

AKL presents Kenyan infrastructure development opportunities at UKTI roundtable discussion in London chaired by Lord Hollick

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This morning, at London's BIS Conference Centre, Kenyan social impact infrastructure developer, AKL, presented at a roundtable meeting chaired by Lord Hollick, the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Kenya and Tanzania, and hosted by the UK Trade & Development Agency (UKTI). The meeting focused on opportunities for UK businesses to participate in AKL's proposed consortium to develop several critical infrastructure projects along Kenya's Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport Corridor (LAPSSET).



Attending the meeting were representatives from all key UK export and development agencies – in addition to UKTI, UK Export Finance, the Department for International Development, and the Commonwealth Development Corporation – and over 30 UK companies eager to expand their business in East Africa.

The meeting was opened by Lord Hollick, who confirmed the UK Government's support for UK investment in East Africa. Following this introduction, Richard Herbert, CEO of AKL, described in detail AKL's proposed LAPSSET infrastructure development program, and invited UK participation at all levels. Lord Hollick then concluded the meeting by moderating a lively Q&A session between AKL and the participants.

AKL has proposed the development of an integrated suite of critical infrastructure projects that will form the cornerstone of the Access East Africa Trade Corridor and eventually unlock East and Central Africa's otherwise trapped social and economic potential. This suite of integrated infrastructure includes a six berth port in Lamu along with an 880MW LNG power station with co-generated desalination plant, a railway from Lamu to Central Kenya and to the borders of Ethiopia and South Sudan, fiber optic rural broadband, and the crude oil export pipeline connecting Ugandan and Kenyan oil fields to the port in Lamu. It is estimated that the full suite of projects will take between 8-10 years to complete.

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AKL and its consortium of companies are supported by an unprecedented Government-to-Government Infrastructure MOU signed by U.S. Commerce Secretary, Penny Pritzker and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury, Henry Rotich during President Obama's historic visit to Kenya earlier in the year.

AKL CEO Richard Herbert, who presented AKL's vision for the Access East Africa Trade Corridor at the meeting, said, "We are delighted to see this extraordinary collection of UK talent turn out in support of our efforts in East Africa. We welcome UK businesses into our consortium, and are eager for the UK Government to join the US Government in supporting our effort to help enable economic growth and promote security while maintaining the highest standards of excellence, social and environmental protection, and transparent governance."

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About Us

Founded in 2007 and headquartered in Nairobi, Aeolus Kenya Ltd, ("AKL") is a Kenyan world-class social impact energy and infrastructure developer and a leader in private sector initiatives, whose aim is to develop, finance, construct and operate critical public infrastructure. Together with its global consortium of commercial partners, AKL brings the highest international standards in engineering, technology, skill and capacity to Kenya and the East African region.

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