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Please be informed that the inspection of the above project was carried out from 1st November to 4th November 2016, with the following in attendance:

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c. TCN Officials:

i. I.C. Nwosu

Station Supervisor

d. Representatives of Cartlark International Company

- i. Engr Sulaimon Adeyemo Head Engineering & Technical Services
- ii. Engr Kingsley Agborume Station Manager

e. Representative of Colenco (Consultants)

Engr Ugwunna Wogu Site Engineer

Project details and objectives

Project Details

Client

Niger Delta Power Holding Company/NIPP

Project Description

330000V X 4400A x 2 Switching Station	1 No.
Switching Station Arrangement	1 _{1/2} breakers
No. of Incoming Circuits	4 x Double circuits
No. of Outgoing Circuits	2 x Double circuits
No. of Conductors per phase	Two (2)
Conductor Type	ACSR
Conductor Size	800 mm ² (Double conductor)
Earth wire Type	Galvanized Steel earth shielding system
OPGW	Galvanized Steel wire with embedded optical fibre.

Type of Support	Lattice Galvanized Steel Gantries
Type of Foundation	Grillage/concrete, Chimney and Piled
Rated Voltage	330KV
Insulator Type	Glass disc set Insulators
No. of insulators per phase	1
No. of discs per insulator string	20/30 nos.

Project Objective:

The objective of this project is to get reliable and safe electric power supply for the national grid by receiving / harnessing stranded electricity supply from the following power station:

S/NO.	POWER STATION	CAPACITY (MW)	LOCATION/STATE
1	ALAOJI	450	ABIA STATE
2	AFAM – VI	650	RIVERS
3	CALABAR (ODUKPANI)	575	CROSS RIVER
4	IBOM POWER	188	AKWA IBOM
5	IKOT ABASI – <i>FUTURE</i>	500	AKWA IBOM
	TOTAL	2363	

The harnessed supplies are then re-transmitted to the East and North via two lines of double circuit 330KV transmission lines from Ikot Ekpene to Ugwuaji, Enugu State, and then onward to Makurdi, Benue State, as part of the North-South loop of the National Grid.

NB: Currently, Alaoji and Calabar incoming 330KV transmission lines are confirmed ready for connecting to the Switching Station.

INSPECTION REPORT: 330KV SWITCHING STATION

ITEM	I	REMARK
Swite	ching Station location	IKOT EKPENE, AKWA IBOM STATE
Cont	ractor	CARTLARK INTERNATIONAL
Swite	ching station fence construction:	Chainlink Fence for Switchyard and Block
	-	Wall perimeter fencing
Grav	elling of the station:	Done
Circu	iit Breaker SF6 level	Okay, except for D04+Q01C
300	KVA Auxiliary Transformer	
i.	Oil leakage	No
ii.	Temperature gauge Fitted	No
iii	. Breather(Silica gel): Fitted	Bad - degenerated
The	size of earth conductor used at the station	
i.	Transformer body	
ii.	Lightning arrester	70mm ²
iii.	Metal Gates	70mm ²

General Physical Inspection of Switching Station

iv.	Gantries	Nil
v.	Control room Panels	70mm ²
vi.	Control room checker plates	70mm ²
		Nil
Cabl	es and conductors used at the Switching	
stati	on	
i.	Туре	ACSR
ii	. Size	800mm ²

S/No	PROJECT	OBSERVATIONS	PICTURES	RECOMMENDATIONS
	AREA			
1.	SWITCHYARD	 The Switch Yard has perimeter fencing with wire mesh adequately earthed at different points. The switchyard was well graveled and leveled. Drainage system was provided to discharge water outside the switchyard, but some drain pipes not yet covered completely with 	Switch Yard Perime wire m fencin	 The cable trench slabs should be uniformly designed and arranged for safety. Handles should be flattened to prevent operation personnel tripping over them. 36 missing cable trench covers should be provided The CCTV poles in the switchyard should be
		 granite. 4. The cable trench slabs were not designed uniformly (unsafe), and there are portions of the trenches not covered. 5. The CCTV poles in the switchyard were not earthed. 6. Flood lights were provided. 7. Water retention observed on the walkway. 	Well levelle and gravel switch yard	earthed. 4. Passage should be made/provided for the water retained on the walkway. 5. Granite should cover all drain pipes 6. Broken/cracked concrete slabs should be replaced. 6. The unfinished areas of wire mesh fencing should be completed.



2.	GANTRIES	1. Gantries members were	Rusting gantry bases; No grouting.	1. The contractor should
	AND	galvanized type; although		painstakingly go through all
	FOUNDATION	rusting base plates for some of		the gantries and replace
		the equipment were observed		missing members, bolts&
		on some gantries.		nuts, rusted connecting
		2. Missing bracings/members,		plates and.
		bolts and nuts were observed		2. He should also tighten all
		at:		loose bolts and nuts and
		DO1 + Q11DS, D01 +		members.
		Q22C,		3. The foundations with
		 D02+T12C, D02+Q11C 		grating defects should be
		 D05+Q12C, 		corrected.
		3. Hanging/missing members,		4. All rusted bolts and nuts
		loose bolts and nuts, rusted		must be replaced with
		bolts and nuts observed on :		galvanized types to ensure
		 D02+Q12C, D02+Q11C, 		integrity of the structures
		D02+Q11B, D02+Q21B,	4	and connections.
		D06+Q22A, D06+Q32A,		
		■ D04+Q11B, D06+Q25C,		
		D04+Q21C, D04+Q21,		
		DU6+Q2IA		
		4. Poor grating foundation was		
		observed at DUZ+Q12A.		
			Missing gantry member	

3.	INSULATORS/ ARCING HORNS	 Only single string of insulators seen used unlike other stations where two are specified and used. All the insulators used were of glass type with 20 nos on the line side and 30 nos on the gantry side. No broken/cracked insulator was observed. However, we saw: Rusted insulator plate at D04+Q11B, line insulator D06+Q32A ALL the arcing horns in the switchyard were not aligned with each other No arcing horn (inner) at D02+F11A 		 The contractor is advised to thoroughly check the insulator plates and replace all rusted/non-galvanized types. The arcing horns should be aligned properly to guarantee safety of the insulators and the entire installation. All missing arcing horns should be fixed.
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4.	BUS BARS	1. The busbars sections/tubes were seen to be too long and already sagging even without carrying current. They may further sag with current and high ambient temperatures. The contractor explained that vibration dampers cables have been installed inside the bus bars and the weight may have caused the sag. This arrangement is said to be as per design.		1. Ideally, use of shorter tube lengths or inserting intermediate supports will eliminate the obvious sag seen on the bus bars.
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5.	EQUIPMENT LABELLING	 The equipment in the switchyard were well labeled for easy identification. However detached identification plate was observed at D03+Q22C. Also the labeling of the buses earthing switch did not tally with the one on the control panel. No phase identification plates/markers on all the lines, both incoming and outgoing. 	<image/>	 Phase sequence identification plates/markers should be fixed visibly on all the lines, at both incoming and outgoing gantries/bays for easy identification. Likewise, at the Buses. Identification of the various lines should also be done to know easily which is Afam, Alaoji, Calabar, Ikot Abasi and Ugwuaji. The labeling of Equipment in the switch yard should tally with the labeling on the control panels.
6.	EARTHING SYSTEM	 All the gantry legs were earthed at 2 points with 70mm² earth wire while hanging earth conductors were observed at D04 incoming Bay gantries (both legs) and D06 outgoing gantry. The earth readings obtained were between 0.10 and 2.01 Ohms. This is commendable. Full details of the earth readings are attached in 	Gantry leg earthing wire	 The hanging earth conductors should be clamped properly to the gantries leg. All open earth pits should be covered with appropriate concrete slabs.

		Appendix I.		
		3. The earth pit points were		
		not covered.		
7.	CONDUCTORS /SPACERS	 not covered. The conductor used observed to be ACSR. Some protruding conductors were observed at various termination points Some of the spacers and accompanying clamps were observed to be improvised, not well clamped/tightened around the conductors, and rusted bolts and nuts were seen used on the spacers. This has serious potential danger for arcing, melting of the conductors and eventual failure of the installation. The conductor down-drops from the incoming lines to the lightning arrestors were seen not aligned properly and some seen were under strain 		 The protruding conductors should be trimmed to flush at all termination points/ends. The improvised spacers and clamps should be replaced with standard /specified type. All the spacers not well clamped should be properly clamped and well tightened. All conductors and terminations should not be under strain.

8.	FUNCTIONAL	The switchyard equipment		1. The contractor should
	TESTS ON	operations were observed	Functional operation of the pantograph disconnectors	painstakingly go through ALL
	EQUIPMENT	using:		the equipment to ensure that
		1. Local command test		they work properly as
		2. Command via control panel		intended.
		3. Earthing		2. All isolator contacts
		switches/mechanism	0	should be greased with
		operations		petroleum jelly.
		4. BCU command test.		3. All commutators of motors
		5. Some of the equipment		installed in control kiosks for
		were not responding as		the isolators should be
		expected e.g.		cleaned to avoid arcing.
		• D02+Q01CB (Circuit		4. All cable glands to be fully
		Breaker),		secured.
		• D02+Q21 Isolator Switch,		
		• D02+Q02CB, D02+Q03CB,		
		D02+Q81&82 ES (Earth		
		Switch) not aligned		
		properly.		
		6. All equipment on D03 not		
		responding		
		7. D04+Q01C sF6 gauges		
		(phase A & B) were observed		
		to be below 0.7bar mark		
		8. Isolator D05+Q91 (phase C)		
		needs adjustment and earth		
		switches D05+Q81 (phases		
		B&C) not closing well.		

		 9. Circuit breakers D06+Q01CB, Q02CB, Q03CB not responding locally. 10. Some cable glands on SF6 circuit breakers not properly fixed. 		
9.	STATION TRANSFORME R (300KVA, 33/0.415KV) AND STATION GENERATOR (125KVA)	 The 300KVA, 33/0.415KV is fed from an unreliable public utility line Undersized cables were used for the connection of the Secondary terminals of the transformer to the energy meter and from the energy meter directly to the control room and to the staff housing quarters. All the cross arm channel irons were not earthed. The Silica gel was saturated. The line isolators were not properly aligned. The earth resistance reading is very high (17.2 Ohms) The generator was not earthed (358Ω) The overhead water reservoir steel support close to 	SookvA, 33/0.415KV station transformer supplied from unreliable public power supply.	 Reliable station power supply should be provided in the form of either a dedicated station transformer, or a dedicated 33KV public supply, or two synchronized station generators, each genset being capable of carrying the load of the station. Appropriately sized cables should be used for the auxiliary transformer connections to the control room and staff quarters. Protection circuit breakers should be provided on the transformer secondary. All the cross arm channel irons should be properly earthed The saturated silica gel

		the transformer was not earthed. 9. The water tank stand/foundation bolts not grouted.		should be replaced 5. The line insulator should be realigned to prevent arcing 6. The earth resistance should be improved upon 7. The generator and water reservoir tank should be earthed 8. The water tank stand should be properly grouted.
10.	BATTERY ROOM	 Wash hand basin was installed, extractor fan installed, smoke detector installed Hanging lightning point wire seen. Lighting fittings not working Metallic door not earthed 	<image/> <caption></caption>	 All the hanging light point wires should be fixed properly and lighting fittings fixed. Lighting should be improved upon generally and all lighting points should be functional. Metallic doors should be adequately earthed.

11.	CONTROL	1. TCN trained operators were	Front view of the control panels	1. All the security lights
	ROOM	familiarity with the operations		2 The inner lighting points
		of the switching station		2. The inner lighting points
		Of the switching station.		2 All the motellie deers
		2. Outside security light not		3. All the metallic doors
		Working	Harris House House	A localetice where wet
		3. Some inner lighting points	have and have have here	4. Insulation rubber mat
		were not working	tariat find had	should be provided and laid
		4. All the metallic doors were		around the control panels.
		not earthed		5. Electric shock treatment
		5. Insulation rubber mat was		chart should be provided.
		not provided for the control		6. Cable trench metallic
		panels.		covers should be earthed.
		6. Electric shock treatment		7. The air-conditioners in the
		chart was not provided in the	Rear view of the control panel	BCU room should be repaired
		control room.		and made functional.
		7. Cable trench metallic covers		8. Replace all missing
		not earthed		/broken floor tiles.
		8. Control panel labeling was		9. Cover the cable trench
		in line with the labeling at the		and seal entry ducts to the
		switch yard.		control with appropriate
		9. Air-conditioning in BCU		compound.
		room not functioning.		10. SCADA communication
		10. Ceramic tiles in corridor		with National Control Centre
		between control room and		should be made operational.
		offices broken and constitutes		
		danger of people tripping.		
		11. Cable trench behind		

		control room not covered and the entry points not seal. This could be a source of rodents entering the control room. 12. SCADA panel installed but not demonstrated as working.	
12.	SAFETY EQUIPMENT/S	1. Danger / Warning signs were conspicuously not	1. Danger / Warning signs should be provided at
	IGNS	available in the entire	strategic locations
		switching station.	2. Fire extinguishers should
		2. Fire extinguishers were	be provided in the
		available in the control room	switchyard
		but not in the switch yard.	3. All unused constructional
		3. Artificial respiration	materials, equipment and
		procedures chart not seen in	tools should be moved out of
		the control room.	the switchyard
			4. All constructional hanging
			cable strands, ropes, bolts &
			nuts etc should be removed
			5. The switchyard should be
			kept clean & tidy always.
			6. Emergency / Artificial
			Respiration Charts should be
			provided.

APPENDIX I GANTRY / SUPPORT STRUCTURE EARTH RESISTANCE VALUES

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	YELLOW (Ω)	BLUE (Ω)	REMARK		
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.33	0.34	0.35			
2	Wave Trap	0.27	0.36	N/A			
3	VT	0.33	0.53	0.37			
4	Earth Switch	0.40	0.33	1.03			
5	Gantry 1	0.43		0.33			
6	Bus Bar 1	0.12		0.32			
7.	CVT	0.24	0.45				
8.	HV Disconnector	0.27		0.28			
	(D01+Q12C)						
9.	CT1	0.36	0.53	0.45			
10.	CB (420KV)	0.31	0.44	0.36			
11.	Camera Stand	2.04					
12.	CT2		0.24				
13.	Gantry 2 (Bus Bar)	0.7		0.54			

ALAOJI LINE 1

ALAOJI LINE 2

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	YELLOW (Ω)	BLUE (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.90	0.10		
2	Wave Trap	0.56		0.45	
3	Fence Wire Mesh	0.86			
4	Earth Switch	0.71	0.22		
5	Gantry 1	0.24		0.32	
6	Bus Bar 1	0.34	0.64	1.4	
7.	CVT	0.51	0.40	0.56	
8.	HV Disconnector 1	0.31		0.50	
9.	CT1	0.26	0.27		
10.	CB (420KV)	0.53	0.19	0.45	
11.	Camera Stand	3.69			
12.	CT2	0.21	0.25		
13.	330KV JB	0.32			

UGWUAJI LINE 1

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.7	
2	Wave Trap	0.5	
3	VT	0.6	
4	330KV Current JB	0.4	
5	Gantry 1	0.34	
6	Bus Bar 1	0.41	
7.	CVT	0.65	
8.	HV Disconnector	0.23	
	(D01+Q12C)		
9.	CT1		
10.	CB (420KV)	0.19	

UGWUAJI LINE 2

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	YELLOW (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.60		
2	Wave Trap	0.88		
3	VT	0.74		
4	330KV Current JB	0.28		
5	330KV Voltage JB	0.66		
6	Gantry 1	0.82		
7	Bus Bar 1	0.21	0.40	
8.	CVT	0.28		
9.	HV Disconnector 1	0.30		
10.	CT1	0.51		
11.	CB (420KV)	0.35		
12.	HV Disconnector 2	0.32		
13.	CT2	0.57		
14.	Wire Mesh	1.68		
15.	Post Insulator	0.46		

AFAM

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.36	
2	Wave Trap	0.33	
3	VT	0.22	
4	Earth Switch	0.22	
5	Gantry 1	0.27	
6	Post Insulator	0.46	
7.	CVT	0.23	
8.	HV Disconnector	0.73	
	(D01+Q12C)		
9.	CT1	0.47	
10.	CB (420KV)	0.22	
11.	Current JB	0.21	
12.	CT2	0.25	
13.	HV Disconnector 2	0.29	
14.	HV Disconnector 3	0.63	

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.27	
2.	Fence Wire Mesh	0.51	
3.	Wave Trap	0.28	
4.	VT	0.22	
5.	Bus Bar	0.19	
6.	Earth Switch	0.25	
7.	Gantry 1	0.26	
8.	Gantry 2	0.24	
9.	CVT	0.37	
10.	HV Disconnector 1	0.19	
11.	CT1	0.22	
12.	CB (420KV)	0.25	
13.	330KV Voltage JB	0.48	
14.	330KV Current JB	0.22	
15.	CT2	0.18	
16.	Lightning panel	0.20	

CALABAR LINE 1

CALABAR LINE 2

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.55	
2	Wave Trap	0.31	
3	VT	0.4	
4	Bus Bar	0.12	
5	Earth Switch	0.34	
6	Gantry 1	0.21	
7	Lightning Panel	0.50	
8.	CVT	0.51	
9.	HV Disconnector 1	0.47	
10.	CT1	0.19	
11.	CB (420KV)	0.40	
12.	330KV Current JB	0.18	
13.	Voltage JB	0.29	
14.	CT2	0.19	
15.	HV Disconnector 2	0.33	
16.	HV Disconnector 3	0.41	

IKOT ABASI LINE 1

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.23	
2	Wave Trap	0.20	
3	Fence Wire Mesh	0.71	
4	Bus Bar	0.24	
5	Earth Switch	0.44	
6	Gantry 1	0.33	
8.	CVT	0.12	
9.	HV Disconnector 1	0.51	
10.	CT1	0.11	
11.	CB (420KV)	0.30	
12.	330KV Current JB	0.14	
13.	Voltage JB		
14.	CT2	0.61	
15.	HV Disconnector 2		
16.	HV Disconnector 3		
17	Gantry 2	0.61	
18	CVT 2	0.11	

IKOT ABASI LINE 2

S/N	GANTRY	RED (Ω)	REMARK
1	Lightning Arrestor	0.41	
2	Wave Trap	0.32	
3	Fence Wire Mesh	0.84	
4	Bus Bar	0.09	
5	Earth Switch	0.37	
6	Gantry 1	0.29	
7	Lightning Panel		
8.	CVT	0.21	
9.	HV Disconnector 1	0.31	
10.	CT1	0.17	
11.	CB (420KV)	0.18	
12.	330KV Current JB	0.16	
13.	Voltage JB	0.21	
14.	CT2	0.20	
15.	HV Disconnector 2	0.34	
16.	HV Disconnector 3	0.14	

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- 1. Alaoji and Calabar incoming 330KV transmission lines are ready with their 2 circuits completed, tested. Alaoji line is energized for security against vandalism. Calabar yet to be energized as the pressure test was completed on Friday evening.
- 2. The phase sequence identification marks were traced for all import and export lines; it was observed that Alaoji circuit 1 has a reversed sequence. However, on tracing the line further to bus bar 2, it was seen that the changes were taken care of.
- 3. Calabar incoming line may be ready in the coming few days as final inspection is on-going.
- 4. Only line 2, Circuits 3 & 4 of the outgoing Ugwuaji lines is ready.
- 5. Afam and Ikot Abasi lines, and circuits 1 & 2 of the Ugwuaji line 1, may still take a while to be completed. Stringing on Afam line is ongoing and nearing completion.
- 6. The lines termination points at the bays appear weak as only single vertical members hold the connecting plates.
- 7. The surrounding of the substation, especially from the gate, has been overtaken by shrubs/vegetation which can be abode for dangerous reptiles and rodents.
- 8. CCTV cameras were seen installed in the switchyard but their functionality could not be ascertained.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The improvised spacers and clamps must be replaced to guarantee the safe operations of the switching station.
- 2. All the arcing horns must be properly aligned to ensure safety of the insulators and the entire switching station.
- 3. EPC Contractor should carry out a general re-greasing of all disconnecting switches, elbows of pantographs, and contact points of isolators. The hooking points for the insulators on the gantries should be strengthened.
- 4. The non-functioning energy meters on the control panels should be reactivated or replaced.
- 5. The CCTV system should be activated.
- 6. The access road to the station should be properly attended to and tarred.

7. Proper/adequate station power supply is a must for the proper and safe operations of the 330KV lkot Ekpene switching station.

CONCLUSION

Please note that the re-inspection and certification of the project will be carried out on your compliance with the actions points/recommendations of this report and the necessary payment of inspection fees to the tune of **<<THIRTEEN MILLION FORTY TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED NAIRA (#13,042,500.00)>> ONLY** into TSA/CBN/ NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGENCY ACCOUNT CBN/3000047706008.

Signed by:

CLIENT: NIGER DELTA POWER HOLDING COMPANY (NDPHC)/NIPP:	DATE			
CONTRACTOR: CARTLARK INTERNATIONAL COMPANY	DATE			
TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA [TCN]:	DATE:			
CONSULTANT COLENCO:	DATE:			
INSPECTING /TESTING AUTHORITY: NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGENCYDATEDATE				
NOTE:				

THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATE



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