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Azumah Resources equip Nadowli Hospital

Story: Chris Nunoo, Nadowli

AZUMAH Resources Limited, an Australian mining firm prospecting for gold in the Nadowli District of the Upper West Region, has donated hospital equipment worth GHS43,725 to the Nadowli District Hospital.

The items, which were in two containers, included mattresses, measuring cylinders, bedside tables and bedover trays, wheelchairs and spatula.

The Community Relations Manager of the company, Mr Vitus Ngaanuma, told the people before the presentation that his company had since the beginning of its operations in the region identified health-care as a key thematic area which would deserve the fullest support of the company.

He said when the hospital

was well resourced, it would be beneficial to both the people and the staff of the company.

To this end, Mr Ngaanuma stressed the preparedness of the Azumah Resources Limited to continue to support the hospital.

Commenting on the activities of the company, he said the company was exploring for minerals from Wa to Hamile and was also undertaking feasibility studies which would lead to the establishment of a mine by the year 2013.

He said the company would continue to engage the communities and was also ready to support them.

He, therefore, urged the communities to appreciate the challenges facing the company since they were not into mining.

Mr Ngaanuma commended Baptist Care Australia for its role in

mobilising support and the shipment of the items. He also praised the management of the hospital for the good work it was doing and expressed concern about the activities of galamsey operators within the catchment area.

"The Azumah Resources Limited is not yet into mining and so we hope that those who are misinforming the communities about our activities would stop," he stressed.

The Medical Director at the Nadowli hospital, Dr Boamah Boateng, on behalf of the hospital, expressed appreciation to the company for the gesture and gave the assurance that the items would be put to good use.

World Bank

Story: Kofi Yeboah

THE World Bank has commended the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) for the disbursement of about \$39 million under the Ghana Energy Development and Access Project (GEDAP), citing it as the highest of any World Bank project currently under implementation in Ghana.

The amount accounted for about 25 per cent of all World Bank disbursements for investment projects in Ghana totalling \$163 million (excluding budget support) in the 2011 financial year spanning the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

It is the second consecutive financial year that the GEDAP project has emerged as the highest in respect of disbursement of funds for World Bank projects.

In a message to the Minister of Energy, the World Bank was also happy to note that the next best performing project

disbursement in excess of \$18 million for the 2011 financial year was the West Africa Power Pool (WAPP), which is being implemented by the ECG and other part-

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