in 2003, when I was 23 years old. So I've been with the company for about 10 years.

**EM News: You just secured a patent for an invention of your own conception and design. Have you always been an inventor my nature?**

**Greg:** For me, being innovative is just natural. It's something I've always pursued as a habit, because I like finding creative solutions to problems. Like back in University of Benin; I approached one of my professors and told him I wanted to create a microwave oven for my final project. When I looked at the components of a microwave, I realized that about 90 percent of the materials required to build one could be fabricated in Nigeria. This was something that had never been done before, and to attempt that and see it come to fruition was a milestone that really motivated me to do even more. You can imagine other people defending their projects, which were more conventional, and meanwhile you're cooking turkey, sauce and sliced potatoes for your professors as your final project with a fabricated microwave (laughs).

Being in the ExxonMobil system also helped my creativity greatly. The good thing about working in ExxonMobil is that you are exposed to a lot of great mentors and processes, so you are able to improve your critical thinking process, and apply yourself towards your own personal professional development - which is what we need to do better as Nigerians. It isn't just about what you've achieved as a professional, but how you've applied what you've learned to make society better.

**EM News: How did you come up with this invention?**

**Greg:** This invention started out with my trying to join the Nigerian Society of Engineers (I'm halfway there). I always wanted to design something of value. In my spare time I always read up on innovation and emerging technology, and how to find solutions to existing problems. Gas is one of the resources that will play a big part in the future, as the benchmark for oil continues to increase. I wanted to find a solution that mitigated the problem of the adoption of natural gas vehicles, when it inevitably becomes a widely used resource in the future.

I had come up with several gas utilization concepts, but this one kept coming back to me. I had looked at what was being done by some vendors out there. They had these stand-alone home-based units that are connected to a utility gas supply, which then delivered compressed gas to the CNG vehicle. However, such users were limited to a range of movement within a certain proximity to their homes where refueling unit is based. If they left that range and ran out of gas, they wouldn't have any place to refuel unless they found a CNG station, right?. So I thought, "why not make the vehicle the mobile refueling station?" - To make the vehicle able to plug into any network of piped gas. And this is what my invention accomplishes. It allows a natural gas powered vehicle to hook-up, compress and refuel from any low pressure natural gas source (pipe, tank or pipeline), and keep on moving. Now that's the future.

Onboard refueling operation is accomplished by the compression...
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EM News: What does receiving this 20 year patent mean to you? Greg: The invention represents a huge technical and professional milestone for me. I want it to motivate other Nigerians to get out of their comfort zones and aspire for more, and exceed the expectations they have set for themselves. The invention has received its patent in Nigeria and the international patent application is ongoing. While I've disclosed the invention to the company, it's not solely about making money off it - if nothing commercial comes out of it, that's fine; if commercial opportunities do come out of it then that's an added bonus. For me, the biggest joy for me is being able to achieve this technical / professional milestone and recognition. As one grows older, we think about what we've accomplished. What we've left behind for others - to inspire them. I'm really passionate about the younger generation, and maximizing their potential, especially that of our upcoming engineers. I hope that things like this motivate them to pick up a pen, sketch something - to put down an idea and chase it, because one day it just might become something.

EM News: Well congratulations again Greg! It's been several years of hard work and determination. We wish you continued success both in your career and in your personal endeavors! On to bigger and better things!
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Ayo Olubiyi, formerly Manager, Security Operations, Upstream Security Services, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, is now General Manager, Upstream Security Services, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited. Coincident with this move, Ayo will be appointed to the Upstream Nigeria Leadership Council.

Olusegun Banwo
Segun joined the company in October 1999 and has held various positions including Audit Manager and General Manager, Plans and Programs/New Business Development. A 1991 Finance/Accounting graduate of the University of Lagos, Segun also holds an MBA from Harvard University. He is currently the Business Services Manager/Controller for Upstream Nigeria.

Ayo Olubiyi

Emeka Awobokun, former General Manager, Services Organizations /Area Procurement Nigeria, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, is now General Manager, Support Operations, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited.

Ralph Vandeland
Ralph, former General Manager, Nigeria Projects, Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited has been appointed Executive Director, Nigeria Projects, Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited.

Mike Attah
Mike Attah, former General Manager, Plans & Programs, has been appointed Deputy Operations Manager, Joint Venture Operations, Mobil Producing Nigeria. Mike is located in Eket.

Enyinnaya Onokala
Eny joined the company in 2000 and has at various times held the position of Manager, New Business Development, General Manager, Commercial and GM, Public & Government Affairs (Abuja). He recently assumed in-country coordinating role for Commercial, Gas, Venture Relations and National Content businesses. A 1983 Chemical Engineering graduate of City College, New York, Enyi also holds an MBA from the University of Lagos (1990).

Olusegun Banwo

Ralph Vandeland

Mike Attah
MPN PENGASSAN Constructs Health Facility for Eti-Osa Local Government

Members of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria's (PENGASSAN's) Mobil Producing Nigeria branch recently constructed and handed over a health facility to the local government of Jakande estate, Eti-Osa. The facility was constructed to improve the delivery of healthcare services in the area, and increase the ease of access to medical personnel for the residents of the local government area (LGA). The Chairman of the LGA, Hon. Anofiu Elegushi, thanked the PENGASSAN members for their contribution to the community. "This effort by PENGASSAN has helped this Local Government fulfill a minimum healthcare requirement" he said. He also urged the residents in the area to make maximum use of the facility, and take advantage of all its benefits.

Niyi Idowu has been appointed General Manager, Plans & Programs, MPN. Niyi has also been appointed to the Upstream Nigeria Leadership Council.

Paul Davis Sendforth

The New Operations Group recently held a send-forth lunch for Paul Davis, a Maintenance and Reliability (M&R) Advisor, as he resigned his appointment with the company for a new role in Maintenance support. Until his departure, Paul contributed greatly to ensure that the Operations Readiness (formally BTPO) group time lined deliverables were met. He oversaw M&R inputs to projects development both during preliminary and detailed design phases of projects or Field and Engineering-managed modifications - phases that have the greatest impact on equipment reliability and maintenance costs. Paul's contributions will be missed, and we wish him good luck in his future endeavors.
The Global Real Estate and Facilities (GREF) Inclusion and Diversity Day:

An interview with Sam Kareem, General Manager, GREF for EM affiliates in Nigeria.

On an otherwise normal day in Mobil House, EM personnel stepped in to find their colleagues from the GREF department clad in full cultural regalia - and not just Nigerian attire. GREF personnel from across the globe were wearing clothes native to their countries of origin. Clearly something out of the ordinary was going on. In an interview with GREF General Manager Sam Kareem, ExxonMobil News finds out what the GREF team was up to on that day of cultural celebration, which was called the GREF Inclusion and Diversity day.

ExxonMobil News: So tell us, how did the idea of the GREF inclusion and diversity day come about?

Sam Kareem: The cultural day itself came about through the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), in partnership with UNESCO and a wide coalition of partners from corporations to civil society that launched the world campaign "Do One thing for Diversity and Inclusion", aimed at engaging people around the world to do one thing to support cultural diversity and inclusion. Following the adoption in 2001 of the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, The UN General Assembly declared May 21 as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Several of the world’s major conflicts have a cultural dimension. Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

The latest campaign, by encouraging people and organizations from around the world to take concrete action to support diversity, aims at:
- Raising awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion
- Building a world community of individuals committed to support diversity with real and everyday life gestures
- Combating polarization and stereotypes to improve understanding and cooperation amongst people from different countries

The cultural inclusion and diversity is a global program amongst ExxonMobil affiliates worldwide. Within ExxonMobil, I am part of the leadership team driving the cultural diversity movement in Africa. During the last meeting, we discussed putting something together to mark the global cultural day in our department, and within a week, we'd set up the GREF inclusion and diversity day.

ExxonMobil News: Apart from the traditional clothing, which was really colorful, what other activities were included in the program for the inclusion and diversity day?

Sam Kareem: The goal was to spread the word on the need to understand and appreciate the culture and diversity in others. We had a display of artworks from the
countries of the various employees that work for GREF Nigeria, with each of the staff telling a bit of the history behind the artifacts. We also had a display of cuisine from the different countries. As part of the program, we also encouraged our neighbors, family and friends to do one thing to support the Diversity and Inclusion day - even if it was to just learn something new about the various cultures of their colleagues or friends.

**ExxonMobil News:** What is the importance of cultural diversity to the success of international businesses like ExxonMobil?

**Sam Kareem:** The importance of cultural diversity cannot be overemphasized. Using GREF as an example, we are present in every country where ExxonMobil operates. So it is imperative that we understand the culture and diversity of the people on ground so that we eliminate friction or conflicts arising from misconception or ignorance of any sort. In addition, understanding ‘diversity’ or the difference in all of us is key if we are to continue to work and succeed as a team.

**ExxonMobil News:** What do you believe were the significant takeaways from this event?

**Sam Kareem:** We have laid the foundation for something that is very crucial. It's amazing that you could have been working with an employee for years, and you know nothing about the persons culture, or even ways in which we differ from each other. Culture is rich and priceless, and it must be understood, preserved, and used for the good of mankind. Diversity is about all of us and all the ways in which we are different from each other, in thoughts, style, background, gender, age, country of origin, experiences and other preferences. Amongst us, we have Nigerians, Brazilians, Belgians, Britons, Egyptians and Portuguese. It was an opportunity to showcase the GREF family in the Nigerian affiliate with a very diverse set of people who work together as a team to achieve results.

**ExxonMobil News:** Does your group plan to hold such an event again, perhaps on a wider scale?

**Sam Kareem:** Definitely. This is going to be an annual event, and the rest of upstream Nigeria will be encouraged to participate in future celebrations. This was the maiden edition, and we believe that the staff members were quite excited to see the events of the day unfold. Quite a number of people approached us and were part of it as well. Members of various departments came to the exhibition of arts and cuisine, which were on display, and they really liked what they saw. There is great potential for the celebration of the diverse culture we have in the EM community, and we're looking to help take it as far as we can!
Real progress is when we succeed together.

ExxonMobil affiliates understand that no business exists in isolation. For us, corporate citizenship has never been a philanthropic endeavour but a core business strategy. We recognise that communities and businesses can have extensive impact on each other. A collaborative operating environment, for instance, allows us to invest continually in the neighbouring communities, contributing to the development of a prosperous society and strengthening our license to operate.

Therefore, we are committed to helping improve the standard of living in communities where we operate in Nigeria. It’s a win-win situation which profits everyone.

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