

# FIRST OIL: CNOOC SETS UP EMERGENCY RESPONSE BASE

By Martin Kitubi

While oil and gas developments are lucrative, they are potential hazards that can not only claim lives, but also the environment alike.

As Uganda enters a critical stage to first oil, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) has set up an advanced emergency response base at the Kingfisher development area in Kikuube district.

The base, equipped with high-pressure water cannons, water and sand cutting equipment among other facilities, has been tested to respond to emergencies as the Kingfisher development areas prepare for future eventualities.

### TESTING 1, 2, 3...

CNOOC conducted an oil well emergency drill which took place at the Kingfisher Well pad Four last week and saw the team of trained responders from Uganda and Chinese expatriates showcase how they would respond to both an oil blowout and a fire emergency



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at the facility.

The Ugandan emergency team was trained at the Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba (UPIK) under the supervision of the Chinese expatriates.

The activity, which lasted about 20 minutes, saw the team cut oil pipes in seconds and undertake replacements in record time.

While witnessing the exercise, Hu Weijie, the acting president at CNOOC Uganda Ltd said the drill is not just a demonstration, but the collective commitment to ensure safety, preparedness and operational excellence.

“It is essential. Today’s drill has shown that we have built that capability with



A team of trained Ugandan emergency responders demonstrate rapid cutting of obstacles in an emergency response. This was at the Kingfisher Well Pad Four in Kikuube district recently

seriousness and discipline. This drill has also highlighted the importance of investing in systems, equipment, and people,” he said.

### WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

“A project is not ready merely because wells can be drilled, facilities can be built, or

hydrocarbons can flow. It is ready when the operator and all supporting parties can demonstrate, under realistic conditions, that they can prevent incidents, detect abnormal situations early, contain escalation, protect life, safeguard the environment, preserve asset integrity, and

restore control in a disciplined and timely manner,” Adolph Karubanga, a Senior Petroleum Officer for production at the energy ministry, explained.

Jane Byaruhanga, the Environment Manager at the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU), said all stakeholders are required by

law to protect the environment, including preparing for future eventualities.

For PAU, she said, it is good that CNOOC and its contractors have trained and hired Ugandans to take on this work, which will eventually lead to technology transfer.

### SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

At the launch of the oil development stage, Uganda launched the National Oil Spills Contingency Plan in March 2022.

In case of any spillage, the plan says, the responsibility to respond, including cleaning and all expenses incurred by the Government in response to oil and gas spillage, will be primarily billed to the responsible oil and gas company.

Additionally, oil companies will be required to pay for all costs incurred by volunteers in case of an oil spill. The expenses will not be limited to payment of staff, operating and maintaining government equipment, including fuelling, but also compensating for all the property damaged.



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### ABRIDGED BID NOTICE UNDER OPEN DOMESTIC BIDDING

1. Entebbe Municipal Council invites sealed bids from Eligible Bidders for:

No.	Procurement Reference Number	Subject of Procurement	Bid Security Amount (UGX)
	ENTE705/SPLS/2025-2026/00020	Supply of a Motor Grader	UGX 10,000,000

2. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the Open Domestic Bidding (ODB) method procedures contained in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Regulations, 2014 and 2023, and are open to all bidders.

3. The deadline for bid submission shall be at **12.00 pm (East African Standard Time)** on **28<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**.

4. A complete set of Bidding Document in English may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Procurement and Disposal Unit and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ugx. 80,000 (Eighty Thousand Shillings) only**. The method of payment will be by use of **PRN (Payment Registration Number)** as shall be issued by the Municipal Cashier. After payment, proceed to the Municipal Cashier and present the Bank slip to obtain a General Receipt

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### FINANCIAL NEWS REPORT

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKET INTEREST RATES:

(All Numbers in percentages)

Market Interest Rates as at	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2026	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026
Inter-bank weighted rate		
Overnight	9.78	10.58
7-Day	10.34	10.62
Call money rate (1-30 days maturity)	9.97	10.13
91-day Treasury bill Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	10.38	10.38
(Secondary Market) *	10.35/9.83	10.32/9.79
182-day Treasury bill Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	12.00	11.04
(Secondary Market) *	11.26/10.76	11.25/10.75
364-day Treasury bill Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	12.50	12.00
(Secondary Market) *	12.33/11.90	12.33/11.86
2-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	13.50	13.50
(Secondary Market) *	13.46/12.93	13.40/12.85
3-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	13.39	13.39
(Secondary Market) *	13.88/13.40	13.68/13.14
5-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	15.00	15.00
(Secondary Market) *	14.96/14.49	14.97/14.42
10-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	15.50	15.50
(Secondary Market) *	15.83/15.35	15.66/15.17
15-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	15.75	15.75
(Secondary Market) *	16.17/15.70	16.03/15.58
20-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	16.10	16.10
(Secondary Market) *	16.26/15.73	16.09/15.66
25-year Treasury bond Annualised Yield (Primary Market)	16.29	16.29
(Secondary Market) *	16.31/15.80	16.19/15.68
<b>Policy Rates</b>		
Central Bank Rate	9.75	9.75
Rediscount rate	12.75	12.75
Bank rate	13.75	13.75

\*Weekly average indicative bid/ask rates on Treasury Securities in the secondary market.

MANAGEMENT  
Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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