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The following are the activities conducted in the month of August. They fall under Task 1 (Continuation of Work in Ghana), Task 3 (Replication / Expansion of the Ghana model to Latin America) and Task 4 (Smart Development concepts).

- RCEER continued to work on deliverables: 1- The Guide to Natural Gas in Ghana went to the printer; 2- RCEER set September 12-13 for the professional workshop and September 15 for the launching of the Guide and journalist training; 3- RCEER finished collecting surveys from journalists and bankers; now waiting for EC to complete industrial surveys. (Task 1)

- CEE continued to work on the white paper on Smart Development and an institutional development kit, and the white paper on Smart Development Initiative (SDI) for Latin America. Some new information on international best practices in involving communities in projects and a new initiative on community benefits arising from the CEE’s LNG Consortium have provided new ideas to be incorporated to CEE’s previous work on Smart Development concepts and principles. (Tasks 3 and 4)

- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu and Dr. Gülen finished the first draft of a paper about the economics of the natural gas distribution business in Tema and Takoradi. The paper will be used at the professional workshop in Accra to be held during the week of September 11; Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu will help present the results. Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu and Dr. Asante started working on the paper for presentation at the West African Power Industry Convention to be held in Accra on 7-9 November 2006. (Task 1)

- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu completed its six months stay with CEE and BEG and returned to Ghana. BEG liked his work on Texas Gulf Coast CO2 economics and will consider bringing him back for continuation of this research in 2007.

- Dr. Foss and Dr. Gülen made travel arrangements to be in Ghana for two weeks between September 4 and 16. They will participate in RCEER activities (launching of the Guide to Natural Gas in Ghana, journalist training, and the professional workshop), and work with the Advisory Board to make necessary arrangements for RCEER to undertake its new extended regional role.

- CEE started making arrangements for the two-week exchange visit to Texas in October by delegates from Ghana and Nigeria. Ghanaian delegates will come after their NARUC program ends in Washington D.C. and Ohio on October 19. Nigerians will come directly from Nigeria. NNPC is considering nominating 2-3 delegates and sponsoring their participation.

Next steps

- In September, RCEER will:
  - hold a public outreach activity to launch the Guide
  - hold a journalist training session on natural gas with CEE participation
  - hold a 2-day professional workshop on natural gas with CEE participation
  - incorporate results from the industrial surveys on natural gas implemented by EC into results from journalists and bankers surveys.

- In September, CEE will finish Smart Development and Latin American white papers and the institutional development tool kit.