



**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PENGASSAN), COMRADE FRANCIS O. JOHNSON, DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE PPMC, NPSC & SML ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018.**

**PROTOCOL**

The Central Working Committee (CWC) of our great Association, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN) considers it a huge honour and privilege to be paying a courtesy visit on the Managing Directors and Managements of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company (PPMC), Nigeria Pipeline and Storage Company (NPSC) and Group General Manager of Shipping and Marine Logistics.

It gladdens our hearts to formally welcome the three companies, the NPSC, PPMC and the Shipping and Marine Logistics, which emerged from the re-organisation of the former Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC) into their new autonomy expected to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness into the operations of products marketing and transportation of products through the network of pipelines all over Nigeria. As a result of the restructuring, we expect three Branches to emerge from the former PPMC branch.



With the mandate ensuring transportation of crude, gas and petroleum products, the PPMC, NPSC and SML are critical and strategic to the

survival and development of various subsectors as it contributes more to the value chain of the oil and gas industry.

We have to reinstate that unless there is increase in the Government's commitment not only to maintain but also to rehabilitate and repair as well as replace ageing and ruptured pipelines, there will continue to be challenges with the distribution and supply of petroleum products to all parts of the country. This will also negatively impact on local refining due to inadequate supply of crude through the pipelines to the refineries. The dream of gas to power, and domestic and industrial gas development policies of the Government will be unrealised.

The NNPC and security agencies should ensure security of lives of staff of PPMC/NPSC/SML in oil and gas installations, as they are always at the frontline of repairing damaged pipelines and protect pipelines from being vandalised. There should be improved surveillance with the use of modern technology, adequate implementation of pipeline right of ways and location of security agencies' offices in "black spots" along pipelines.

*May we use this opportunity to implore you to address some of the industrial relations issues affecting the PENGASSAN PPMC/NPSC/SML Branches, such as inadequate manpower, provision of conducive work*



*environment and offices at Escravos, good and serviceable fire fighting trucks and equipment at all depots, rehabilitation and regular maintenance/upgrading of depots' facilities including loading arms, tankage, calibration system, and custody meter system to avoid loss of products.*

*We also call on the managements to ensure that our members who are yet to be placed in the new restructured organogram are placed within*

*the shortest possible time, as their morale has been dampened due to the delay. We also frown at the appraisal where our members were given zero percent and warning letters, whereas management staff were spared.*

The Managing Directors and GGM sirs and the PPMC, NPSC and SML Managements, *this CWC administration's aspiration is to explore alternative source of revenue for the Association and wishes to solicit your support in actualising our foremost projects in Abuja, Port Harcourt, Warri and Lagos. The quest for this drive is borne out of concern in addressing the effects of redundancy and job loss in the industry, thereby assisting the Government in job creation.*

We are aware that the challenges before your management is daunting but we believe that by God's grace and with the experience of the staff, it will be surmounted. While we call on the PPMC, NPSC and SML managements to always carry our Branches along in decision making



and implementation, we are assuring it of our continuous support for its activities.

Thank you and God bless.

Long Live NPSC Branch!

Long Live NPSC Management!!

Long Live PENGASSAN!!!

**Comrade Francis Olabode Johnson**

**6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**