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The following are the activities conducted in the month of July. 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 Advisory Board has started reviewing the natural gas guide before publication, now targeted for mid-August; 2- RCEER started making arrangements for the launching event following the publication of the Guide; 3- RCEER implemented the surveys on journalists and bankers and the EC has been helping with the implementation of the surveys to industrial users in Tema; 4- RCEER and CEE tentatively set the first half of September for the second outreach activity and the professional seminar. (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. (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. (Task 1)

**Next steps**

- In August, RCEER will:
  - publish the Guide to Natural Gas in Ghana
  - hold a public outreach activity to launch the Guide
  - tabulate results from the surveys on natural gas

- In August, CEE will:
  - finish the white paper on Smart Development concepts, the associated institutional development tool kit, and the white paper on SDI for Latin America
  - finalize travel arrangements to Ghana for September