

# DUMASI RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

## Introduction

The Dumasi Resettlement Project is planned and implemented according to the Ghanaian regulations and International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standard 5, including community consultations and informed community participation in developing, negotiating and implementing the resettlement packages. This is in line with the Golden Star (Bogoso / Prestea) Limited (GSBPL) general policy on conducting the resettlement projects required by the development of its mining operations.

## Consultations

GSPBL's team established guidelines and procedures and started consultations with



stakeholders and the community, directly liaising with a group - the Dumasi Oversight Committee ("DOC"), selected by the community to represent them for the initial discussions on matters related to the resettlement process.

An information centre "Info Centre" was also set up in the community to serve as a central point of contact with the members of Dumasi community at large, and for submission of their

**Figure 1 Opening of the Dumasi Info Centre**  
concerns and grievances related to the resettlement process.

## Data collection

### *Socioeconomic Survey*

Following an understanding reached with the community, a socioeconomic survey was conducted to generate a report containing demographic and socioeconomic information on Dumasi community to be used for the planning and implementation of the resettlement project.

### *Assets Survey*

Following the socioeconomic survey, a moratorium on building in Dumasi was agreed and declared and a survey of residential land and immovable structures was conducted. The survey consisted on recording and taking measurements of structures and residential plots, and collecting detailed information on the owners of the properties. Both private and public structures and plots were documented in the process. The results of the assets survey, along

with the results of the socioeconomic survey, will be incorporated in the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) that will be prepared upon reaching an agreement with the community on the resettlement packages, after the completion of the negotiation process.



**Figure 2 Structures on a Dumasi compound (plot) as recorded by the assets survey**

## Negotiations

As the next step in the resettlement process, we have called for the formation of the Dumasi Resettlement Negotiation Committee (DRNC), which is the appropriate body to work towards a negotiated resettlement agreement between the company and Dumasi community. To select the representatives from the community, the community legal counsel engaged members of various interest groups within the community who selected representatives to be members of the DRNC and to represent their interests in the consultation. GSBPL also engaged key stakeholders within the region, including the Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly, Land Valuation Board, Environmental Protection Agency and the Inspectorate Division of the Minerals Commission to participate in the negotiations process as permanent members of the DRNC.



**Figure 3 Moderator of the DRNC following the negotiations**

A moderator for the negotiation meetings was selected in agreement between the community and GSBPL to moderate the debates and mediate the negotiation process when required.

Upon the formation of the DRNC, the Dumasi Oversight Committee was dissolved and the Dumasi Negotiation Team (“DNT”) took over the representation of the community in the resettlement negotiations.

## Agreements Reached

- **Negotiating procedures and guiding principles:** The DRNC have started the negotiations and have agreed on a set of rules to guide the negotiation process.
- **Resettlement Site Selection:** Through the negotiation, a land site for the New Dumasi has been selected and the parties have the agreement to proceed on acquiring the land at that site and prepare the land for construction of the new town. Land surveys for the selected site have been completed. Preparations have been made to start farm valuation and compensation at the resettlement site.



Figure 4 Members of the Dumasi Negotiations Team during the first meeting of the negotiations committee



Figure 5 Discussions during field visit at proposed resettlement site

## Ongoing Negotiating Topics

- Resettlement site layout A preliminary layout was presented to the community; comments and concerns were received and will be consider for adjustments to the preliminary layout
- Residential and public buildings design A set of preliminary designs for residential houses and community buildings has been presented to the community for their comments; following the receipt of their input a a complete set of preliminary designs is in preparation



**Figure 6 The leader of Dumasi Negotiations Team making comments on the preliminary layout of the new Dumasi**