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The following are the activities conducted in the month of December. They all fall under Task 1 – Continuation of Work in Ghana.

- Dr. Gülen spent the first week of January in Ghana, meeting with RCEER supporters regarding RCEER activities and its future, and energy sector stakeholders regarding natural gas market and regulatory developments. A detailed trip report is attached.

- RCEER developed three surveys one for each industrialists, bankers and journalists based on the meetings we had with the Association of Ghana Industries, Ghana Association of Bankers and Ghana Journalists Association (see Attachment 2). All three associations were willing to assist with the distribution of the survey among their memberships.

- Visa and travel arrangements for Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu are finalized. He will arrive to Houston on February 6. Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu, Director of Strategic Planning and Policy Division at EC, will spend about six months in early 2006 to work on his Ph.D. thesis, natural gas issues relevant to Ghana for RCEER and CO₂ modeling in the Gulf Coast for BEG.

- CEE developed content for its one-day workshop on February 15 while the Ghanaian delegation will be in D.C. attending the NARUC annual meeting. A draft agenda is provided in Attachment 3. CEE is also putting together a group of industry experts to attend the workshop and share their experience in natural gas market development and regulation with our Ghanaian colleagues.

- CEE and NARUC also worked together, with the support of the Ghana Mission, to arrange for Mr. Emmanuel Quaye-Foli from the Ministry of Energy and Mr. Seth Adjei-Boye from PURC to spend an additional two weeks in Houston after their NARUC visit ends on February 18. CEE will host Mr. Quaye-Foli and Mr. Adjei-Boye while they are in Houston. During these two weeks they will have a chance to work with Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu from EC. During these two weeks, the trio will have a chance to visit different natural gas sites, companies, experts and regulators and work on issues of relevance to Ghana’s market development. A draft program can be found as Attachment 4.

- A version of the RCEER informational flyer was published within the PURC annual day planner, which is widely distributed.

- CEE redesigned the flow its New Era program, partially to further incorporate Smart Development concepts into presentation of energy value chain and commercial frameworks concepts. Also, new assignments and team projects were added, some of which are dedicated to Smart Development problems.

**Next steps**

- Subcontract arrangement with RCEER to be finalized
- RCEER to publish its information flyer
- RCEER to implement the public survey on natural gas
- RCEER to publish Natural Gas Primer in book form