

ANNEX 3

CHRONOLOGY OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE BANK, THE REQUESTERS AND OTHERS

GHANA - SECOND URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION PROJECT (P082373)
KWABENYA LANDFILL
ANNEX B: CHRONOLOGY OF CORRESPONDENCE

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OUTGOING LETTERS					
1.	Jan. 30, 2004	Pamela Cox Acting Country Director	The Chairman, Agyemankata Kwabenya Community	UESP 2 - Proposed Kwabenya Landfill	Proposed Construction of a sanitary landfill
2.	Feb. 23, 2004	Mats Karlsson Country Director	K. Adjei-Darko, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development	Request for Kwabenya Landfill discussions	Request for a discussion on how to deal with interests of local communities
3.	March 5, 2004	Gerhard Tschannerl Task Team Leader	Mr. Opanin Amoako The Chairman, Agyemankata Kwabenya Community	UESP 2- Proposed Kwabenya Landfill Site	Minutes of meeting with members of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community and the World Bank Office
4.	March 9, 2004	Mats Karlsson Country Director	K. Adjei-Darko, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development	UESP 2 - Kwabenya Landfill (same Minutes as above No. 3)	Minutes of meeting with members of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community
5.	July 22, 2004	Robert Blake Acting CD	Chairman, AKC	Proposed Kwabenya Landfill Site	Assuring the Community that Resettlement Action Plan will be carried out prior to Bank financing the facility.
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INCOMING LETTERS					
1.	Jan. 13, 2003	AKC ¹	The Country Director World Bank	The Abandoned Kwabenya Landfill	Familiarization Tour

¹ Agyemankata Kwabenya Community

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2.	Dec. 11, 2003		AKC			The Country Director World Bank		Press Conference	Meeting with the press
3.	Dec. 22, 2003		AKC			The President World Bank		Continuation of Landfill Project	Residents Vow to Resist Continuation of Landfill Project
4.	Jan. 16, 2004		AKC			The President World Bank		The Abandoned Kwabanya Landfill by D.E.I.D	Accountability in Bank Operation
5.	Feb. 27, 2004		AKC			The Country Director World Bank		Stop financing the abandoned land fill project at Kwabanya By D.F.I.D (British Department for International Development	The practice of forced evictions and the records of states concerning housing rights
6.	March 10, 2004		AKC			The Country Manager World Bank		Kwabanya Landfill	Informing the World Bank of not ready to accept any compensation from the government of Ghana
7.	March 10, 2004		Ministry of Local Government			The Country Director World Bank		Invitation to Stakeholders Meeting on Kwabanya Landfill	Demonstration against the Kwabanya Landfill Site to the Offices of the World Bank
8.	March 10, 2004		AKC			The Country Director World Bank		Video Cassette	Requesting for a Copy of Proceedings of meeting
9.	May 20, 2004		AKC			Mr. Gehard Tschannerl Task Team Leader		UESP-2- Proposed Kwabanya Landfill	Complaints from the People of Agyemankata of the Bank refusal to deliver the second part of the video recordings of a meeting to them
11.	June 3, 2004		AKC			The Chief Executive A.M.A		Kwabanya Landfill	Informing the bank of how AMA/Govt ignored rules/procedures on compulsory acquisition to take their land for the Kwabanya Landfill Project
12.	June 9, 2004		Ministry of Local government			The Country Director World Bank		Technical Advisory Committee on Kwabanya Landfill Project (TAC - KLP)	Constitution of Technical Advisory Committee
13.	July 29, 2004		AKC			The Country Director World Bank		Rejection of Committee's Report	Resisting the Survey Department's work as a sign of positive change

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14.	Aug. 27, 2004	Ministry of Local government	The Country Director World Bank	on Kwabenya Landfill UESP-2: Kwabenya Sanitation Landfill Development	Letter of acceptance by the government
15.	Sep. 1, 2004	Women of Agyemankata Community	The Country Director World Bank	Press Release	Agyemankata Women reject technical advisory Committee Recommendations on the Kwabenya Landfill
16.	Sep. 6, 2004	AKC	The Country Director World Bank	Re: Rejection of Kwabenya Landfill Project	Resisting any attempt by the World Bank to grant the govt. loan for the continuation of the abandon Kwabenya Landfill
17.	Sep. 11, 2004	AKC	The Minister of Local Government	T.A.C. Document on Kwabenya Landfill	Protection of their environment from the proposed landfill
18.	Sep. 15, 2004	AKC	Board of Directors Through the Country Director	Objection to Kwabenya Landfill	Letter of Appeal
19.	Jan. 27, 2005	AKC	The Country Director World Bank	Confirmation	Confirming receipt of a press conference held
20.	March 11, 2005	AKC	Mr. Ewool M.L.G.R.D	No Demolition at Kwabenya Landfill Site	Planning for the Construction of Sanitary Landfill
21.	May 18, 2005	AKC	Nii Abbey Okanfra Kwabenya Mantse	Meeting	Invitation to meet with members of Parliament
22.	June 7, 2005	AKC	Mr. Kojo Yankah Yankah's Associates	Request for the Military To Educate Agyemankata Community	Informing Mr. Yankah the history about the Kwabenya Landfill and also asking him to bring the Military to Agyemankata to educate them
23.	Jan. 16, 2007	AKC	President, World Bank	Petition to halt funding of Kwabenya landfill	Gave chronology of communication between Bank and community and advised Bank to halt financing of the landfill.
24.	Undated but after Jan. 25, 2007	AKC	The Editor Crusading Guide	AMA rubbishes Agyemankata Community Claim	Questioning some actions taken by the Mayor of Accra

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CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES FROM THE REQUESTERS AND OTHERS ABOUT THE KWABENYA LANDFILL

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

P.O. Box KA 16497
Airport, Accra, Ghana

RE: COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF KWABENYA LANDFILL SITE BY THE STATE

With reference to Daily Graphic and Times publications of 29th January, 2007 and 9th February, 2007, we the Agyemankata/Kwabanya Community write to inform the Minister responsible for Lands and Forestry, the Government of Ghana including the World Bank that the 1962 State Lands Act 125 and its regulation 7(2) LI 230 was breached by A.M.A.

Regulation 7(2) makes it mandatory that prior notification is given to the owners or occupiers of the land before any entry for inspection, survey or valuation is carried out. Accra Metropolitan Assembly did not serve such notices. Rather it invaded the area with about two hundred heavily armed policemen at dawn on the 8th and 13th January, 2007 and forcefully entered residents' homes to unlawfully survey and evaluate our properties. Some residents including women were arrested and detained for a day as part of the intimidation strategies. Therefore, the Executive Instrument is invalid. Refer to Rapid Human / Social Impact Assessment of the Kwabanya Landfill project, Draft Final Report January 2000 pages 6(2) and 13.

We therefore write to inform the Government of Ghana, Members of Parliament and the World Bank that we have rejected the Executive Instrument. We will never relocate or accept compensation from the A.M.A., Government of Ghana including the World Bank. Our three (3) Press Conferences refer, including our letter to Parliament, Ministry of Local Government, A.M.A. and the World Bank.

Sgd.

(A. Asiedu Amoako)
Agyemankata/Kwabanya Community
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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

P. O. BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA - ACCRA.

13th January, 2003.

THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE WORLD BANK
GHANA - ACCRA.

Dear Sir,

THE ABANDONED KWABENYA LANDFILL

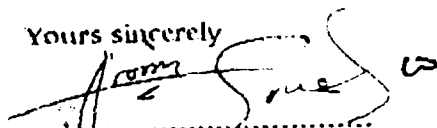
We the community of Agyemankata write to inform you that last Tuesday 13th Jan. 04 the two Assemblies Ga District Assembly and Accra Metropolitan Assembly members came on a familiarization tour with other government officials including the Head of Accra Waste Management Mr. Ben Laryea.

They received an unannounced and a hostile welcome from the communities around the project site. Some of the members of the A.M.A and G.D.A. were mishandled by the residents. The press were there with their T.V. cameras and we are sure you saw it yourself, On the screens (Metro T.V).

Such confrontations with either the contractor who is supposed to continue the project or any official from the A.M.A. will one day generate into a blood bath. That day we know our leaders will sit up because we have seen that they are interested in conflicts back by loans from International Agencies. Out of these bloody conflicts they set up commissions of Enquiry to amass wealth. Stop financing the project in the interest of peace to avoid a conflict.

A copy of our recent speech at a press conference attached for your perusal.

Yours sincerely



OPANIN ASIEDU AMOAKO

Caretaker of land/chairman for and on n behalf of community

1. The President The World Bank U.S.A
2. The Minister for Interior
3. The G.D.A. Chief Executive
4. All media Houses

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KWABENYA AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

11th December, 2003

Learned men and women of the Press good morning

All over the world there is ample evidence that projects are likely to fail especially if their implementation ignores the traditions values and social organizations of the intended beneficiaries or if their objectiveness are too remote from their everyday concerns of the people.

Most of the social problems that countries of the 3rd world face such as poverty, crime and unemployment are the direct result of the forced adherence to programmes that make little room for the concern of the poor.

When inaugurating the Board of E.P.A. on November, 24th 01 the President of Ghana said all over the world environmental protection had become a major issue That Ghana in that respect needed to appreciate the need to take environmental protection serious to preserve the environment for the sake of the future generation.

When Kwabenya Landfill was started it received a stiff objection from the Agyemankata Community and its environs. We blocked access road to the Landfill site for 4 Weeks hence the Government losing €37M daily to the contractor Taysec. Later the vice President came on a familiarization tour to the Landfill site and he received an unpleasant welcome from the residents. On 7th of November, 2001 we met the press and out lined to the press why the impasse. We are grateful to your coverage.

Today brothers and sisters we decided to meet the Accra Chief Executive Mr. S.O. Darko in person and to prove to him why Kwabenya Landfill should be discontinued but we were told that this can not happen. We have tried twice when Radio Top was on the air waves but he refused to honour those invitations, We would therefore be very grateful if you will use your media houses to ask the Metro Chief Executive Mr. S.O. Dakro and D.F.I.D. who was the sole financier of Kwabenya Landfill to answer the following questions because Ghanaians will like to have an insight on why Kwabenya Landfill became still born and is abandoned with D.F.I.D. running helter skelter with her loan balance of £ 3.5 hidden in a wattle and daub hut.

The questions to be answered by Mr. Darko are

- 1) Who cut the sod for Kwabenya Landfill to begin and was the caretaker of the land invited and the community represented? (He should show evidence)
- 2) How and when was the first phase of Kwabenya Landfill project bidded and what news paper published the invitation for bidds. (I.F.B)
- 3) Evidence that A.M.A got a land title to cover the 195 hectares necessary for the Landfill project from Okaidja Gbeke Family with Nii Tetteh Ankamah II as the Head of Family before Kwabenya Landfill commenced.
- 4) When was the Executive Instrument on Kwabenya Landfill signed?
- 5) When were the Land owners (Okaidja Gbeke Family) paid?. 1992 Constitution Article 202a says prompt payment must be given to expropriated owners before any project begins if the Land is to be taken compulsory.
- 6) Why Land Valuation Board did not value our property as requested by Minister of Land and Forestry Regulations 5 of (LI 230) and the project was started.

- 7) Mr. Darko should prove evidence of how he arrived at his compensation of \$ 40 billion (Aug 27 Daily Graphic 2001).
- 8) On 30th August 2001 issue of the Ghanaian Times Mr. Darko said he was not happy because the elders have sold lands that fall within the project site and asked that the practice be discontinued. He himself has a parcel of land here, how did he acquire it?
- 9) The local Government Act provides people from building within one kilometer away from a Landfill site E.P.A. permits human activity to be 2 kilometers away from a landfill site. Why A.M.A. Government are sitting their High Tech. Landfill project the first in Africa just at our nose? We invite the press to come to Agyemankata and to see things for themselves. Please do not go through the Valley as you often do.
- 10) There is a rumour that £100,000 was given to A.M.A to sensitize the immediate residents and other communities around the Landfill project why A.M.A refused to do the sensitization before the project implementation.
Why A.M.A failed to comply with state Lands Act 1962 Regulation 7 (2) (L1230)? It states "prior notification be given to the owners or occupiers of the land before any entry for inspection survey or valuation is carried out"
- 12) Why our letter dated 1/9/01 written to Mr. S.O. Darko was not replied copy attached.
On what criteria Taysec who came to Agyemankata as a consultant on Kwabenya Landfill, later became the contractor, and was to become the financier when D.F.I.D pulled out from financing the project G.R.I. Newsreel July 24th 02.
- 14) Why A.M.A / Government failed to tell the whole nation why D.F.I.D pulled out from Financing the Kwabenya Landfill project because the Daily Graphics Publication of 23/7/02 said it's because Ghana has adopted the H.I.P.C. initiative, Gregory Quinn second Secretary British High Commission's letter to the Press quote " the reason for cessation of Kwabenya Landfill has been discussed with the A.M.A. and Government". On July 14th 2003 Daily Graphic, Mr. Laryea Head of Waste Management also said "the money has been channeled to other use" why such contradictory statements?
We also want Mr. S.O. Darko to interpret the 1992 constitution Article 202a to Agyemankata Community and Ghanaians.
- 16) Now to D.F.I.D. we want to know why they acknowledge receipt to our letter dated 13th February, 2002 and promised to reply us but failed to do so? (Why they refused to tell Agyemankata Community what they told A.M.A /Government on cessation of founding Kwabenya Landfill)
- 17) On what criteria D.F.I.D disbursed their £ 3M loan on Kwabenya Landfill because they were aware that the occupiers/Land owners have not been paid and the people not educated very well and all necessary protection not given?

Mr. S.O. Darko said last Tuesday morning that World Bank will sponsor A.M.A to continue the second phase of Kwabenya landfill. For your information that cannot be

received
12/31/2003

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY
P. O. BOX MS305
NEW ACHIMOTA - ACCRA

THE PRESIDENT
THE WORLD BANK
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22ND DECEMBER, 2003

→ Charles B.
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KWABENYA AGYEMANKATA RESIDENTS VOW TO RESIST
CONTINUATION OF LAND FILL PROJECT.

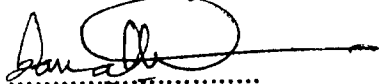
With reference to the daily graphic of 10th December, 2003 page 23 paragraph 15 which reads: *World Bank has agreed to finance Kwabenya land fill*, we write to inform you that a project abandoned by British Department for International Development (DFID) can not be continued by the World bank. It's against International law.

We are aware that World Bank Environmental Requirements on Solid waste which involves sanitary land fills are usually given 'A' ranking for environmental priority. With this ranking the following activities are typically requested to be accomplished prior to project appraisal.

1. **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND LOCAL CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED SANITARY LAND FILL.** This requirement was not followed by Accra Metropolitan Assembly (A.M.A) although sufficient funding was given to them they did not give us any education on the project.
2. **OPEN FORUM WHERE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION CONCERNING SITE SELECTION.** For your information the open forum was arranged when work has been stalled for 4 weeks due to the residents blocking access roads to the landfill site on that fateful day which was 5th October 2001. We the residents openly kicked against the selected site because it is at "our" backyard". The Government failed to comment on it and therefore A.M.A does not qualify for a World Bank loan.
3. **COMPENSATION MEASURES TO BENEFIT THE HOST COMMUNITY MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED.** The A.M.A/Government failed to implement the 1992 constitution Article 202a which reads "Prompt payment must be made to expropriated owners. A.M.A's Act violates the constitution of the country (We have not been paid and the first phase has been completed. A.M.A does not qualify for a world Bank Loan).
4. **ALL DESIGN AND TENDER DOCUMENTS DEVELOPMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME OF APPRAISAL.** Sadly the project was not tendered. The A.M.A/Government does not qualify for a loan. We therefore write to inform you to abstain from Funding Kwabenya landfill Project in the interest of peace. If you fund the project we will report your behaviour to the U.N High Commissioner for Human Rights to seek redress.

We are looking forward to receive a response from you.

Yours sincerely,



CHAIRMAN
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY

CC: THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE A.M.A
THE NEWS EDITOR G.N.A.

THE COUNTRY REP. ,THE WORLD BANK, GHANA

Local Govt.

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

P. O. BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA

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16th January, 2004.

THE PRESIDENT
THE WORLD BANK
1818 H. STREET N.W
WASHINGTON D.C.
20433 U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

THE ABANDONED KWABENYA LANDFILL BY D.E.I.D

We are aware that the World Bank board of Executive Directors took a bold step to increase transparency and accountability in bank operations by establishing an independent. Inspection mechanism - known as the inspection panel..

We know also that the panel is a three (3) member body which is to provide an independent forum to private citizens who believe that they or their interests have been or could be directly, harmed by a project financed by the World Bank.
In Africa the panel has visited Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon Uganda, Kenya and Lesotho Ghana has not been visited by the inspection panel.

We are also aware that the panel makes a move only after it has received a request from residents of a particular country to come on a mission there.

The panel on its own does not take such initiatives additionally the project must be a World Bank sponsored one.

Now the question we are asking you are

1. Have we invited you to Ghana to see our plight on Kwabenya landfill?
2. Is Kwabenya landfill a World Bank project?
Although the World bank seems to pull the strings on the economics of developing states they must also ensure that the projects they fund or have partial oversight of are not merely meant to promote development per se, even at the cost of human life they must be seen to take consideration, human friendly projects that affect the interest of the poor, indigenous people and minorities.

Are you aware that the land fill is being built in a centre of a growing city?

Note carefully that the executive instrument on compulsory acquisition of the land was even not signed. We are aware of Accra Metropolitan Assembly's pack of lies. We have documents to support our claim. The land as even not documented and the first phase has come to a close. They have only put a freeze on the land. Above all the people who are supposed to be beneficiaries of the banks projects must be seen to be happy at whatever new development takes place in their areas. The Community around the project area are not happy with the development.

It will interest you to know that it is on record that we were not even notified of entry or survey The state lands Act 1962 with its regulation 7, (2) (LI 230) was violated.

Stop your moves otherwise it would be like the tale of clearing a virgin forest only to develop a plantation forest to lose biodiversity of the project area.

The environmental impact assessment was funded by D.F.I.D.
D.F.I.D. knew it was an incomplete document but funded the project forgetting that we are now in an era of POSITIVE CHANGE 500 years ago is not today when Tobacco was used in exchange of Human Beings. World Bank your loans must create peace not conflicts. Stay away from the unconstitutional Land fill project. A project with acts of omissions/breachers of procedure.

You cannot teach an old dog a new trick. We know what a landfill is, it must be sited far away from poor families because of its hazards. Ghanaians in the World Bank, don't influence policies which are not in the interest of the poor and the disadvantaged in society its against humanity.

We are earnestly looking forward to hear from you. The International Community is watching us, if really "Rule of Law is in the country.

Yours sincerely,

OPANIN ASIEDU AMOAKO
(C H A I R M A N)
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY
(THE IMMEDIATE RESIDENTS)

CC. THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE WORLD BANK
THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

(The Truth Is Like The Cork You Cannot Submerge It)

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27th February, 2004

The President
The World Bank
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U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

STOP FINANCING THE ABANDONED LAND FILL PROJECT AT KWABENYA BY D.F.I.D. **(BRITISH DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

The U.N. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights continue to take the lead on actively confronting the practice of forced evictions and the records of states concerning housing rights. We Agyemankata Community are grateful to such efforts. While General Comment No. 7 is clearly the most detailed standard on forced evictions a range of additional pronouncements by this committee concerning forced evictions and violations of housing rights are included in this section.

The committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and indeed as most international treaty monitoring bodies do issues regular general comments in order to assist state parties to achieve the full realization of the rights established under the covenant. **The Committee must monitor the A.M.A.s activities on Housing Rights in Ghana.**

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly A.M.A. decided to construct a land fill at Agyemankata Kwabenya with the funding from British Department for International Development. On August 5, 1999 at the last meeting of the permanent site Advisory Committee approval was given for the acquisition of the Kwabenya site subject to:

1. Accra Metropolitan Assembly providing evidence in writing of its capacity to pay compensation for the land acquired. The permanent site Advisory Committee is applying the state lands (Act 125) as the enabling legislation to undertake acquisition.

For your information the A.M.A. failed to follow procedures as laid down by the state lands Regulations 1962 (L1230) in the following areas Regulation 7 (2) makes it mandatory that prior notification is given to the owners or occupiers of the land before any entry for inspection survey or valuation is carried out. There is no record to indicate that such notices to owners or occupiers of the land were served.

Although two meetings were held prior to the construction of the project with the Kwabenya Township the Agyemankata Community were not notified (the immediate residents) this however does not meet the requirements of the Act 125 and its regulations (L 1230).

2. Article 202a of the 1992 Constitution makes it mandatory that compulsory acquisition of land by the state should be accompanied by the prompt payment of fair and adequate.

Compensation to expropriated owners. This reinforces Regulation 3 (1) of L 1230 where the site Advisory Committee is enjoined to ensure that sufficient funds are available for the purpose of implementing the proposed user of the Land A.M.A. in its application and subsequent discussions at the permanent site advisory committee could not prove its capacity to pay the cost of acquisition and carried out the project. Note that acquisition through the use of Act 125 requires the outright payment of compensation before project implementation.

Therefore the Ministry of Lands and Forestry notified the Lands Commission that no Executive investment in respect of compulsory acquisition shall be signed by the Minister where the A.M.A. do not satisfy the legal requirements. The Executive instrument is not signed and the project was started.

All these procedures were violated by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly and rudely started the project with financial support from D.F.I.D. who financed the E.I.A. with Scot Wilson as the consultant. What a shame on their part. On 27th and 30th issues of the Daily Graphic and Ghanaian Times 2001 the Metro Boss made statements that we the Agyemankata Community have encroached on their property and for that matter our houses will be demolished to pave way for the landfill project. We petitioned the President but he never acknowledged receipt to our letter.

Our wives wrote a petition to Parliament and handed the petition to the Deputy Speaker of Parliament but he kept it in his pocket. African women have no recognition when it comes to contracting loans on secret projects. Refer the Guide November 20th 2001. A project which was not Tendered and Bidded, but the consultant Taysec later won the contract and became the contractor.

For your information sufficient funding was given to the A.M.A. to sensitize the immediate communities around the project but A.M.A. refused to do so. This is how A.M.A. was to sensitize us:

1. Announcement through gong beater
2. Through church service
3. Community radios and newspapers
4. Creating awareness in schools and markets
5. Holding public durbars and general meetings.
6. Through the media, radios, F.M. and T.V.

It was when we have risen against the A.M.A. and her project and the first phase has come to a close before A.M.A. decided to start her sensitization programme refer to G.R. I. Newsreel 24/7/02 <http://www.mclglobal.com/History/July 2002/24g 2002/24g 2n.html>.

The A.M.A./Government continue to deceive people that the project is far from human beings. This is not true. The officials of the Waste Management has constructed a deceitful route to the site by curving the road. Come to Agyemankata and you will see how A.M.A. and her financier D. F.I.D do not value human lives. They preach virtue and practice vice, hypocrites. Down with their brain wash education on modern sanitation "Land fill"

Their modern preservation methods "Rubber sachets have polluted our enviable environment. Our traditions teaches us cleanliness before they came.

General Commitment No.2 on International Technical Assistance Measures (art 22 of the covenant), Fourth session, 1990 (UN doc. E/1990/23).

The committee's General Comment No.2 on International Technical Measures adopted on 2 February 1990 at its fourth session, addresses the obligation of the World Bank and I.M.F. concerning the Financing of projects involving evictions in particular paragraph 6 of General Comment No.2 draws the attention of the International financial institutions, in particular the World Bank and I.M.F. to the view of the committee that;

International agencies should scrupulously avoid involvement in projects, for example; promote or reinforce discrimination against individuals or groups contrary to the provisions of the covenant or involve large scale evictions or displacement of persons without the provision of all appropriate protection and compensation.

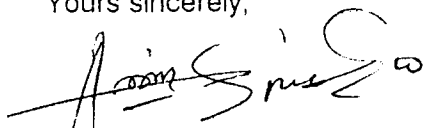
Accra Metropolitan Assembly has no title to the land. Refer to [http www joy997fm.com.gh/frontarts.asp? P=3 & a 7634](http://www.joy997fm.com.gh/frontarts.asp?P=3&a=7634). upon what criteria you promised to finance the project? Loans must create peace. As we have said earlier on the project is not yours therefore abstain from financing it else we will take you to the appropriate quarters to seek redress.

The acts of omissions/ breaches of procedure and wrong sitting of the project made D.F.I.D. to run with her loan balance of £3.5m hidden in a wattle and dub hut, we will never exchange our beautiful environment with refuse.

We hope to hear from you soon and arrange to meet us in our community and see things for yourself a project in peoples bedrooms, meeting the community is necessary, stop sitting in your offices preparing documents on Kwabenya Landfills.

Kwabenya Landfill is among the Accra Waste project initiated by D.F.I.D. it is not an urban sanitation project as preached by you and your Bank, what a shame.

Yours sincerely,



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ASIEDU AMOAKO
CHAIRMAN/CARETAKER OF LAND
ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY

CC. COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE THE WORLD BANK
THE HEAD OF WASTE MANAGEMENT A.M.A.
THE MINISTER OF FINANCE MR. MARFO
GHANA NEW AGENCY
THE LENS
CENTRE ON HOUSING RIGHTS & EVICTIONS - SWITZERLAND

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

(The truth is like the cork you cannot submerge it)

Box ms 305
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10/3/04

THE ACTING COUNTRY MANAGER
THE WORLD BANK
GHANA-GHANA

→ Gerard
Kofi T
Charles B
Nyaho

Dear Sir,

KWABENYA LANDFILL

We write to inform you that the minutes of our meeting with you on 27th February, 2004 is received. Thanks. We want to make it emphatically clear to the World Bank that we would never accept compensation from the Government of Ghana even if she borrows all the money from the vaults of Banks all over the world including that of the World Bank.

OUR REASONS ARE

1. Her acts of omissions/Breaches of procedure on the project call for its stoppage to serve as an eye opener to our leaders and those in authority.
2. The project is too close to human settlement. **We cannot sweep our bedrooms and deposit the refuse just in the living room.**
3. Compensating all the communities to give way for the project is a waste of resources in terms of structures presently on site. **We cannot destroy and rebuild.**

How on earth a Government in power offers only a **Cow** to a chief to pacify the gods of the land and a landfill is in the making with all the regulatory "Bodies and E.P.As consent and an International donor like DFID offering financial assistance knowing very well that the right thing was not done (January 7th 2002 Daily Graphic page 14 captioned A.M.A committed to landfill project.)

If the Government has nothing to hide she should react to our latest press conference held on 11th December, 2003 and answer all the 15th questions that we raised at the conference.

Positive Change does not only mean changing Governments but changing the old order where the vulnerable communities are taken for a ride by those in authority. In terms of projects, Please note carefully if we would accept compensation we would have accepted it during the D.F.I.D Era. We know our rights.

Our struggle is to protect the constitution and the laws of the land not a struggle in terms of MONEY as you think. If the Government who is siding with the A.M.A feels we are an obstacle in her way on Kwabenya landfill she should take us to a court of competent jurisdiction to evict us from their so called property they have not paid for at the time we are writing and they can not pay because the law binds them. The constitution says "pay before you start not after you have started"
World Bank, we will never accept the project today nor tomorrow it is a "monster" it must be sited far away form human settlement.

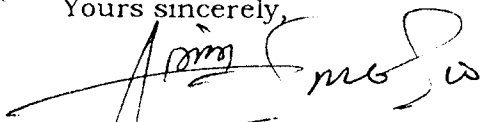
The compensation bait used by the Government to cover her acts of omissions/breaches of procedures and wrong sitting of Kwabenya Landfill will never trap us "d a" For 47 years of independence we must do the right thing for the nation's progress.

World Bank, you know you have policies and you did not ask the Government why DFID pulled out from the Kwabenya Landfill and you assisted the Government to prepare a secret Environmental and social Assessment on Kwabenya Land fill?

Note carefully in your letter of Jan 30th you said yours was in response to ours dated 22nd December, 2003 but in the minutes you said it was a response to that of 16th January, 2004 why such contradiction?

The Ghanaian of 1842 is not the Ghanaian of January, 2001. We have resolved that we prefer our huts to your landfill. What is a landfill? A mass refuse buried in the ground"

Yours sincerely,



OPANIN Asiedu Amoako
Caretaker of Land/ Chairman of Community

CC. THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK
THE PRESS
CENTRE ON HOUSING RIGHTS & EVICTIONS - SWITZERLAND
THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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10th March 2004

INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS
MEETING ON KWABENYA LANDFILL

As you are no doubt aware, a section of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community went on a demonstration against the Kwabenya Landfill Site to the Offices of the World Bank last week (February 27, 2004).

There is therefore need to discuss and find lasting solution to the concerns being expressed on the landfill site, as the construction of the Landfill is one of the activities to be undertaken under the Phase II of the Urban Environmental Sanitation Project.

In order not to stall the Project I invite you to a meeting at the **Conference Room** of the Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development on **Friday, March 12, 2004 at 2.00 pm**

I count on your usual co-operation and attendance.

KWADWO ADJEI-DARKO (MP)
MINISTER

HON. REGIONAL MINISTER
GT ACCRA
ACCRA

METROPOLITAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE
ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY
ACCRA

DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
GA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
AMASAMAN

COUNTRY DIRECTOR
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ACCRA
ATTN: G. TSCHANNEL

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

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3rd March, 2004

THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE
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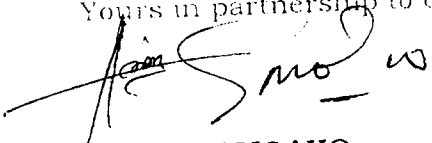
Dear Sir,

VIDEO CASSETTE

We the Community are by this letter requesting you to give us a copy of the proceedings of our meeting with you held on 27th February 2004 on Kwabenya Landfill project which was recorded on the videocassette.

As we all agreed upon before the meeting we do not want it to be edited.

Yours in partnership to develop our motherland constitutionally.



ASIEDU AMOAKO
CHAIRMAN
For AND ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY

CC. THE PRESIDENT - WORLD BANK U.S.A.

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

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20th May, 2004

MR. GEHARD TSCHANNERL
WORLD BANK GHANA
P.O. BOX M27
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Dear Mr. Gehard Tschannerl,

SECOND URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION PROJECT (U.E.S.P. - 2)
PROPOSED KWABENYA LANDFILL

With reference to our meeting held on 27th February 2004, of which you have refused to give us the second part of the video recordings, we write to inform you that the Monday 17th May, 2004 issue of the Ghanaian Chronicle first page captioned A.M.A. takes the bull by the horns says you are to finance the Landfill project.

It is on record that the World Bank has been responsible for financing numerous development projects over the past decade, which has resulted in the forced evictions of millions of people. Are you aware of operational directive 4.30 on involuntary resettlement, which a part says.

"Community participation in planning and implementing resettlement should be encouraged." We have kicked against the project therefore we will never get ourselves involved in the discussions and meetings on Kwabenya Landfill our letters to you and that of the A.M.A. and Government refers.

We have decided to distribute your letter dated 5th March, 2004 to the general public for them to have an insight on the proposed Kwabenya Landfill of which the Government of Ghana after failing to utilize the £6.5m from D.F.I.D. due to poor procedures and wrong siting of the project turned to you for a loan which is not in conformity to international laws.

According to the Chronicle A.M.A. Government sources hint that for the Mayor there will be no turning back in this war to put the facility in place. "I am ready to face the consequences" said the Mayor.

World Bank note carefully we the FAMILIES which forms the COMMUNITY are also ready to die including our children to give way for the refuse. We assure the World Bank.

We are aware they have the guns we will resist and die. We therefore give you (48) forty eight hours to issue a press statement to clear the air on the said publication because in our last meeting you said, we quote the World Bank will respect your rights on unquote.

If we do not hear from you we will embark on a demonstration of your involvement in Kwabenya Landfill then Agyemankata Community including their children of whom we have sensitized of the dangers ahead of them will face the music from the A.M.A. and Government. Will they accept filth at their backyard?

Yours sincerely,



KODZOVIE SABLA
CHAIRMAN
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

CC. THE NEWS EDITOR G. N. A
THE PRESIDENT WORLD BANK

THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
THE MAYOR, A.M.A.

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AGYEMANKANTA KWABENYA COMMUNITY
BOX MS 305 NEW ACHIMOTA, ACCRA

3rd June, 2004

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY
ACCRA-GHANA

received
June 8 2004

→ Charles B

Dear Sir,

KWABENYA LANDFILL SITE

We the Agyemankata Community are by this letter informing you that the Accra Metropolitan Assembly / Government ignored rules/procedures on compulsory acquisition to take our lands for the Kwabenya landfill project.

1. As to date A.M.A has no land title to the project site at Kwabenya.
2. Accra Metropolitan Assembly violated the 1992 constitution Article 20 2a (Says prompt payment to expropriated owners.) A.M.A could not prove ability to pay for the land as requested by Ministry of Land and forestry but proceeded to construct the landfill.
3. A.M.A violated the (1962) state lands Act Regulations 7 (2) (L1230) says notifications be given to owners or occupiers of land before any entry for inspection, survey or valuation is carried out. Such notices ^{were} ~~have~~ not served and A.M.A. has finished the first phase of the landfill project at Kwabenya.
4. The first phase of the project was not tendered and bided for.
5. No Executive Instrument was signed for compulsory acquisition of the LAND for the project but Accra Metropolitan Assembly proceeded to construct a landfill in our community with the Governments approval, which is a breach of the law.
6. The project was not commissioned before it took off.
7. The A.M.A or who so ever responsible could not erect a signboard showing the client, the contractor, the financier, the contractor and the type of project being executed (A secret project).
8. Education was a pre-requisite factor before the project could be executed. The A.M.A never sensitized the immediate community before starting the construction of the landfill project in our community.

1. ~~Abul~~ P.W. Humari
2. ~~Abul~~ Anna Nkrumah
3. Monlamb. Miss Miani
4. ~~Abul~~ Gafriel As.
5. Abalo Kwame
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16. E.A. Sarpong ~~Abul~~
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18. Joseph Obah ~~Abul~~
19. EK Afari ~~Abul~~
20. ~~Abul~~ Ansan Simpi

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June 9, 2004

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
KWABENYA LANDFILL PROJECT (TAC - KLP)**

received
June 10, 2004

A Technical Advisory Committee [TAC] has been constituted under the auspices of this Ministry, to help address the protracted dispute over the Kwabenya Landfill Project.

The Committee is mandated as follows:

- i. To determine the extent of encroachment on the land earmarked for the project, and its impact on the success of the project
- ii. To identify the causes of the impasse
- iii. To review all previous agreements, projects and programmes related to the Kwabenya Landfill Project [KLP]
- iv. To investigate the circumstances leading to the resistance by some residents culminating in a series of demonstrations against the project
- v. To assess all feasible alternative technologies to confirm or reject, the notion that sanitary land filling at Kwabenya is a viable and cost effective option for addressing Accra's chronic sanitation issues in the short to medium term
- vi. To investigate any other issues relating to the project; and
- vii. Recommend immediate action plans to resolve all outstanding issues.

The Committee, to be chaired by a Deputy Minister of Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development [MLGRD], comprises:

MLGRD

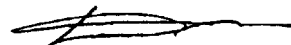
Attorney-General's Department

- iii. Ministry of Environment Science and Technology
- iv. Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council
- v. AMA and Ga District
- vi. Regional Police Commander, Greater Accra Region
- vii. Ghana Institution of Engineers
- viii. Lands Commission Secretariat
- ix. Environmental Protection Agency
- x. Town and Country Planning Department
- xi. Environmental Health Unit of MLGRD

- xii. Two Representatives from the Landowners/Traditional Leaders
- xiii. Opinion Leaders from the Community/Residence Association
- xiv. A Representative from LGPSU as Secretary

You are kindly requested to nominate your representative not below the rank of Director to attend the maiden meeting of the Committee scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Conference Room.

count on your cooperation.



HON. KWADWO ADJEI-DARKO (MP)
MINISTER

- 1. HON. MINISTER, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- 2. HON. REGIONAL MINISTER, RCC, GREATER ACCRA
- 3. METROPOLITAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AMA, ACCRA
- 4. THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, GT. ACCRA POLICE COMMAND, ACCRA
- 5. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, GHANA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS
- 6. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, LANDS COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, ACCRA
- 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, ACCRA
- 8. THE DIRECTOR, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPT. ACCRA
- 9. THE HEAD, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SANITATION UNIT, MLGRD
- 10. THE TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES OR LANDOWNERS CONCERNED
- 11. THE CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY OF THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION/OPINION LEADERS
- 12. THE DIRECTOR, LGPSU, ACCRA

cc: The Chief of Staff
Office of the President
Castle, Osu

The Country Director
World Bank
Accra

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

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→ Charles B
cc Kofi T

29th July, 2004



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Press Release,

REJECTION OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON KWABENYA LANDFILL

We have followed with sorrow the Technical Committee's report on Kwabenya Landfill. Right from 1993 - 2001 when the Kwabenya landfill was to be initiated the Regulatory Bodies especially the E.P.A. Ghana, the Ministry of Local Government and the Land Commission did not know "beans from bird's eggs"

Therefore it is no wonder they will recommend to the Government to reduce the ^{average} ~~average~~ of the landfill.

The committee is ignorant that on landfills the Local Government Act permits 1 (one) kilometer radius away from human settlement and on Engineered Landfills the E.P.A. permits 2 (two) kilometres radius away from human settlement. The communities are too close to the landfill. On compensation the committee has no knowledge that the 1992 constitution of Ghana says "There should be prompt payment to expropriated owners". (Article 202⁹).

This shows that the committee is even not aware that this provision has been violated by the A.M.A. and it is a breach of the constitution and is punishable by law.

How are we to protect the constitution? We petitioned the President we petitioned the Members of Parliament and we held 3 press conference this should be enough to Ghanaian that we Agyemankata Community will never accept the landfill in our midst.

They have also forgotten of the 1962 State Lands Act Reg. 7 (2) (L1230) and have recommended that the Survey Department should redemacate the boundaries of the landfill of which the first phase came to a close (2) ~~and~~ two years ago. Were the land owners and occupiers notified before entry?

We are stating categorically that we will resist the Survey Department's work, a sign of "Positive Change."

Countrymen the acts of omissions and the breaches of procedure and wrong sitting of the landfill so close to our homes called for its stoppage D.F.I.D. pulled out honourably yes they understand participatory democracy.

We will continue to oppose the sitting of the project here unless it is taken far away from human settlement even if it will cost our lives.

It is our duty to protect the constitution, the laws and the environment in which we live.

"If the Accra Metropolitan Assembly cannot take us to court to evict us then her Agents too must not come here to work!! We have made it clear in a letter to the A.M.A.

We are also Ghanaians we have the right to protect our properties and to protect our health too.

Concerning the World Bank we advise they abstain from the landfill to safe guard their policies.

Fellow countrymen the Chief and Elders of Kwabenya including the Unit Committee cannot decide for us because we do not owe allegiance to them. We are responsible independent Ghanaians living in our homes. The cat can never teach the lamb how to hunt mice.

We have paid for our lands we acquired from Okaidja Gbeke Family with Nii Tetteh Ankamah II as the Head of Family not Nii Okanfra of Kwabenya.

A.M.A. including the Ministry of Local Government after collecting £6.5m from D.F.I.D. could not pay a pesewa to Okaidja Gbeke Family but started a sanitary landfill at Kwabenya Agyemankata at this time of our history where indiscipline is being preached and taught in schools and on the streets some one elsewhere should PROBE the A.M.A.

We will never accept compensation from the Government of Ghana and we will never live by a refuse dump too either the buffer zone is reduced or increased because of its hazards.

A clean environment makes a healthy community.

We the Agyemankata Community here do invite the press both print and electronic to come to Agyemankata to see the facts of the matter for themselves. The Regulatory Bodies that formed the Technical Committee on Kwabenya Landfill are the same people who could not find the way forward to put the "Calabash" into the sack" in the initial stages of Kwabenya landfill.

Reducing the buffer zone will not make the landfill viable because the area is bonded by A.C.P. Pokuase New Town and Agyemantaka.

Housing Rights

Human Rights

Resist Forced Evictions.

Let us put our shoulders to the wheel to fight indiscipline not only on our roads but on projects initiated with loans from International Financial Institutions.

Yours sincerely,

(Signatories Attached)

CC. All Press Houses

The President World Bank U.S.A.

The Country Representative

World Bank Ghana

The Chairman Federation Of Environmental Journalist

Attn: Kwarteng

The Regional Director Survey Department

Minister Of Local Government

A.M.A. Boss

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→ Charles B
cc - all concerned
- advise on next steps.

27th August, 2004

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**Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project (UESP II)
Kwabenya Sanitary Landfill Development**

I am directed to inform you that government has accepted the report of the Technical Advisory Committee, which was set up in June 2004 to review all matters relating to the Kwabenya Landfill Project, and recommend measures to address concerns expressed by some interest groups. The Ministry wishes to thank all the institutions and agencies which contributed to the successful completion of the assignment.

The following immediate actions are to be taken towards implementation of the recommendations:

- a. The Accra Metropolitan Authority (AMA) will initiate a request for World Bank's approval, for the inclusion of Kwabenya township under the community infrastructure upgrading component of the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project (UESP-2)
- b. The AMA will expedite action on the selection of consultants under the UESP-2 for a review of the designs to fit the revised boundary.
- c. The RCC, in collaboration with the Ga district assembly, the AMA, the Lands Commission Secretariat, the Town and Country Planning Department, the Survey Department and the Land Valuation Board will take the necessary actions to complete the acquisition process, taking into account the recommendation to re-align the eastern boundary of the site so as to exclude the disputed area from the acquisition.
- d. The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development will constitute an oversight committee to ensure effective implementation of the project.

In this regard, a coordination meeting, to be chaired by the Regional Coordination Council, has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday 8th September 2004

Time: 2pm

Venue: Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council Conference Room

A copy of the final report of the Technical Advisory Committee is enclosed for your information.

We look forward to your participation in the meeting.



D. A NYANKAMAWU
AG. CHIEF DIRECTOR
FOR: MINISTER

DISTRIBUTION

1. Hon. Minister, Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council
2. Hon. Minister, Ministry Of Environment Science And Technology
3. Metropolitan Chief Executive, AMA
4. District Chief Executive, GDA
5. The Executive Secretary, Lands Commission Secretariat
6. The Executive Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency
7. The Director, Town And Country Planning Department
8. The Regional Commander, Greater Accra Police Command
9. The Executive Secretary, Ghana Institution Of Engineers
10. Representatives From Nii Okaija Onukpa, Nii Okaija Gbeke, Nii Tetteh Tsuru We, Naa Kwatiorkor Families (The Land Owners)
11. Representatives From Nii We, Abbey We;
12. Representatives From Kwabenya Resident Associations (Agyemankata; East Kwabenya; West Kwabenya)
13. Kwabenya Stone Winning Operators

Cc: The Chief of Staff
Office of the President
Castle, Osu

The Hon. Minister
Ministry of Finance and Econ. Planning
Accra

The Country Director
World Bank
Accra

→ Charles B
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09/06/2004

WOMEN OF AGYEMANKATTA COMMUNITY
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1ST SEPTEMBER, 2004

PRESS RELEASE

**AGYEMANKATA WOMEN REJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE KWABENYA LANDFIL.**

The women of Agyemankata and its surrounding areas have decided to vehemently reject the recent recommendations of the technical advisory committee (TAC) on the Kwabenya Landfill impasse.

As the "TAC" has now shown that the acquisition process was "Not well co-ordinated" and has therefore recommended that our lands be excluded from the boundaries of land required for the landfill, we still call on the authorities concerned to relocate the landfill to prevent any unfortunate incidents.

The agencies involved for site selection, acquisition and valuation must be probed for causing financial loss to the state to the tune of (£3m)

We women CANNOT stay and dwell with a landfill site with our children for any number of years because of its hazardous effects on our health.

Once again we call on government to re-locate the landfill site to where there are no human activities, as we still maintain our right to resist any attempt to use the controversial landfill site.

Democratic government must learn to do things democratically and the rule of law must prevail at all times and not the use of force to evict people or to impose hazardous project on them or take their properties that are legally and lawfully acquired.

Whether A.M.A. will plant trees or buy us masks to prevent the hazards of the landfill we will never accept the landfill in our vicinity. Government of Ghana, are you not happy that some Ghanaian women are environmentally conscious?

We have sent about (80) eight photographs of our homes to the World Bank. The best thing to be done is to find a place very remote and construct the landfill for several years not for only 15 years. After 15 years where will you go to find a new site?

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09/09/2004

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY KWABENYA
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6-9-2004

→ Charles B
cc Willie M
Kofi T

THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR
THE WORLD BANK
ACCRA

Dear Sir,

RE: REJECTION OF KWABENYA LANDFILL PROJECT

We the residents of Kwabenya Agyemankata wish to submit this letter to once again re emphasize our commitment to resist any attempt by the World Bank to grant the government and for the matter the A.M.A. loan to for the continuation of the abandon Kwabenya Landfill project.

Sir should it be noted that in our interaction early this year with your representatives, we were made to understand that without our acceptance of the project you also will not fund the project but information reaching us indicates that a letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development dated 27th August, 2004 in accepting the report of the Technical Advisory Committee on the Landfill project with a copy to your outfit clearly shows intentions of the government and the A.M.A. to solicit your assistance for a loan to continue the Landfill project.

We wish therefore to draw your attention to the fact that we residents of Agyemankata Community were not part of the advisory Committee this is so because we still maintain our stand on the rejection of the project not only on Land issue but most importantly, it's location and **HEALTH RELATED PROBLEMS.**

To this end we want to make it categorically clear that the Landfill be relocated. Because of it's environmental unfriendliness. IN this light we are appealing to the World Bank not to grant the loan if the project is not relocated. Failure to comply with our request we will seek international readiness. The people's voice must be heard and accepted sometimes in matters affecting them. One thing we all must bear in mind is that we the residents are a determine people who are prepared to protect our environment and property and will go to any length to protect the environment and property so if our request is rejected any one who step on project site will regret a regrettable regret regrettably because KYEIWAA NE MMA will be waiting for him.

Yours faithfully,

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

received
9/15/2004**AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY**Box Ms 305,
New Achimota,
11-9-04.The Minister for Local Government,
Box Ms 50,
Accra.

Dear Sir,

T. A. C. DOCUMENT ON KWABENYA LAND FILL.

We have resolved to protect our environment from being polluted by the proposed land fill in our community, we the community submit here with the final document prepared by the Technical Advisory Committee on kwabenya land fill which was sent to us by post by Mr. D. A. Nyankamawu.

We assure you, the World Bank and President of the Republic of Ghana of our preparedness to become martyrs of the proposed land fill to be financed by the World Bank.

We assure the nation. It's an insult to send to us such a document. You have infuriated us. Preachers of peace must set examples.

We are responsible Ghanaians. We know our civic rights and responsibilities. The government fearing of a probe in future, is doing all that it can to continue a project initiated with acts of omissions and breaches of procedure. Protecting our environment is not a crime.

Yours sincerely,

(Signatories attached).

- CC: 1. The chief of staff office of the President.
2. The country Director the World Bank Accra.
 3. The President the world bank U.S.A.
 4. The news editor G.N.A.
 5. All Press Houses.

WOMEN OF AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA

received
9/15/04

Box Ms 305,
New Achimota,
12-9-04.

The Board of Directors,
The World Bank,
Box 1818 H/St N.W.

W. MOES

cc: C. BOAKYE

Through the Country Director,
The World Bank,
Accra Ghana.

PLEASE RESPOND

9/15/04

Dear Sir,

OBJECTION TO KWABENYA LAND FILL.

Dr Kwegyir Aggrey of blessed memory said "If you educate a woman you educate a nation" Yes he was a true son of Africa who new the importance of women.

We are by this letter appealing to you to open your hands of mercy and understanding to save we women from the claws of the Ministry of Local Government of Ghana who is bent to pollute our environment.

Extend your mercies you whites have for your women to save us from the hazards of a land fill. Agyemankata Kwabenya is not the only land left for mother Ghana to be used as a land fill.

Oh "we have shun ants and have fallen into scorpions". Save us, listen to us and see to it that the land fill is relocated. We have the right to protect our environment to save lives of our children and husbands.

We are by this letter informing you that we will resist the construction of the land fill and when we fall dead please kindly take care of our children.

As for our leaders we know they will offer only Schnapps and a million cedis to the bereaved families.

Nana Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin said and we quote "What local people needed was for their communities to be preserved for posterity rather than the immediate provision of the basic necessities of life". Unquote.

Hopping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

(Signatories attached)

CC: 1. The Minister of Local Government.

2. The Chief of Staff Office of the President Accra.

3. The Countries representative World Bank Accra.

4. Press Houses

received
27/01/05

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AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

→ Charles B

P.O.BOX MS 305
ACCRA-GHANA
27/01/05
Jan 27 05

AGYIRI BLANKSON
A.M.A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE
ACCRA-GHANA

Dear Mr. Blankson,

We write to inform you that a copy of your press conference held on 27th January, 2005 is in our hands.

On page 4, paragraph 3, you said "we are also in serious consultation with interested parties to pave the way for the resumption of work at the Kwabenya Refuse Disposal Site".

Can a community that has refused to be part of a committee set up by the Minister of Local Government and has rejected the findings and recommendations of the Committee publicly be consulted?

Note carefully we the immediate community has to accept the land fill project and see to it that it is sustained. Since we have rejected its location here there is nothing you can do. We assure you of our preparedness to fight for our rights. Stop throwing dust into the eyes of the Ghanaian Press on Kwabenya Landfill.

A.M.A. (cleaning) Bye Laws 1995 5 (1) says " a person who throws litter, refuse or other matter which may cause nuisance or block the free passage of water running in gutters or drains commits an offence".

The landfill is in our bed room. We are not ruminants to live on a landfill site.

If you ~~have~~ as the chief executive feels the law allows you to construct the landfill then use the law.

If you have people to consult then its Agyemankata, but note, time for consultation has elapsed, no amount of consultations can help you. What did the Accra Metropolitan Assembly do with the £100,000.00 given to it for Education on Kwabenya landfill?

If there is rule of law as preached by the N.P.P. Administration then A.M.A., Taysee and its donors must be probed on how A.M.A. came to Kwabenya Agyemankata to construct a landfill.

It's shameful to talk about a project which was initiated with acts of omissions and breaches of procedure.

A sign board has been erected in your honour at Agyemankata in remembrance of the day you danced naked. He who goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing.

Agyiri be humble in your dealings with your fellow men. We are all accountable to God.

Problems that has existed from time immemorial can never be changed by mortal man.

On Kwabenya Land fill Blankson "Let sleeping Dogs Lie"

Signatories attached.

CC:

The Country Director, World Bank
The Minister of Local Government
Mr. Nyankamawu M.L.G.
Mr. Ben Laryea A.M.A.
The Press

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY
KWABENYA

MR. EWOOL
M. L. G. R. D.
ACCRA - GHANA

received
3/15/2005

BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA
ACCRA

12-2005#047misc.

11/03/05

March 11, 2005

kgp B

Dear Ewool,

NO DEMOLITION AT KWABENYA LANDFILL SITE

No demolition no landfill too.

We are reacting to your interview published on 11/03/05 by the Daily Graphic on 11/03/05 Planning for the Construction of Sanitary landfill at Kwabenya started in 1991 under the Accra Planning Development Programme.

D. F. I. D. agreed to finance the project and gave the M. L. G. R. D. £ 6.5M.

We want to know from you why D. F. I. D. pulled out from Financing the Kwabenya Landfill after given out £3M to you and your counter part A.M.A.

Agyemankata community and Ghanaians are ever ready to listen. The cat will one day be out of the bag.

We will also like to hear from you why the World Bank secretly financed the environmental study on Kwabenya landfill but the bank did not consult we Agyemankata Community the immediate residents.

Ghana is marking time because the scholars are using their book knowledge to exploit the poor.

Look Kwabenya landfill can never be continued. Are you going to use soldiers and police to intimidate us?

Police protect both BIG MEN and SMALL MEN in society.

We will call the police to arrest all those who caused breach of procedures and violation of the 1992 constitution on the Kwabenya Landfill. Soldiers defend the nation.

We are not Hawkers on the streets blocking access roads and traffic.

When did you visit the Kwabenya Landfill site? The project catchment area has sprang up with beautiful mansions. The area is not a Slum. Telling us the project can proceed while we stay there is an insult.

No qualified civil Engineer will ever recommend that the kwabenya Landfill is viable.

When they come, we will also chase them out with our husbands and children. Injustice breeds violence.

For your information we know that all landfills leak. Leachate collection systems will fail. The pipes themselves can be weakened by chemicals attack (acids, solvents, oxidizing agents or corrosion and also tons of garbage piled above will crush the pipes.

Plastics are not inert. State of the art plastic (H. D. P. E.) Land fill liners (1/10 inch) or 100 mils thick and plastic pipes allow chemicals and gasses to pass through their membrane become brittle, swell and break down. Landfill gas consists of naturally -occurring methane and carbon dioxide which form inside the landfill as the waste decomposes. As the gases form, pressure builds up inside a landfill, forcing the gases to move. Some of the gases escape through the surrounding soil or simply move upward into the atmosphere, where they drift away.

Typically, landfill gases that escape from a landfill will carry along toxic chemicals such as paint thinner, solvents, pesticides and other hazardous volatile organic compound (VOCs). Many of them chlorinated.

E. P. A. Ghana is asleep and snoring. E. P. A. Ghana, wakeup. Landfills destroy wet land protection. Malam and Oblogo dump are being done to reclaim a degraded land, therefore you can not compare them to Kwabenya land fill. Ewool the Landfill is in our BED Room.

Now to the World Bank we will use their office in Ghana as our home, if they dare finance the Kwabenya Landfill. We assure them. The World Bank has to respect our rights as citizens of Ghana we are not slaves in our own land.

It will be a history in the books of the Bank and Ghana "Ma Oman yi ho nhyia wo Ghana man ye ye nyinaa dea. Nka se won ka ho. What have the numerous loans done for us?

We are even poorer than before. Instead to finance agriculture to the fullest drains are their priority. Yes, there sub contracts can be awarded.

Where as they recycle their waste, they promise us Land fills.

"Thrash for Cash" Land fills are dangerous.

World Bank lets have Zero rubbish in Accra through Recycling. World Bank we do not need a Landfill at Kwabenya Agyamankata.

Hypocrites.

48 years of self rule we are still slaves due to mental slavery when will the black man manage his/her own affairs? Brain wash education.

We put off our Kente clothes and wear suits in such a hot weather. Poor

Protecting ones environment is not a crime. It is a civic responsibility of us all. At our recent educational exercise, the communities around the Kwabenya landfill have resolved to fight for our civic right. It will be all action. We will let the World Bank and the Government see things for themselves that "Positive" change is for action but not a mere slogan.

Are you aware Landfills emit hazardous substances into the air?

You talked about planting of trees.

Mr. Ewool in your capacity as a civil engineer at M. L. G. R. D. you ought to have known that the trees you talked about ought to have been planted 10 years ago, the trees fully grown before the implementation of the project so that the hazards can be minimized when the landfill is in operation. Due to lack of wisdom on the part of those who were tasked to implement the project they preferred to construct the Land fill before planting trees. Does trees takes three years to mature? Are you aware that before the trees could mature to prevent the hazards of the landfill the landfill might have been closed?

Oh what a shame .

Mr. Ewool we are not only protecting our properties as you said in your interview, we are also protecting our health including that of our children. If our environment is clean we need not pay any Health Insurance because a healthy environment makes a healthy community.

In your well built mansion you keep the environs clean . Our huts does not fit for pollution. It is generally known that land fills are located in places where the disadvantaged in society live.

Such a window dressed project will never be accepted by us.

Can't the World Bank tell the A. M. A. and M. L. G. R. D. to shut up!

Their name is being drag in the mud.

The reasonable thing to be done is to find a new site as early as possible than to rely on the controversial land fill at Kwabenya. A stitch in time saves nine.

A land fill is never an environmental friendly project.

We the communities around the project know what a land fill is.

It is absurdity on the part of someone to tell the Agyemankata community to stay few meters away from a landfill. Are we ruminants?

Will they accept a bowl of rubbish at their backyard?

They will use their dogs to drive the intruder carrying that type of rubbish

The Hawk can never be like the Eagle.

Mr. Ewool we are not only protecting our properties as you said in your interview we are also protecting the constitution, rules and regulations made for you and the poor and vulnerable in society.

Please we want you to interpret the 1992 constitution article 20 2a in your capacity as a civil Engineer at Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

It is even said that our letters to Parliament and the President of the Republic of Ghana received no attention.

Are they there for their interest? Or they are there for the electorate?

Let sleeping dogs lie. Find new site. On Kwabenya Landfill we should not exchange it with human souls. Stop producing rubber satchet and Accra will be clean but if you can't then shut up.

A. M. A. is a thief. A. M. A. has stolen Okaidja Gbeke property and that of Agyemankata Community. Don't cover A. M. A. misdeeds else other organization will emulate their bad behaviour.

The rightful land owners are selling their property so that they can also live. Its their bonafide property no body can take it from them freely. Its time we stop such practice For 48years of Independence we must know better. We add this video cassette for your perusal.

Protecting our environment is not a crime.

SIGNATORIES ATTACHED

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- cc.
1. The chief of Staff, office of the president
 2. The A. M. A. Boss
 3. The Country Director, for World Bank Accra
 4. The President World Bank U.S.A.
 5. The Press
 6. The Commissioner for Human, Rights U. N.
 7. Okaidja Gbeke we

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA
ACCRA

18th May 2005

**NII ABBEY OKANFRA
KWABENYA MANTSE
KWABENYA
ACCRA**

received
5/24/2005

Dear Nii,

He Omanyee.

With reference to your letter written on an ordinary piece of paper inviting us to meet the Member of Parliament for Dome Kwabenya Constituency, we write to state that we will only accept your invitations on the following grounds.

1. To help construct a school, clinic, market or a toilet.
2. Any communal work.

But we Agyemankata community the immediate residents living on Kwabenya landfill site will never honour any invitation on discussions on a dump (landfill) at Agyemankata Kwabenya. We have the right to protect our environment. Any body who comes here does so at his/her own risk.

Although we are all Ghanaians traditionally we are not your tenants. You have not sold or leased any parcel of land to us. As at the time we are writing, are you not aware that the land to be used for the sanitary landfill is being leased out by Nii Tetteh Ankamah II? Come to Agyemankata and you will see fence walls, buildings and foundations all over here. Man must have somewhere to sleep before he can create refuse. Why in Ghana some of those who have to be responsible are not responsible?

We will not sit down for our heads to be cracked to that of A.M.A.

Their deeds will come to light because the majority can never be fooled all the time.

We Agyemankate community stand by the truth.

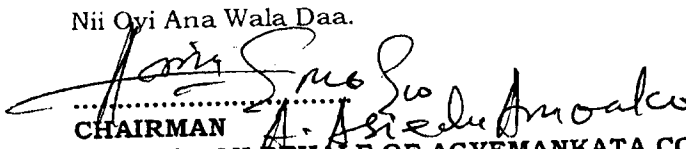
We are not corrupt and we can never be corrupted through any means too.

Where was the Ministry of Local Government when A.M.A. started work on Kwabenya Land fill? A project initiated by acts of omissions and breaches of procedure.

The evil that men do..... with their bones.

Never invite us to your kwabenya palace on Kwabenya landfill. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Nii Oyi Ana Wala Daa.


CHAIRMAN
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

CC: THE OKYEAME KWABENYA
THE M.P DOME/KWABENYA
NII TETTEH ANKAMAH II
THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR WORLD BANK
THE PRESIDENT WORLD BANK
NAA LAMLEY LAMPTEY (GRAPHIC)

THE PRESS

The Minister For Local Govt.

ATTENTION PLEASE: 16-5/05

Mr Anokye & others of Asomans Koté
to meet Kwabengy Dome M. P. VI
Nii Abbey Okanfor II Palace at
10.00 am. 17/5/05

Thanks for your Call.

Nii Abbey Okanfor II
Chief of Kwabengy.

received
6/8/2005

WOMEN OF AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

BOX MS 305
NEW-ACHIMOTA
ACCRA.

7th June, 2005

MR. KOJO YANKAH
YANKAH ASSOCIATES
P. O. BOX LG 510
LEGON-ACCRA.

→ Charles B
Kof T

Dear Sir,

We write to you to bring the Military to Agyemankata to educate us not the press.

We wrote the Federation of Environmental Journalist (F.E.J) Ghana to visit the land fill site but they rather published it in the Daily Graphic of Tues. Jan. 28 2003 and refused to come.

We held 3 Press conferences and invited the press Metro TV came. We distributed a hand out at our last press conference inviting the press to come. Only TV 3 came. The rest refused to come.

Now Yankah has gone to collect millions of cedis from the Local Government to throw dust into the eyes of the public on Kwabenya landfill. Attached is a publication, Mr. Kulfour oncc said we quote. "We will not invest on disputed lands" unquote.

As a communication consultant you ought to have fought for the down trodden, but you are on the path of the authorities to suppress the poor whose cause you are to lead. Attached is a letter from C.E.D.E.P and our reply to C.E.D.E.P for your information, we were invited by the Nima Divisional Police to explain why we wrote that letter to C.E.D. E.P.

Let us give you the back ground on Kwabenya landfill. In association with the U.N.D.P and U.N. Centre for Human Settlements (Habit) developed a strategic plan for what was then called the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area. The plan indicated that a new land fill site should be identified within 50 km of Accra to meet the projected requirements for waste management in Accra. Shamefully the kwabenya landfill is located in our homes.

We are not rodents to live by a landfill. We are not prepared to meet the press. We have the right to scorn the press because some have not been circumspect in their reportage on Kwabenya landfill.

Your propaganda stories will not help you nor mother Ghana.

The landfill will pollute our environment and kill us softly including our children Professor Akossa recently advised residents not to live near sanitary landfill sites.

We will therefore fight physically and die through the barrel of the gun than to die due to pollutions from a landfill. The land owners who are not protesting are not residents of Agyemankata.

For four years where were you on Kwabenya Landfill. Kojo Yankah let sleeping dog lie.

Are you aware that we have rejected the T.A.C report on Kwabenya landfill?

Find a new site. We have the right to protect our environment.

What benefits do we derive from a dump (landfill) the answer is diseases, The benefits of landfill are vultures, snakes, rats and mice including mosquitoes, flies of various sizes. Which will be hovering on our dishes. Sing Halleluyah chorus at our markets.

On compensation the 1992 constitution Article 20 2a says prompt payment to expropriated owners. Not when the first phase has been completed. A total violation of the constitution we should protect the constitution.

The project was initiated with acts of omissions and breaches of procedure, and we continue to talk about positive change.

On Kwabenya landfill we have learnt a lot and have sensitized our nearby communities on the dangers of a landfill. We are not squatters on the land.

A.M.A. has no land title to the project area. A.M.A's permit to construct a landfill was even provisional. Its a shame to Ministry of Local Government to pursue the implementation of this project which is not covered by genuine documents.

The President of Ghana Mr. Kufour never signed an executive instrument for compulsory acquisition of the land for the project. Kojo, Are you aware that kwabeya landfill was not even tended and bided?

Tell A.M.A. to stop putting refuse in people's homes. We are 48 years old. We are not living in a shanty town. Can we manage our hospitals? can we even manage our school?

Why D.F.I.D. pulled out from financing the project? Why World Bank has refused to give A.M.A the \$9.3m? We have the answers, we will tell Ghanaians at the right time. The Ministry of Local Government usually do send armed Police men to invite us to attend meetings on kwabenya landfill. Are you also going to use armed Police men? During your interview at Agyemankata tomorrow the D Day?

Local Government should stop paying million of cedis to consultancy firms like Adjoa Yankey & Associates. We can never be convinced.

Are you aware of what happened to the Vice President, Agama of Local Government, Agyire Blankson, Asofoatse Lindsey the landlord himself, The A.M.A Assembly Members, DSP Yakubu and his men?

If you do not let sleeping dogs lie, it would one day generate into a bloody war.

As a renowned consultant you must know that a couple's honey moon generated the second world war.

Are you aware that we have demolished the pillars demarcating the landfill site? In August 2001? We are not nursery children to be told to accept refuse at our back yard.

Are you aware we have petition the President in 2001? Are you aware the we have petition the World Bank in 2004? We have the right to protect our land and health.

We women of Agyemankata including our husbands and children are not prepared to meet the convoy of pressmen. A word to the wise is enough. Ghana observed the World Environmental Day by plating trees but the old ones will never be protected by man.

Yours sincerely,

We women of Agyemankata Community.

signatories attached.

CC: THE PRESIDENT, THE WORLD BANK
THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, WORLD BANK GHANA
THE PRESIDENT, G.J.A.
THE NEWS EDITOR, G.N.A.
MR. EWOOL, MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVT.
THE PRESS

01/16/2007

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

P.O. Box KA 16497

Airport, Accra

16TH January, 2007.

The President
The World Bank,
1818H Street N.W.
Washington DC 20433
U.S.A.

→ Charles B.

A PETITION TO HALT THE FUNDING OF KWABENYA LANDFILL

On 22nd December 2003 we wrote to the World Bank of the lapses on Kwabenya Landfill initiated by B.D.F.I.D (Graphic publication of 10th December 2003 page 23 paragraph 15).

On 16th January 2004 we wrote to the World Bank asking them some questions to be answered by them on Kwabenya landfill and telling them to stop funding the project, because B.D.F.I.D has stopped funding. (D.F.I.D'S letter to the press dated 31st July 2002) attached for your perusal

After D.F.I.D has withdrawn funding the Kwabenya landfill the World Bank condoned and connived with the Government of Ghana to prepare an Environmental and Social Assessment and Resettlement Policy Framework without our involvement.

On January 30th 2004 the World Bank invited us to their Accra office for us to examine the Environmental and Social Assessment including the policy Framework of which we were not part of its preparation. Refer to the Bank's letter dated 30th January 2004.

At the meeting we told the World Bank that we are against the siting of the landfill in our vicinity. Refer to the Bank's letter dated 27th February 2004. D.F.I.D who sponsored the landfill has ceased funding therefore the World Bank should also stop funding the project to safeguard the Bank's policies.

We requested the meeting to be filmed. When the video coverage was given to us we found that some areas where Gerhard Tschannel the Task Team leader lambasted the authorities have been withdrawn. (Refer to our letter dated 8th April 2004)

On 27th February 2004 we wrote to the World Bank to stop funding Kwabenya Landfill.

On 10th March 2004 we wrote to the World Bank about its involvement on Kwabenya Landfill.

On 20th May 2004 we wrote to the World Bank to abstain from funding the Kwabenya landfill. We the Agyemankata Community were invited to the Ghana Police Headquarters by ACP Derry to explain why we wrote such a letter to the World Bank. Our leaders were asked to write statements.

On 17th June 2004 the women of Agyemankata including the children petitioned the World Bank. The World Bank responded on July 22nd 2004 asking them to be part of a Technical Advisory Committee formed by the Government of Ghana. The World Bank has no right to tell us what to do in our own country. We did not go to them cup in hand.

We refused to be part of the committee and rejected the recommendations of T.A.C. (Refer to our letter dated 1st September 2004 and 25th June 2004 copied to the World Bank)

Since then there has been some confrontations with some Government officials at the site.

Sadly on 24th March 2006 we wrote to the President of Ghana telling him of an impending invasion by the Ghana Police Service. We received no response from the President's office. A copy was sent to the World Bank.

On 8th January 2007 to 13th January 2007 Policemen numbering over two hundred (200) armed to the teeth invaded our homes and lands to help the Survey Department and Valuation Board to survey and prepare documents on Kwabenya landfill. Our children became scared. Can this act be done in a civilized society? Can a project be forced on a community? Article 41k of Ghana's constitution permits us to protect our environment. The 1962 State Lands Act 125 and its Regulation 7(2) LI 230 was breached by Government.

On January 15, 2007 issue of the Daily Graphic they lied that a school has been built for the community.

With reference to the Daily Graphic publication of January 15th 2007 the invasion was caused by the World Bank because World Bank has given out Ten Million US Dollars (\$10 m) to A.M.A to construct a landfill at Kwabenya Agyemankata.

We are by this letter informing you that if the World Bank funds the 2nd phase of the Kwabenya landfill under the U.E.S.P.2 we will report the behaviour of the World Bank to the Commonwealth Human Right Initiative and U.N.H.C.H.R. to seek redress because the Bank's own document says there is trouble on Kwabenya landfill. Public Information Document (P.IB) report number AB 584 of the World Bank Dated 29th April 2004.

Yours sincerely
Agyemankata Kwabenya Community
Signatories attached

Cc:

1. The President of Ghana
2. The Director C.O.H.R.E
3. The Chief Executive A.M.A
4. The I.G.P , Ghana
5. The Press
6. The Public
7. U.N.H.C.H.R
8. The Commonwealth Secretariat
9. U.N.H.R.P.
- 10.O.H.C.H.R.
- 11.The Country Director, World Bank

ANNEX 5

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BANK TO THE REQUESTERS AND OTHERS ABOUT THE KWABENYA LANDFILL

January 30, 2004

The Chairman
Agyemankata Kwabenya Community
New Achimota
Accra
Ghana

Dear Mr. Chairman:

*Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project
Proposed Kwabenya Landfill*

Thank you for your letter dated December 22, 2003 addressed to Mr. James D. Wolfensohn on the proposed construction of a sanitary landfill for the Greater Accra area at Kwabenya. As Acting Country Director for Ghana, Mr. Wolfensohn has asked me to respond on his behalf. We are also copying this letter to the Ministry of Local Government and the concerned local government agencies for their consideration and follow-up.

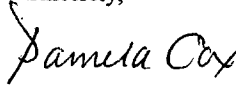
The World Bank requires that its safeguard policies be followed in projects proposed for World Bank financing to help ensure that they are environmentally and socially sound and sustainable. One of the safeguard policies concerns involuntary resettlement, which covers all affected persons whose welfare is likely to be impinged upon by the construction of a facility. It calls for the identification of these persons, adequate consultation with them, and compensation.

The World Bank stipulates that this process must be planned and implemented before the construction of a sanitary landfill at Kwabenya, or at any other location, can begin. The sanitary landfill at Kwabenya is one subcomponent of many that together form the proposed Second Environmental Sanitation Project. The Government has recently completed an Environmental and Social Assessment of the entire project and a Resettlement Policy Framework, which can be examined by the public in Ghana at the Public Information Center of the World Bank Ghana Office at 69 Dr. Isert Street, North Ridge, Accra. Copies are also being made available at the offices of the Coordinating Director of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly, the Ga District Assembly, and at the public libraries in the two districts. A Resettlement Action Plan is still to be prepared by the Government for the proposed Kwabenya landfill. In addition, should you have questions beyond the documents listed above, Bank staff in the World Bank Office in Ghana would be able to respond to these.

January 30, 2004

Under the Urban Environmental Sanitation Project, which has recently been completed, sanitary landfills were constructed at Kumasi and Tamale. They were designed to minimize the adverse effects on the environment and with the full involvement of the affected population, with compensation in a variety of ways. We hope, that as part of the consultation process for the Kwabenya sanitary landfill, your representatives will have an opportunity to visit some of these sites.

Sincerely,



Pamela Cox
Acting Country Director for Ghana
Africa Region

cc: Chief Director, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
Metropolitan Chief Executive, Accra Metropolitan Assembly
District Chief Executive, Ga District
Project Director, LGPSU, MLGRD
Mr. S. K. Attah
Mr. Tanwir Ali Agha, World Bank Executive Director

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February 23, 2004

Honourable K. Adjei Darko
Minister of Local Government & Rural Development
Accra.

Dear Mr. Minister,

Kwabanya Landfill Discussions

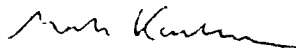
As you will be aware, the proposed Kwabanya landfill has been an issue currently being discussed by the public and media. This letter is to request for a discussion on how to deal with the interests of the local communities at Kwabanya for the landfill construction as well as with the negative publicity surrounding the landfill.

We would like to suggest that the following Government officials join in these discussions:

the Greater Accra Regional Minister
the Minister of Tourism and Modernisation of the Capital City
the Head of World Bank Desk, Ministry of Finance

May I suggest that any day between March 3 to 8, 2004 will be convenient for this meeting. My office will coordinate with yours to get a confirmation of the meeting date.

Sincerely,



Mats Karlsson
Country Director
Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone

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Minister of Tourism and Modernisation of the Capital City
Deputy Minister, MLGRD
Head of World Bank Desk, MoFEP

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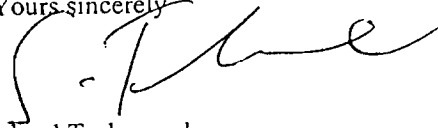
Mr. Opanin Asiedu Amoako, Chairman
Agyemankata Kwabenya Community
P.O. Box MS 305
New Achimota
Accra

Dear Mr. Opanin Asiedu Amoako,

*Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project (UESP-2)
Proposed Kwabenya Landfill Site*

Attached please find the Minutes of the meeting that took place at your request between your representatives and members of the World Bank Ghana Office on February 27, 2004. We wish to thank you for the open and curious manner in which you presented your concerns and listened to the explanations on the World Bank position in regard to the issues you raised. We have shared this information with the Government with a request for a follow-up.

Yours sincerely


Gerhard Tschannerl
Task Team Leader

cc: Mr. Mike Ayesu, Head, World Bank Desk, MoFEP
Mr. J. Cofie-Agama, Project Director, MLGRD
Mr. Dyson T. Jumpah, Senior Consultant, P.O. Box CO1344, Accra

Mr. Opanin Asiedu Amoako

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March 5, 2004

bcc: Karlsson, Andersen, Walton, Boakye, Dwumfour, Tsikata, Fosu, Atitsogbui

**Minutes of Meeting with Members of the
AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY**

On February 27, 2004

At the World Bank Ghana Office, Accra

About 35 members of the **Agyemankata Kwabenya Community** arrived at the Ghana office of the World Bank to voice their concerns about the planned World Bank assistance for the construction of a sanitary landfill at Kwabenya and to get more information on it. They referred to a letter from the Bank of January 30, 2004, signed by Ms. Pamela Cox, which invited them to contact the staff of the World Bank Ghana Office with further questions. The letter was written in response to a letter from representatives of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community to the President of the World Bank, dated January 16, 2004. The construction of this landfill is one of the activities proposed for inclusion in the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project.

A group of about 10 representatives then were invited to participate in a meeting with World Bank staff (see the list of participants). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mbuba Mbungu, Acting Country Manager for Ghana. The Community representatives voiced the following main concerns:

1. The World Bank should not resume the construction of this project from which DFID had withdrawn.
2. The World Bank should follow the internationally agreed procedures of consultation and compensation with the people in the area of the proposed landfill before agreeing to construct the landfill.
3. The Government, including AMA, did not consult the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community and did not offer adequate compensation.
4. The recent environmental study financed by the World Bank did not consult with their Community.
5. One of the representatives recounted as a good example the procedure that was followed before and during the construction of the Akosombo dam, including thorough consultations with the affected people.
6. The present site should be given up and another site found further away because (i) it is too close to where people are living, and (ii) the Government did not use the proper procedures before deciding on this site.
7. The landfill will adversely affect the health of the people living nearby.
8. Greater use should be made of recycling of solid waste, but the recycling plant should also be located away from where people are living.
9. The Agyemankata Community is the one living at the site and therefore directly affected by the proposed landfill, while the village of Kwabenya is a few miles away.
10. Consulting with the Chiefs of the area is not the same as consulting with the local community.

The **World Bank team** confirmed that the grievances of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community representatives have been heard and responded as follows:

1. The construction of a landfill at Kwabenya is part of a number of activities that have been proposed by the Government for inclusion in the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project, which is for waste management, drainage and community infrastructure upgrading in Accra, Kumasi, Sekondi-Takoradi, Tamale and Tema. The project has not yet been approved for financing by the World Bank.
2. Even after such approval was given, the Credit Agreement between the World Bank and the Government would specify that before the construction of certain installations can begin -- including the landfill at Kwabenya -- the Government will identify, compensate, and resettle as necessary the persons who will be affected by the acquisition of the land. This is to be done in accordance with a Resettlement Action Plan, which has to follow the resettlement policy and has to be approved by the World Bank.
3. These provisions are part of the safeguard policies of the World Bank, which apply to all World Bank assisted projects around the world.
4. The World Bank will inform the Government of this meeting and will request it to follow up on the issues raised by the representatives.

At the conclusion of the meeting the World Bank team thanked the delegates of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community for explaining their concerns to the World Bank and reiterated that the World Bank will make sure that due process is followed before the start of construction. The Chairman of the Community thanked the World Bank for the courteous reception and the clarifications given.

Delegation from the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community

1. Yaw Asiedu, Chairman, Youth Organizer
2. Yaw Okyeremanana, Spokesman
3. Kodzovie Sabla, Assistant Chairman
4. Yaw Fie, Secretary
5. Andrews Efuafu
6. Ama Baah
7. Eno Ataah
8. Mercy Johnson
9. Kwame Abolo
10. Mary Adwoa

Delegation from the World Bank

1. Mbuba Mbungu, Acting Country Manager
2. Gerhard Tschannerl, Task Team Leader
3. Kofi Tsikata
4. Kennedy Fosu
5. Benedictus Atitsogbui

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July 22, 2004

The Chairperson
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***Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project
Proposed Landfill at Kwabenya***

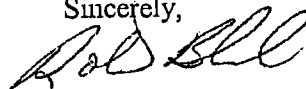
Dear Chairperson:

I refer to the letter from a women's group from Kwabenya Agyemankata Community dated June 17, 2004, and addressed to the President of the World Bank on the above subject. I am responding to the letter as the acting Country Director for Ghana, and I would appreciate that you convey the letter to the group.

The World Bank would like to reiterate our resolve to ensure that borrower countries adhere to all social, environmental and other safeguard policies whenever Bank's funds are used to finance projects. As stated in our previous correspondence with your leaders, we would ensure that these policies are followed through in the case of Kwabenya or any other landfill project in Ghana.

The Minister of Local Government and Rural Development has informed us that a Technical Advisory Committee, headed by his deputy and including members of your community, has been established to recommend actions to resolve the outstanding issues on this subject. It is our belief that the active participation of all affected stakeholders is the best way to identify solutions and we have, therefore, forwarded your letter to the Committee for consideration. In this context, we would also advise that you endeavor to play an active role in this forum to ensure that all your concerns are taken into consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Blake
Acting Country Director for Ghana

c.c.: Hon. Issa Keteku, The Chairman of Kwabenya, Landfill Technical Committee,
Ghana

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AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY KWABENYA

22nd June 2004

PRESS CONFERENCE

adies and Gentlemen of the press good morning.

We women are forcefully been evicted by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly from our Lands we have paid for. Whereas A.M.A has not got land title deed to the site, nor executive instrument signed for the A.M.A. by the Land Commission to acquire the land compulsory, it started the project in breach of the law under our constitutional dispensation. The Minister of Lands and Forestry, including land commission looks on unconcerned but have agreed to be part of a technical committee inaugurated by the Government. God save mother Ghana.

On 11th December 2003 we met the press and asked 15 questions to be answered by the A.M.A and the Ghana Government but up till now they have not responded. We have written to the A.M.A on 3rd June 2004 to take us to a court of competent jurisdiction to evict us from her land she claims we have encroached (20th Sept 2001 issued of the Ghanaian Times).

But rather the Minister responsible for Local Government has hurriedly formed a Technical Committee to over see to the impasse. A plan to cover A.M.A. misdeeds.

We will never participate in any meetings organized by the Committee on a project we have already rejected for being environmentally unfriendly with its associated health hazards, a project initiated by acts of omissions and breaches of procedure. We have recently distributed handouts on why there is an impasse between the Agyemankata Community and the A.M.A (We have copies for you).

We have sensitized our children of the dangers ahead of their parents.

1. We will never allow A.M.A to pollute our enviable environment.
2. A.M.A came here under the cover of darkness. A.M.A has no land here at Agyemankata.

We will resist the construction of the project and the consequences will be death. If a landfill is a legacy to bequeath to future generations then what about our homes?

We women of Agyemankata will never leave our homes to be filled with refuse. We will never stay by a landfill too. £ 3,000,000 does not worth more than human souls. The access road is an asset to the Community and Ghana. The draining system in the valley will serve a purpose to our future generations. If Alajo was to have such a drainage system we will not dredge the drains every year with loans from the World Bank.

We will soon arrange to contact the UN High Commission for Human Right on the issue

Long live the women of Ghana. We will continue to fight for our rights. Housing right, women right resist forced evictions.

Thank you.

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

P. O. BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA

16th January, 2004.

THE PRESIDENT
THE WORLD BANK
18 H. STREET N.W
WASHINGTON D.C.
20433 U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

THE ABANDONED KWABENYA LANDFILL BY D.F.I.D

We are aware that the World Bank board of Executive Directors took a bold step to increase transparency and accountability in bank operations by establishing an independent. Inspection mechanism – known as the inspection panel.

We know also that the panel is a three (3) member body which is to provide an independent forum to private citizens who believe that they or their interests have been or could be directly, harmed by a project financed by the World Bank. In Africa the panel has visited Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon Uganda, Kenya and Lesotho Ghana has not been visited by the inspection panel.

We are also aware that the panel makes a move only after it has received a request from residents of a particular country to come on a mission there.

The panel on its own does not take such initiatives additionally the project must be a World Bank sponsored one.

Now the question we are asking you are

1. Have we invited you to Ghana to see our plight on Kwabenya landfill?
2. Is Kwabenya landfill a World Bank project?
Although the World bank seems to pull the strings on the economies of developing states they must also ensure that the projects they fund or have partial oversight of are not merely meant to promote development per se, even at the cost of human life they must be seen to take consideration, human friendly projects that affect the interest of the poor, indigenous people and minorities.

Are you aware that the land fill is being built in a centre of a growing city?

Note carefully that the executive instrument on compulsory acquisition of the land was even not signed. We are aware of Accra Metropolitan Assembly's pack of lies. We have documents to support our claim. The land has even not documented and the first phase has come to a close. They have only put a freeze on the land. Above all the people who are supposed to be beneficiaries of the banks projects must be seen to be happy at whatever new development takes place in their areas. The Community around the project area are not happy with the development.

It will interest you to know that it is on record that we were not even notified of entry or survey The state lands Act 1962 with its regulation 7, (2) (LI 230) was violated.

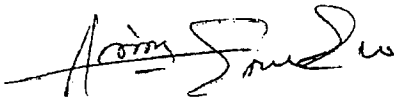
Stop your moves otherwise it would be like the tale of clearing a virgin forest only to develop a plantation forest to lose biodiversity of the project area.

The environmental impact assessment was funded by D.F.I.D.
D.F.I.D. knew it was an incomplete document but funded the project forgetting that we are now in an era of POSITIVE CHANGE 500 years ago is not today when Tobacco was used in exchange of Human Beings. World Bank your loans must create peace not conflicts. Stay away from the unconstitutional Land fill project. A project with acts of omissions/breachers of procedure.

You cannot teach an old dog a new trick. We know what a landfill is, it must be sited far away from poor families because of its hazards. Ghanaians in the World Bank, don't influence policies which are not in the interest of the poor and the disadvantaged in society its against humanity.

We are earnestly looking forward to hear from you. The International Community is watching us, if really "Rule of Law is in the country.

Yours sincerely,



OPANIN ASIEDU AMOAKO
(C H A I R M A N)
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY
(THE IMMEDIATE RESIDENTS)

CC. THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE WORLD BANK
THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

P. O. BOX MS 305
NEW ACHIMOTA - ACCRA.

13th January, 2003.

THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE WORLD BANK
GHANA - ACCRA.

Dear Sir,

THE ABANDONED KWABENYA LANDFILL

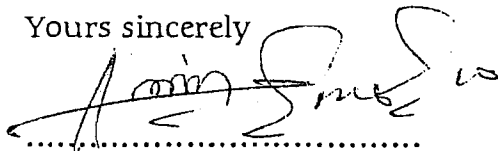
We the community of Agyemankata write to inform you that last Tuesday 13th Jan. 04 the two Assemblies Ga District Assembly and Accra Metropolitan Assembly members came on a familiarization tour with other government officials including the Head of Accra Waste Management Mr. Ben Laryea.

They received an unannounced and a hostile welcome from the communities around the project site. Some of the members of the A.M.A and G.D.A. were mishandled by the residents. The press were there with their T.V. cameras and we are sure you saw it yourself, On the screens (Metro T.V).

Such confrontations with either the contractor who is supposed to continue the project or any official from the A.M.A. will one day generate into a blood bath. That day we know our leaders will sit up because we have seen that they are interested in conflicts back by loans from International Agencies. Out of these bloody conflicts they set up commissions of Enquiry to amass wealth. Stop financing the project in the interest of peace to avoid a conflict.

A copy of our recent speech at a press conference attached for your perusal.

Yours sincerely



OPANIN ASIEDU AMOAKO

Caretaker of land/chairman for and on behalf of community

1. The President The World Bank U.S.A.
2. The Minister for Interior
3. The G.D.A. Chief Executive
4. All media Houses

Kwabinya Agyemankata
Community,
Box: Ms 305,
New Achimota,
Accra.

4/1/03

The Minister Of
Local Government,
Accra - Ghana.

Dear Sir.

KWABENYA LANDFILL

We will like to hear from you by answering the following as a Minister responsible for Local Government.

1. Can a project declared discrete by B.D.F.I.D and the funding stopped be continued by the Contractor who is also a British national by seeking financial assistance from another British investor?

G.R.I. NEWSREEL 24/ 7/02

2. Why the A.M.A. Government failed to tell the whole country why D.F.I.D. stopped funding the Kwabinya landfill?

DAILY GRAPHIC 23/7/02 and the CRUSADING GUIDE of 6th August - 12th 2002.

3. Why an Executive Instrument was not signed on Kwabinya landfill and the project was started and at the moment the first phase has come to "close and declared discrete by D.F.I.D.?

1992 CONSTITUTION (2020)

4. Who cut the sod for the first phase for Kwabinya landfill to begin?

5. Was the Kwabinya landfill tendered and what paper published the I.F.B. (invitation for bidding)?

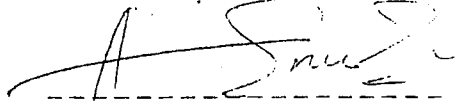
6. On what record did A.M.A. based her compensation of Forty Billion Cedis (€40,000,000,000.00) ? Since Ghana valuation board has not been here?

AUGUST 27 DAILY GRAPHIC 2001

7. Why the land owners/occupiers were not notified? State lands act 1962 Regulation 7 (2) (L 1230). Has A.M.A. got a land title on Okaidja Gbekeland?

8. Why Parliament failed to reply to our letter dated 10/11/01 are we aliens?
9. Can you initiate a project in a community if the community says no to it? Did the E.L.A. says the project be completed before paying the Land Owners?
10. Do you regard us as human beings with sense of humor?
11. Is it in our law books that we should finish a project before executive instrument is signed? Please Honourable Gentleman advise who so ever^s responsible to refrain from given news items on the air waves about the Kwabenya landfill because our masters (Britain has declared it as a discrete project).
12. Are landfills/recycle plant located in growing cities? Find a new site because "asem beba a frankaa nsi so" for 45 years we must know better and do the right thing. Reprimand who so ever^s responsible for all these problems and find a new site as a sign of Positive Change.

Yours In Development Of Our
Mother Land,



OPANIN ASEIDU AMOAKO

(CHAIRMAN)

For And On Behalf Of Community.

CC:

A.M.A. BOSS

G.D.A. BOSS

GREATER ACCRA MINISTER

MINISTER OF LANDS/FORESTRY

BRITISH AMBASSADOR MR. PULLEN ✓

B.B.C. BUSH HOUSE ✓

G.N.A.

MEDIA HOUSES

TAYSEC DIRECTOR

B . B . C .

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

11th December, 2003

- 7) Mr. Darko should prove evidence of how he arrived at his compensation of \$ 40 billion (Aug 27 Daily Graphic 2001).
- 8) On 30th August 2001 issue of the Ghanaian Times Mr. Darko said he was not happy because the elders have sold lands that fall within the project site and asked that the practice be discontinued. He himself has a parcel of land here, how did ~~we~~ ^{he} acquire it?
- 9) The local Government Act provides people from building within one kilometer away from a Landfill site E.P.A. permits human activity to be 2 kilometers away from a landfill site. Why A.M.A. Government are sitting their High Tech. Landfill project the first in Africa just at our nose? We invite the press to come to Agyemakata and to see things for themselves. Please do not go through the Valley as you often do.
- 10) There is a rumour that \$100,000 was given to A.M.A to sensitize the immediate residents and other communities around the Landfill project why A.M.A refused to do the sensitization before the project implementation.
- 11) Why A.M.A failed to comply with state Lands Act 1962 Regulation 7 (2) (L1230)? It states "prior notification be given to the owners or occupiers of the land before any entry for inspection survey or valuation is carried out"
- 12) Why our letter dated 1/9/01 written to Mr. S.O. Darko was not replied copy attached.
- 13) On what criteria Taysec who came to Agyemankata as a consultant on Kwabenya Landfill, later became the contractor, and was to become the financier when D.F.I.D. pulled out from financing the project G.R.I. Newsreel July 24th 02.
- 14) Why A.M.A / Government failed to tell the whole nation why D.F.I.D pulled out from Financing the Kwabenya Landfill project because the Daily Graphics Publication of 23/7/02 said it's because Ghana has adopted the H.I.P.C. initiative, Gregory Quinn second Secretary British High Commission's letter to the Press quote " the reason for cessation of Kwabenya Landfill has been discussed with the A.M.A. and Government". On July 14th 2003 Daily Graphic, Mr. Laryea Head of Waste Management also said "the money has been channeled to other use" why such contradictory statements?
- 15) We also want Mr. S.O. Darko to interpret the 1992 constitution Article 202a to Agyemankata Community and Ghanaians.
- 16) Now to D.F.I.D. we want to know why they acknowledge receipt to our letter dated 13th February, 2002 and promised to reply us but failed to do so? (Why they refused to tell Agyemankata Community what they told A.M.A /Government on cessation of funding Kwabenya Landfill)
- 17) On what criteria D.F.I.D disbursed their \$ 3M loan on Kwabenya Landfill because they were aware that the occupiers/Land owners have not been paid and the people not educated very well and all necessary protection not given?

Mr. S.O. Darko said last Tuesday morning that World Bank will sponsor A.M.A to continue the second phase of Kwabenya Landfill. For your information that cannot be

KWABENYA AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

11th December, 2003

Learned men and women of the Press good morning

All over the world there is ample evidence that projects are likely to fail especially if their implementation ignores the traditions values and social organizations of the intended beneficiaries or if their objectiveness are too remote from their everyday concerns of the people.

Most of the social problems that countries of the 3rd world face such as poverty, crime and unemployment are the direct result of the forced adherence to programmes that make little room for the concern of the poor.

When inaugurating the Board of E.P.A. on November, 24th 01 the President of Ghana said all over the world environmental protection had become a major issue That Ghana in that respect needed to appreciate the need to take environmental protection serious to preserve the environment for the sake of the future generation.

When Kwabenya Landfill was started it received a stiff objection from the Agyemankata Community and its environs. We blocked access road to the Landfill site for 4 Weeks hence the Government losing \$37M daily to the contractor Taysec. Later the vice President came on a familiarization tour to the Landfill site and he received an unpleasant welcome from the residents. On 7th of November, 2001 we met the press and out lined to the press why the impasse. We are grateful to your coverage.

Today brothers and sisters we decided to meet the Accra Chief Executive Mr. S.O. Darko in person and to prove to him why Kwabenya Landfill should be discontinued but we were told that this can not happen. We have tried twice when Radio Top was on the air waves but he refused to honour those invitations,

We would therefore be very grateful if you will use your media houses to ask the Chief Executive Mr. S.O. Darko and D.F.I.D. who was the sole financier of Kwabenya Landfill to answer the following questions because Ghanaians will like to have an insight on why Kwabenya Landfill became still born and is abandoned with D.F.I.D. running helter skelter with her loan balance of £ 3.5 hidden in a wattle and daub hut.

The questions to be answered by Mr. Darko are

- 1) Who cut the sod for Kwabenya Landfill to begin and was the caretaker of the land invited and the community represented? (He should show evidence)
- 2) How and when was the first phase of Kwabenya Landfill project bidden and what news paper published the invitation for bids. (I.F.B)
- 3) Evidence that A.M.A got a land title to cover the 195 hectares necessary for the Landfill project from Okaidja Gbeke Family with Nii Tetteh Ankamah II as the Head of Family before Kwabenya Landfill commenced.
- 4) When was the Executive Instrument on Kwabenya Landfill signed?
- 5) When were the Land owners (Okaidja Gbeke Family) paid?. 1992 Constitution Article 202a says prompt payment must be given to expropriated owners before any project begins if the Land is to be taken compulsory.
- 6) Why Land Valuation Board did not value our property as requested by Minister of Land and Forestry Regulations 5 of (LI 230) and the project was started.

AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY

Box 17788
Accra

10-11-2001

The Speaker of Parliament
Republic of Ghana

Honourable Members of Parliament,

PETITION TO HALT A LANDFILL

We the women of Agyemankata Kwabenya wish to petition members of parliament to reconsider the decision of the A.M.A to construct a landfill in our community of which the Daily Graphic of 27th and Ghanaian Times of 30th Aug. 2001 made mention of the A.M.A's intention to demolish our houses and compensate us.

For your information procedures laid down by the state for land acquisition was ignored by A.M.A. The state lands Act 1962 (125) (L1230). Then the 1992 constitution 20 (2^a) was also not followed.

It is known all over the world that Landfills are dangerous because of its hazards. The composition of a Landfill are a bottom liner, a leachate collection system, a cover and a natural hydrogeologic setting

A mechanism called diffusion will move organic chemical like beneze through three foot thick clay landfill liner. Some chemicals can degrade clay so Mr. Laryee Head of Waste Management of A.M.A's publication of September 29th 20001 is not convincing.

He also talked about leachate collection system. Leachate collection systems fail in several known ways

1. They clog up from silt or mud.
2. They can clog up because of the growth of micro organism in the pipes.
3. They clog because of a chemical reaction leading to the precipitation of minerals on the pipes.
4. The pipes themselves can be weakened by chemical attack (acids, solvents oxidixiding agents or corrosion and also tons of garbage piled above will crush the pipes.

Its over seven months our community wrote letters to A.M.A, the E.P.A, D.F.I.D Nii Tetteh Ankamah, II A.M.A Chief Executive Mr. Darko and the President of Ghana but none of our letters was replied.

On the 7th and 9th of September 2001 The Daily Guide and the Ghanaian Times publications made it known that we have objected to the Landfill in our Community. The Sept. 26 2001 of the Daily Graphic also made the same publication of our rejection. On 5th of October 2001 a forum held between A.M.A and the communities around the landfill site objected to the Landfill in the area and worked was halted for almost 5 weeks.

In the Accra Metro Environmental Health initiative the A.M.A was to create awareness about the New Landfill site through the following areas.

1. Announcement through gong gong beater.
2. Through church service.
3. Community Radios and news paper
4. Creating awareness in Schools and Markets.
5. Holding Public Durbars and general meetings
6. Through the media, radios, F.M. and T.V.

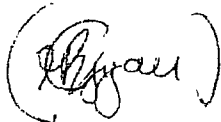
Such education was never done before project implementation.

A.M.A claiming of 70% work done is not true what has been done is a catch water drain to divert clean run off from the flanks of the valley away from the waste mass.

We are therefore petitioning Hon. members of Parliament to consider the dangers a landfill will pose on the communities and site the Landfill far away from human habitation. For peace to prevail in the area than the Police guarding the workers on site which is undemocratic.

We want to make it clear that we the families staying around the project will not move. Lets save human lives and forget about what have been spent. The money wasted is due to some ones negligence of duty. Kindly bring him to justice to save mother Ghana.

IRENE GYAWU
CHAIRPERSON



cc: Media Houses
The Chief Executive A.M.A
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The Director D.F.I.D
The President of Ghana
The British Ambassador

Press Conference

AGYAMANKATA COMMUNITY

KWABENYA-ACCRA.

6th Nov. 2001

Countrymen,

Our meeting here this morning is all about the Agyamankata Landfill site near Kwabenya. There has been a lot of publicity by the state own media.

Today it will offer other media like the privately owned ones to have the insight of what has gone wrong hence the nation loosing ₵ 37 Million Cedis daily for 4 weeks.

A.M.A visited the site in 1995 and was informed that a residential parcels have been leased out to individuals to develop. A.M.A therefore decided to acquire the Landfill site compulsorily. At the last meeting held on August 5th 1999 approval was given for the acquisition of the site subject to A.M.A providing compensation for the land required.

The permanent site Advisory Committee is applying the state Lands Act 1962 (125) as the enabling legislations to under take acquisition it appears that the procedures as laid down 1962 (L1230) have not been followed on the following areas.

- a. Regulation 7 (2) makes it mandatory that prior notification be given to the owners or occupiers of the land before any entry for inspection, survey or valuation is carried out such notices were not given and work has commenced.
- b. Article 20 (2A) of the 1992 constitution makes it mandatory that compulsory acquisition of land by the state be accompanied by prompt payment of fair and adequate compensation to expropriated owners.

Therefore The Ministry of Lands and Forestry notified the Lands Commission that no executive instruments in respect of compulsory acquisition be signed by then Minister if A.M.A does not satisfy the legal requirement. Countrymen, the instrument has not been published and A.M.A contractor is seriously working. The constitution is violated.

- c. To ensure that the Ministry of Lands and Forestry does not reject the recommendation of the Committee the Land Valuation Board was to under take a preliminary Valuation of the site and attach a copy of the Valuation report to the recommendations of the committee to be submitted to the Ministry of Lands and Forestry (Regulation 5 of

L1230) also evidence of A.M.A capacity to pay compensation for the land must be attached. This has not been done.

SOME GAPS IN THE REPORT ARE

- a. The proposed landfill is within Nsakyi, Catchments which is a tributary of river Densu need to be investigated how far the site is from Weija Dam and what effect any leachate will have on the Dam.
- b. Prevailing Wind direction
- c. Odour
- d. Resettlement issues of quarry activities and farming has not been fully addressed. On Education the A.M.A was given sufficient funding but never sensitized the community until 5th October when the community have risen against them and her contractor Taysec has been stopped from working that A.M.A started educating the public on the Landfill project at a forum that time 70% of the job has already been done.

The permit given to the A.M.A was even provisional (E.P.A letter dated July 12 2001) There is no sign board indicating who are the client, the contractor the consultant and the nature of work being done. The day of commencement there was neither radio commentary nor a fetish priest offering prayers for work to commence to show that the community knows what is going on.

We are ~~not~~ against the Landfill project all that we are saying is its negative impact it will have on the nearby communities. What we are saying is the Landfill must be sited far away from human habitation.

Fellow countrymen some of the residents have live there for years, the area is a growing city therefore we are appealing to the authorities to take a second look at our plight, for we are all Ghanaians. Let save human lives not money.

We want to make it clear to the Government that we will not accept any compensation or relocation.

When the first phase she is taking about comes to a close the work must be discontinued to save human lives and property.

- At our last meeting with the A.M.A. and Ministry of Local Government it was disclosed that a seven member committee is going to over see the project. Since we object to the project we are not going to be part of it because this out to have been done earlier before project implementation as said in the impact assessment.

Thank you.

AGYEMANKATA COMMUNITY

Box MS 305
NEW ACHOMITA

25-6-04

HON. ISSA KETEKU
THE CHAIRMAN OF KWABENYA
LANDFILL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ACCRA-GHANA

Dear Chairman,

TOTAL REJECTION OF KWABENYA LANDFILL

We the immediate residents at the landfill site submit here with three (3) press conference held on 11th December 2003, 7th November 2001 and 22nd June 2004 which talks of our total rejection of the Landfill which is very close to our homes.

Attached also are letters we wrote to the World Bank, the Ministry of Local Government and Parliament on 13th January, 2003, 16th January 2004, 10th November 2001 and 4th April 2003 respectively.

Living persons have the right to fix their residence within the territory of the state of which they are nationals to move freely within such territory and not to leave it except by their own will. Living persons have the right to the preservation of their health through sanitary and social measures related to food clothing housing and medical care to the extent permitted by public and community resources.

The environment is the social and physical conditions in which we live lets protect it and not to endanger it.

Although the World Bank and other Bretton Woods Institutions seem to pull the strings on the economics of developing states, they must also ensure that the projects they fund or have partial oversight of are not merely meant to promote development per se, even at the cost of human life. **They must be seen to take into consideration human friendly projects that affect the interest of the poor, indigenous people and minorities.**

Above all the people who are supposed to be beneficiaries of the bank's project must be seen to be happy at whatever new development that takes place in their areas.

The World Banks safeguard policies which are the measuring rod cover impacts of projects on natural habitats indigenous peoples, forest, destruction to cultural property and projects in disputed areas.

The international community is watching us all.

Yours in Protection of our constitution and young democratic process which must grow
become a mature adult.

The President
World Bank
U.S.A. America

The Country Representative
World Bank, Ghana - Accra

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THE MINISTER OF
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KWABENYA LANDFILL PROJECT

A letter we received from the Head of Family of Okaidja Gybeke shows that A.M.A. wants to revive the abandoned Kwabenya Landfill.

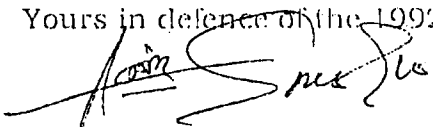
We want to inform you that we are nature human beings living here. We will act and our actions will take the whole community to court to defend the constitution.

A history in Ghana will be written this way. "There was a time a Government in power and a Department crushed a whole community for nothing but a REFUSE DUMP"

The breaches of Procedure on Kwabenya Landfill does not call for its Revival

We need positive action and not positive. *change*

Yours in defence of the 1992 Constitution.


ASIEDU AMOAKO
CHAIRMAN
For and on behalf
Of community

CC:
All Press Houses

Regional Minister

Greater Accra

A.M.A. Boss

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The Regional Police Commander

Agyemankata Kwabenya
Community,
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4/1/03

The Minister Of Local Government,
Accra - Ghana.

Dear Sir,

OBJECTION TO EITHER LAND FILL OR RECYCLE PLANT AT AGYEMANKATA-
KWABENYA

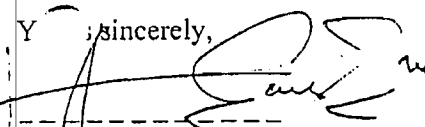
We write to inform you that the scenic view of Agyemankata must be tapped for TOURISM as recommended in the E.I.A on Kwabenya landfill. The landscape is good for hotels to attract tourist. Any one who recommends this area for any form of waste management is short sighted. There is a difference in house wisdom and school intelligence. We the community will never accept any project which deals with waste management in our mist. Either landfill or recycle plant will never be accepted by us. We have lost confidence in A.M.A (government) because they were not truthful in the way they handled the Kwabenya landfill project.

Don't take it as a joke, we the families of Agyemankata have resolved to oppose any waste management project here if even the authorities will crush us to death. Any project which will deal with waste must be sited 40 - 50 kilometers as recommended by you a year and half ago.

Those news bulletins will never deter us from our stand we have taken. Its rather infuriate us the more.

Se kokoram anferese obetu wo hwene a wo nso wonifere se wode ahahan beto so.

Yours sincerely,


OPANIN ASIEDU AMOAKO
(Chairman Agyemankata Community)

Cc:

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The Chairman
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Dear Chairman,

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 16, 2007, addressed to the President of the World Bank, on the proposed construction of the Kwabenya sanitary landfill near Accra, under the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project (UESPII).

We have reviewed your letter and the concerns you present in relation to the project. Please note that the UESPII is being undertaken in full accordance with World Bank policies and procedures. These procedures include the requirement that a Resettlement Action Plan, acceptable to the Bank, be developed in connection with our eventual support for the landfill component. Amongst a series of policy requirements, Resettlement Action Plans assess the impact and outline mitigation measures regarding proposed project activities on affected people. It is important to underscore that any Resettlement Action Plan associated with this project will be prepared in consultation with the affected communities, the results shared with all parties; and the outcome will serve as a platform for implementation before and during the construction phase.

Please be assured that the Bank's support for UESPII is predicated on compliance with Bank policies and procedures, and that the Bank is interested in promoting a full and open discussion among affected parties. To this end, we encourage you to endeavor to dialogue with the relevant institutions and consultants to have your concerns addressed.

Sincerely



Mats Karlsson
Country Director for Ghana
Africa Region

c.c.: The Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment
Metropolitan Chief Executive, Accra Metropolitan Assembly
District Chief Executive, Ga District Assembly
Mr. Shuja Shah, World Bank Executive Director for Ghana

February 22, 2007

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ANNEX 6

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE BANK
AND THE AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY – FEBRUARY 27, 2004**

**Minutes of Meeting with Members of the
AGYEMANKATA KWABENYA COMMUNITY**

On February 27, 2004

At the World Bank Ghana Office, Accra

About 35 members of the **Agyemankata Kwabenya Community** arrived at the Ghana office of the World Bank to voice their concerns about the planned World Bank assistance for the construction of a sanitary landfill at Kwabenya and to get more information on it. They referred to a letter from the Bank of January 30, 2004, signed by Ms. Pamela Cox, which invited them to contact the staff of the World Bank Ghana Office with further questions. The letter was written in response to a letter from representatives of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community to the President of the World Bank, dated January 16, 2004. The construction of this landfill is one of the activities proposed for inclusion in the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project.

A group of about 10 representatives then were invited to participate in a meeting with World Bank staff (see the list of participants). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mbuba Mbungu, Acting Country Manager for Ghana. The Community representatives voiced the following main concerns:

1. The World Bank should not resume the construction of this project from which DFID had withdrawn.
2. The World Bank should follow the internationally agreed procedures of consultation and compensation with the people in the area of the proposed landfill before agreeing to construct the landfill.
3. The Government, including AMA, did not consult the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community and did not offer adequate compensation.
4. The recent environmental study financed by the World Bank did not consult with their Community.
5. One of the representatives recounted as a good example the procedure that was followed before and during the construction of the Akosombo dam, including thorough consultations with the affected people.
6. The present site should be given up and another site found further away because (i) it is too close to where people are living, and (ii) the Government did not use the proper procedures before deciding on this site.
7. The landfill will adversely affect the health of the people living nearby.
8. Greater use should be made of recycling of solid waste, but the recycling plant should also be located away from where people are living.
9. The Agyemankata Community is the one living at the site and therefore directly affected by the proposed landfill, while the village of Kwabenya is a few miles away.
10. Consulting with the Chiefs of the area is not the same as consulting with the local community.

The **World Bank team** confirmed that the grievances of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community representatives have been heard and responded as follows:

1. The construction of a landfill at Kwabenya is part of a number of activities that have been proposed by the Government for inclusion in the Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project, which is for waste management, drainage and community infrastructure upgrading in Accra, Kumasi, Sekondi-Takoradi, Tamale and Tema. The project has not yet been approved for financing by the World Bank.
2. Even after such approval was given, the Credit Agreement between the World Bank and the Government would specify that before the construction of certain installations can begin -- including the landfill at Kwabenya -- the Government will identify, compensate, and resettle as necessary the persons who will be affected by the acquisition of the land. This is to be done in accordance with a Resettlement Action Plan, which has to follow the resettlement policy and has to be approved by the World Bank.
3. These provisions are part of the safeguard policies of the World Bank, which apply to all World Bank assisted projects around the world.
4. The World Bank will inform the Government of this meeting and will request it to follow up on the issues raised by the representatives.

At the conclusion of the meeting the World Bank team thanked the delegates of the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community for explaining their concerns to the World Bank and reiterated that the World Bank will make sure that due process is followed before the start of construction. The Chairman of the Community thanked the World Bank for the courteous reception and the clarifications given.

Delegation from the Agyemankata Kwabenya Community

1. Yaw Asiedu, Chairman, Youth Organizer
2. Yaw Okyeremanana, Spokesman
3. Kodzovie Sabla, Assistant Chairman
4. Yaw Fie, Secretary
5. Andrews Efuafu
6. Ama Baah
7. Eno Ataah
8. Mercy Johnson
9. Kwame Abolo
10. Mary Adwoa

Delegation from the World Bank

1. Mbuba Mbungu, Acting Country Manager
2. Gerhard Tschannerl, Task Team Leader
3. Kofi Tsikata
4. Kennedy Fosu
5. Benedictus Atitsogbui

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ANNEX 7

FIRST LETTER FROM COHRE REGARDING THE PROJECT

12 February 2007

**CENTRE ON
HOUSING RIGHTS
AND EVICTIONS**



Mr Gerhard Tschannerl, Task Team Leader, UESP-2 Project
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Dear Mr Tschannerl, Mr Tsikata,

The Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) is an independent, international human rights NGO headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with offices throughout the world. COHRE's Africa office is located in Asylum Down, Accra, Ghana. COHRE's mandate is to protect and promote the human right to adequate housing and land rights throughout the world.

We write to express grave concerns over a component of The World Bank funded Second Urban Environment Sanitations Project (UESP-2), specifically, the proposed construction a sanitary landfill at the Kwabenya site in Ga District, Ghana.

We are conducting investigation into this project, and are alarmed at the grave social and environmental hazards and threats to human rights which it poses. Of particular concern is the issue of land ownership and proposed land acquisition, which have remained contentious since the commencement of the project.

We have travelled to the site and met with the residents of Agyemankata Kwabenya community. They have shared with us information detailing their claims and documents which provide the bases for such claims. Additionally, we have consulted a variety of documents found on your website relating to the Kwabenya landfill, including the project's Environmental and Social Assessment Report for 2003 as well as the Resettlement Framework Policy of 2004. We note that the World Bank has recognized that the land issue at the Kwabenya site is a difficult issue, and though a number of mitigating activities have been proposed, there is no evidence of proper implementation of such activities.

A recent development is particularly alarming. We have learned that since late January of this year, National Security and police forces have begun visiting the community on a regular basis, to intimidate and threaten the residents into leaving the area, without any further information.

The situation at hand is one that threatens not only the resident's human rights to housing and land and livelihood, but also their civil liberties and rights to be free from threats and harassment.

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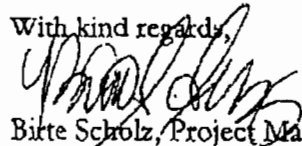
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Porto Alegre, RS, Brasil

In light of the above, we would like to request a meeting with you, to fully explain our concerns related to this project, and to learn further information on World Bank's perspective and actions on this project.

We believe this to be a matter of urgency. We will contact you to find a mutually convenient time for our meeting.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

With kind regards,



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cc: Agyemankata Community Committee

ANNEX 8

EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT

EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT

E.I. 1

STATE LAND (KWABENYA—ACCRA) SITE FOR LANDFILL PROJECT INSTRUMENT, 2007

WHEREAS it appears to the President the land specified in the schedule to this Instrument is land required in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred on the President by Sub-section 1 of Section 1 of the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) this Instrument is made this 25th day of January, 2007.

The land specified in the Schedule to this Instrument is hereby declared to be land required in the public interest.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND known as site for Landfill and containing an approximate area of 364.246 Acres (147.410 Hectares) situate at Kwabenya—Accra in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana and bounded on the North from Pillar SGGA.1083/06/21 to SGGA.1083/06/22 by family land measuring a total distance of 1551.4 feet more or less on the East from Pillar SGGA.1083/06/22 to SGGA.1083/06/8 by family land measuring a total distance of 7993.2 feet more or less on the South from Pillar SGGA.1083/06/8 to SGGA.1083/06/10 by family land measuring a total distance of 1982.4 feet more or less on the West from Pillar SGGA.1083/06/10 to SGGA.1083/06/21 by family land measuring a total distance of 7711.1 feet more which piece of land is more particularly delineated on the attached plan hereto and thereon shewn edged pink.

In accordance with Section 5 of the State Lands Act as amended, any person claiming a right or having an interest in the above-mentioned land or whose right or interest in the said land is affected in any manner, shall within six (6) months from the date of publication of this instrument submit in writing to:

**The Executive Secretary,
Land Valuation Board,
P.O. Box 558,
Accra.**

- (a) particulars of his claim or interest in the land,
- (b) the manner in which his claim or interest has been affected by this Instrument,
- (c) the extent of any damage done,
- (d) the amount of compensation claimed and the basis for calculation of the compensation.

By command of the President.

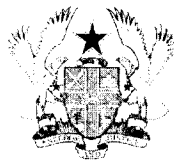
HON. PROF. D. K. FOBIH, M.P.
Minister for Lands, Forestry and Mines

Date of Gazette notification: 26th January, 2007

ANNEX 9

LETTER FROM THE BORROWER OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 CONFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE THE PROJECT IN COMPLIANCE WITH BANK POLICIES

*In case of reply, the
number and date of this
Letter should be quoted.*



**Ministry of Local Government
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Our Ref. No.
PCU/UESPII/KEH/07/065

Your Ref.

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

13 September 2007

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**Second Urban Environmental Sanitation Project
Kwabanya Landfill Project
Meeting on the Way Forward**

I refer to the meeting in my office on Thursday, September 13, 2007 between representatives of the Government of Ghana led by myself, including Hon. Stanley Adjiri Blankson, the Mayor of Accra, and a team from the World Bank led by Mr. Eustache Ouayoro, Sector Manager for Water and Urban II Unit concerning the above. During the meeting, we explained the actions Government has taken so far towards the acquisition of the land for the project.

The Government is committed to implementing the project according to the provisions in the Project Appraisal Document and the Development Credit Agreement of the project, specifically, a satisfactory Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in accordance with the Resettlement Policy Framework will be prepared and submitted to the Bank for approval not later than March 31, 2008, and before the start of construction activities.

Until the RAP is completed:

- i. The Government will ensure that no new development takes place on the acquisition site and
- ii. There will be no resettlement of affected persons.

We have completed negotiations to recruit a consultant to update detailed design studies and actions for the preparation of environment assessment are in progress.

In the meantime, the Government will develop a communication strategy and carry out a communication campaign to build better dialogues and consensus among local residents, landowners and the public at large, and create effective and efficient means of dialogue and feedback communication. We also intend to hold bi-monthly progress review meetings on the preparation of the RAP and the implementation of the communication strategy with the Bank.

We thank you for the Bank's continued support to the project and your desire to ensure the completion of the project in a satisfactory and acceptance manner.

**KWADWO ADJEL-DARKO (MP)
MINISTER**

**THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR
WORLD BANK GHANA OFFICE
ACCRA**

cc: The Metro Chief Executive
Accra Metropolitan Assembly,
Accra

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The World Bank,
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