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TMGO arranged a one-day field visit where TMGO technical team together with KenGen's drilling team accompanied EEA staff to Tulu Moye site on November 22, 2019. Before heading to Tulu Moye Site, as per routine procedure, the team stopped over at TMGO Iteya office to receive Safety/Personal Protective Equipment and Health & Safety briefing.

At the project site, an overview of the company, project progress and future plans were presented while viewing the project area and briefings compiled on geothermal, geology, plans and investment. The team then made their way back to Iteya office where lunch was served. The site visit concluded after a brief discussion of EEA's next site visit and immediate future plans of the project.



Site Updates



Roadworks

November has shown multiple roadwork progressing at a good rate. With culverts installed and subbase material placement ongoing, the concrete work for reinforced concrete ditch in Iteya is also seen to progress at a good pace. The laydown area is fully finalized, with the only remaining work at the camp being the completion of a drainage ditch around the area.

Unexpected and unfavourable weather conditions resulted in limited work activity. With excavation for the pond ongoing, plan is to continue into December the well progressing work on the well pads and the pond. Excavation and construction work at wellpad GA were ongoing throughout November and is expected to be ready in December.



Ground Water Drilling

In early November, the subcontractor for well 1 left the site after alignment tests failed, concluding the well cannot be used. During the month of November, preparations for pump test of well 2 have been ongoing. Pump test expected to take place by end of November is delayed to beginning of December.

Location of wells 3 and 4 depends on the results of the pump test for well 2.



Material Shipment

All material for geothermal drilling has been delivered and is currently found at site. Material for water pipes is expected to arrive in beginning of December 2019.



Kick-off Meeting with KenGen & Preparation for Geothermal Drilling



Preparation for geothermal drilling have been ongoing since the contract with KenGen was signed in end of October, with a Kick-off meeting held on the 7th of November.

Representatives from KenGen visited TMGO for planning and preparation of all KenGen's work in Ethiopia including mobilizing the rig to site, and planning geothermal drilling campaign. The whole group visited the site following the meeting. Since then, KenGen and TMGO meet on weekly basis either in Ethiopia or Kenya to continue preparing and planning for the geothermal drilling. KenGen opened a branch office in Addis Ababa end of November.



Big milestone was reached on the 26th of November when TMGO issued the Order to Mobilize to KenGen. The rig provided by KenGen is now expected to be ready for drilling in Tulu Moye in January 2020.



TMGO Staff Attends EEA Consultation Meeting: Geothermal Directives

TMGO staff, Hayat Seid, Chief Commercial Officer and Tadesse Mamo, Senior Geologist, have attended a half-day consultative meeting organized by the Ethiopian Energy Authority on Friday November 8, 2019. Meeting was held at the meeting hall of the Authority office, with the Authority and the team experts composed from the relevant institution and geothermal companies, to discuss on the issued Geothermal Operations Regulations No. 453/2019, approved directives, draft drilling directives and the status and issues of ongoing geothermal activities.

The authority highlighted that in order to facilitate the work in a transparent and accountable manner, having frequent discussions and introducing workflow of the organization with the stakeholders regarding the geothermal resource licensing and administration is important.



TMGO Sponsors AmCham Thanksgiving Gala, 2019



TMGO DCTO and CFO had the pleasure to attend the first AmCham Thanksgiving Gala 2019 alongside industry partners and friends such as EEP, the Governor of the National Bank of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Ambassador to the US. This was the opportunity for the team to celebrate one of the key pillars of its mission in Ethiopia: promoting shared benefits with the project's communities. At the occasion, our CFO had the honor to announce the Pioneer of the Year Award which has been attributed to a company called Teki Bags that demonstrate exemplary business ethics as well as a strong commitment to social and environmental good.

Meridian Internal Audit: Action Plan TMGO Employees: Staff Trainings

Our Technical staff members Hayat Seid, Sigurgeir Geirsson, Yamrot Grumneh and Yitemgeta Fantu have participated on the FIDIC Accredited Training Course on: Practical Use of the 1999 FIDIC conditions of Contract for (RED & YELLOW BOOKS), which was held from the 28th of October to the 2nd of November 2019.

This training was presented by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations and the workshop has been facilitated by FIDIC Accredited Trainer.

Our Team participated on this training seminar to enhance their skills and to get familiarized with the new generation of International Contract Conditions used worldwide through the World Bank and the Majority of Multilateral DB's.



'TMGO Employee Spotlight: Meet Mr. Sigurgeir Geirsson'



Mr. Sigurgeir Björn Geirsson graduated with a master's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Iceland in 2003. After graduation Sigurgeir worked for Reykjavik Energy, first as a designer and project manager for utility projects. Since then, he has worked on various geothermal power projects in Iceland before joining TMGO in May 2019.

In 2005, he became part of the project management team as a project manager and later design manager for the construction of Hellisheiði Power Plant, 303 MW electricity production and 133 MW thermal production, and preparing and planning for various other geothermal power projects in the Hengill area close to Reykjavik. In 2011 Sigurgeir joined The National power company of Iceland, as a project manager for the company's geothermal power projects in North East of Iceland. He was the project manager for mechanical and steam supply systems for the construction of Þeistareykir

90 MW geothermal power plant. During installation and commissioning work at Þeistareykir he was also Resident Engineer at site. Sigurgeir received certification as IPMA Level B senior project manager in 2015.

Currently, Mr. Geirsson is the Chief Technical Officer in TMGO having the key role in leading the Technical Team and project with close coordination of the CEO and management of TMGO.



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