

HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, NIGERDOCK COMPLETE CHEVRON'S \$30M OIL PLATFORM IN LAGOS, NIGERIA

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The 2,700 ton Sonam Non-Associated Gas Wellhead Platform (Sonam NWP) built by Hyundai Heavy Industries in partnership with Nigerdock in Lagos for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) Joint Venture, has been completed.

The Wellhead Platform is ready for load out and sail to Sonam field for installation, according to the companies. The Chairman/Managing Director, Chevron Nigeria Limited, Clay Neff, who spoke at its inauguration at Nigerdock's fabrication yard on Snake Island, Apapa, Lagos, represented by the company's Director for Business Services, Emmanuel Imafidon, said the project accomplished in over 2.8 million man-hours, was done without injury or incident.

Neff said the Sonam non-associated gas (NAG) platform will enable the delivery of up to 300 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscf/d) of gas from Sonam to Escravos gas plant. This project will enable delivery of additional gas supply to the domestic market, which will help to significantly boost the Nigerian economy, he added. "In addition to the impressive safety record of over 2.8 million cumulative man-hours without an injury or incident, the Sonam NAG Well Platform project, as one of CNL's Domestic Supply Gas Obligation (DSO) projects, has and is still contributing immensely to the development and sustenance of Nigerian content," he added.

The Chairman of Nigerdock and Jagal Group, Anwar Jamarkani said the platform has a height of 28 metres, width of 40 metres and a length of 50 metres, making it the largest topside module ever built in Nigeria. Because of the volume of gas the platform will produce, he said the project is a major milestone as it will provide feedstock for the much needed power generation.

He said: "The project will boost power generation ability and provide the much needed power for Nigeria's domestic and industrial needs. It will significantly eliminate gas flaring from the project in fulfilment of government's gas flaring policy, and attract gas investment opportunities thereby boosting this administration's effort to diversify the economy from dependence on crude oil proceeds.

"The DSO project is a major milestone in government and industry's quest towards achieving increased local content in the nation's oil and gas sector. In the course of the project, Niger-dock recorded several remarkable achievements leveraging Nigerian human and material resources, and maintaining its commitment to investment in equipment, infrastructure and technology.

"We are truly humbled to play a part in such landmark achievements which will no doubt have a transformative effect on our country. However, we believe we can do much more and raise the bar."