

**NEMC DIRECTOR VISITS THE EACOP COATING YARD IN SOJO TABORA**

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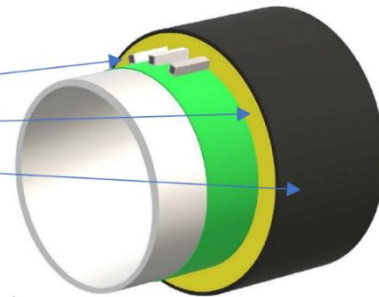
The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Company<sup>1</sup> is pleased to host the Director General of NEMC Dr. Samwel Gwamaka to inspect the progress of the construction of the Coating Yard (CY) facility at Sojo, Nzega Tabora.

The coating yard is currently under construction with earth works started in November 2021. The plant is planned to be ready to receive pipe in early 2023. It is a 40 hectares facility that will be composed of the thermal insulation application plant itself together with a pipe storage area and a 40-person camp.

The Coating Yard will receive steel Line Pipe imported via the port of Dar es Salaam. It will apply thermal insulation to each pipe joint. This consists of (i) the installation of aluminum raceways in which Heat Trace Cable will later be installed, (ii) the application of 75mm of Polyurethane foam (PUF) for thermal performance and (iii) a covering off High-density Polyethylene 5mm thick wrapping. This will protect the insulated pipe during storage, onward transportation to the right-of-way, installation and finally burial under the ground.

**Line-pipe insulated**

- Raceways
- 75mm of PU
- 5mm HDPE



EACOP by considering the potential impact to the environment, conducted an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment study (ESIA) for the CY addressing mitigating of the potential impacts which was submitted to NEMC in June 2018 and approved by NEMC in September 20, 2018 with some conditions. EACOP hence developed its Environment and Social Management Plan (ESMP) developing the control measures and mitigations put in place in line with conditions. EACOP ensures adherence to the ESMP by its contractors through several tools including the Environmental Management and Monitoring Contractor Implementation Plan and Procedure (EMMCIPP), Waste Management Plan, Vegetation Removal Method Statement, Borrow Pit Management Plan etc.

Land for the coating plant site was acquired in the second half of 2021. This involved the compensation of 37 Project Affected Household and the construction of 12 replacement houses. In addition to their compensation, the Households were also accompanied with transitional food support and livelihood restoration programs.

The construction of the coating yard is being executed by two EACOP Contractors: MILEMBE, a Tanzanian Civil Engineering company responsible for earth works and WASCO ISOAF Tanzania, together with its partner FABEC who are erecting and outfitting the thermal insulation plant, as well as the camp and pipe storage area. These activities have given opportunities to the local labour market, to date some 22 people from the four villages around the area having been given work by Milembe and a further 21 by WASCO ISOAF.



Thermal Insulation plant – artist view

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