

December 2007 - Dumasi Resettlement Project Update

The year ended on a very positive note via dialogue between the Dumasi Oversight Committee (DOC) and Golden Star's resettlement team. There has been cooperation from the leadership of the community and meetings held at the end of the year were productive.

Committee members indicated that socioeconomic and asset surveys would be required before resettlement negotiations could start. To that end, the committee has encouraged Golden Star to undertake the socio-economic survey while continuing with further consultations working towards entering resettlement negotiations.

The working relationship between the Dumasi community and Golden Star is improving as both parties work toward a common goal through regular meetings usually jointly organised by both the DOC, which represents the community, and Golden Star.

Community Consultations

Indirect community consultations through the DOC, which consults with the wider community and gives feed-back to GSBPL on requests of the wider community, have been ongoing. In relation to that, the DOC has asked GSBPL to reconsider the development request package requested by the community.

Stakeholder Consultations

Meetings were held with stakeholders (regulatory authorities) to review the project. This created a platform for updating the stakeholders at the District, Regional and National levels. Inputs for planning on the progress of the project were received as follows.

- Involving the District Assembly in community consultations and DOC meetings
- Engaging DOC with Regional Stakeholders
- Capacity building for DOC/community members.