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APPLICATION FOR A GAS PIPELINE LICENCE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 8 of the Oil Pipelines Act, 1956 that THE SHELL-BP PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF NIGERIA LIMITED has applied to the Minister of Mines and Power for the grant of a licence to enter upon, take possession of and use for 60 years a strip of land for the purpose of laying a 6-inch diameter welded steel/aluminium alloy gas pipeline from a point west of Owaza village to a point within Aba Township all in the Ahoada and Aba Divisions of Eastern Nigeria in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the route of which is demarcated on the ground by a survey trace marked with red stakes and is herein described.

DESCRIPTION

All that strip of land approximately $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles long situate within the Ahoada and Aba Divisions of Eastern Nigeria in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the centre-line of which traverses dry land and swamp and is shown hatched in black or verged in red in the aforesaid Company's Plans Nos. 8063A and 8063B dated August, 1963. Where the route of the centre-line crosses the Aba/Owerri Federal Trunk 'A' road the width of the said strip of land shall be approximately 10 feet. Where the route of the centre-line of the said strip of land runs parallel to any other public road then the width of the said strip of land shall be approximately 10 feet and the said strip of land shall be situate as far as possible from the edge of the road but within 50 feet of the centre-line of the road aforesaid. Where the route of the centre-line diverges from existing public roads the width of the said strip of land shall be approximately 50 feet. Where the route of the centre-line passes through land appropriated for the Nigerian Railway Corporation the width of the said strip of land shall be approximately 10 feet. Where the route of the centre-line within Aba Township passes between permanent installations less than 10 feet distant one from the other the width of the said strip of land shall be the maximum width available. The route of the centre-line is described as follows:—

Starting at a point (marked '1' on the Plan No. 8063A) adjacent to the aforesaid Company's Imo River Block Station approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of Owaza village the route proceeds within land occupied under the aforesaid Company's Oil Mining Lease No. 11 through points (marked '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '10' and '11' on the Plan) to a point (marked 'A' on the Plan) adjacent to the aforesaid Company's location Imo River 16; thence on a bearing of $53^{\circ}31'$ for a distance of 33,507 feet to a point (marked 'B' on the Plan); thence on a bearing of $44^{\circ}01'$ for a distance of 9984 feet to a point (marked 'C' on the Plan); thence on a bearing of $354^{\circ}52'$ for a distance of 1,211 feet to a point (marked 'D' on the Plan); thence on a bearing of $53^{\circ}29'$ for a distance of 19523 feet to a point (marked 'E' on the Plan); thence on a bearing of $30^{\circ}14'$ for a distance of 5,324 feet crossing the Eburi/Aba road to a point (marked 'F' on the Plan) on the north side of the road aforesaid; thence following the north side of the road aforesaid through points (marked 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R' on Plan No. 8063B) to a point (marked 'S' on the Plan); thence crossing the road aforesaid to a point (marked 'T' on the Plan); thence following the south side of the road aforesaid to a point (marked 'U' on the Plan) on the south-west side of the Aba/Owerri Federal Trunk 'A' road; thence crossing the Aba/Owerri Trunk 'A' road to a point (marked 'V' on the Plan) on the north-east side of the road aforesaid; thence following a generally easterly direction along the dirt perimeter road of the Government Residential Area, Aba through points (marked 'W', 'X' and 'Y' on the Plan); thence leaving the perimeter road aforesaid the route traverses undeveloped land to a point (marked 'Z' on the Plan); thence

following the south side of a Government Residential Area road, through a point (marked 'BA' on the Plan) to a point (marked 'BB' on the Plan) on the east side of Margaret Avenue East, Aba adjacent to the premises of Associated Industries Limited, Aba; thence passing through the premises of Associated Industries through a point (marked 'BC' on the Plan) to a point (marked 'BD' on the Plan) on the Western boundary of the Nigerian Railway Corporation's property; thence passing through land appropriated for the Nigerian Railway Corporation through a point (marked 'BE' on the Plan) which is the location of the Licensee's consumer distribution manifold to a point (marked 'BF' on the Plan); thence the route follows a generally south-easterly direction to a point (marked 'BG' on the Plan) on the eastern boundary of the land appropriated for the Nigerian Railway Corporation; thence the route follows a generally south-westerly direction within land appropriated for the Nigerian Railway Corporation through points (marked 'BH', 'BI' and 'BJ' on the Plan) to a point (marked 'BK' on the Plan); and thence the route follows a generally south-easterly direction through a point (marked 'BL' on the Plan) to a point (marked 'BM' on the Plan) on the south-western boundary of the premises of the Nigerian Breweries Limited.

All bearings and lengths are approximate and all bearings refer to Colony Grid North.

The oil pipeline will be laid as follows:

- (1) where it traverses seasonal swamp and dry land it will be buried approximately 2 feet under the surface of the swamp and land; and
 - (2) where it traverses land appropriated for the Nigerian Railway Corporation it shall be laid in a manner approved by the Corporation.
2. A copy of a plan of the pipeline route identifying the land affected can be inspected during all normal working hours at the District Offices, Ahoada and Aba; the Federal Ministry of Mines and Power, Lagos; the Ministry of Town Planning, Enugu; and the Office at Umuobiakani of the aforesaid Company.
 3. Any person who considers that his land or interest in land will be injuriously affected by the grant of the Licence should lodge orally or in writing within three weeks from the date of this notice with the Administrative Officer-in-charge of Ahoada Division or Administrative Officer-in-charge of Aba Division, notice of objection stating interest of the objector and the grounds of objection.
 4. Any public officer who receives a verbal objection in the course of his duties shall record the name and address, interest and grounds of objection of any person lodging such a verbal objection and shall forward such details to the Administrative Officer-in-charge of Ahoada Division or the Administrative Officer-in-charge of Aba Division.
 5. Matters relating to the amount of compensation payable by the aforesaid Company for its use of the land affected shall not be material grounds to include in a notice of objection.
 6. The Administrative Officer-in-charge of Ahoada Division and the Administrative Officer-in-charge of Aba Division shall enquire into objections (if any) duly lodged in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 above at their offices at Ahoada and Aba at 10 a.m. on the 14th day of November, 1963, giving all parties an opportunity to be heard, and reports thereof shall be sent without delay to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Power, Lagos for submission to the Minister who shall decide whether or not the Licence shall be granted.
 7. Compensation (if any) payable by the aforesaid Company for its use of the land affected shall be determined by negotiation between the Company and the landowners and occupiers.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1963.

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