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WEST AFRICAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT ACT
(No. 11 of 2005)

**WEST AFRICAN GAS PIPELINE (OFFSHORE DAMAGE
PREVENTION PROGRAMME) REGULATIONS, 2009**

[21st December, 2009]

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ment.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 20 of the West African Gas Pipeline Act and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, H. Odein Ajumogobia (SAN), Minister of State, Petroleum Resources, hereby make supplementary provisions to the West African Gas Pipeline Regulations in respect of Offshore Damage Prevention Programme as follows :

1.—(1) The operator shall prepare a damage prevention programme offshore to prevent the offshore section of the Pipeline System from mechanical damage and exposure from sub-sea erosion.

Damage
Prevention
Programme-
Offshore.

(2) For the purpose of sub-regulation (1), “mechanical damage” includes damage from anchors, chains, trawl boards, vessel groundings, dynamite fishing and sabotage and “erosion” is the eroding away of seabed support from sub-sea pipelines and the washing away of material covering the pipeline in engineered trenching zones.

2. The Damage Prevention Programme-Mechanical shall include :

Components
of the
Damage
Prevention
Programme.

(a) identification of companies which engage in permanent or regular transport and or industrial marine operations in the vicinity of the pipeline ;

(b) public awareness campaigns directed at stakeholders of the four States, as often as necessary to make them aware of the existence and purpose of the Damage Prevention Programme-Offshore ;

(c) publication of pipeline routes on recognised nautical charts ;

(d) correction of charts and publications by relevant organisations ;

(e) notification and publications of temporary marine operations by the operator and companies engaged in permanent or regular transport and industrial marine operators in the vicinity of the pipeline ;

(f) regulatory process that will enforce a protection zone for the Pipeline (the Pipeline Protection Zone) in the Nigerian Territorial Waters and Exclusive Economic Zone ;

(g) active co-operation of the operator with Port authorities, the Nigerian Navy and other relevant State authorities in monitoring the enforcement of the Pipeline Protection Zone ;

(h) maintenance by the operator of a marine liaison presence in the Region to ensure co-operation with Port authorities, the Nigerian Navy and other relevant State authorities ;

