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## **ERERA CHAIRMAN RECEIVES ECOWAS PRESIDENT IN ACCRA**

The President of the ECOWAS Commission, Ambassador Désiré Kadré Ouédraogo on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 paid an unscheduled courtesy visit to the headquarters of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) in Accra.

President Ouédraogo, who led a six-person delegation, was received by the Chairman of ERERA, El Hadj Ibrahima Thiam. The president explained that he was in Accra to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a biolarvicide factory in Ghana in support of the ECOWAS Malaria Elimination Campaign.

During the brief visit, El Hadj Thiam presented some ERERA staff to the president and took him on a facility tour of the section of the Ghana Energy Commission's building where the ERERA headquarters is temporarily located.

While pledging to facilitate the movement of ERERA's headquarters to its permanent site in Accra, President Ouédraogo reiterated his commitment to the realization of ERERA's mission and objectives.

He commended and encouraged ERERA's pioneer staff for their dedication in spite of the teething challenges, promising to pay another visit soon.

ERERA was set up to regulate cross-border trade of electricity in West Africa. Its objectives include regulating cross-border electricity connections and trading among ECOWAS Member States, establishing clear and transparent tariff setting methodology for regional power pooling, facilitating the setting up of regulatory and economic environment for the development of the regional market, as well as establishing effective dispute resolution methods among stakeholders in the regional market.

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