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### **Ghana Grid Company Joins EUTC**

EUTC, the European Utilities Telecom Council, is proud to announce that the Ghana Grid Company has joined the association as a Charter Member.

The Ghana Grid Company will be represented at the EUTC board of Directors by Georg Nipah, Manager, Systems Communications.

Reflecting on this new addition to the membership, Peter Moray, Director of EUTC, said: *"We are delighted to welcome the Ghana Grid Company as a Charter Member. It confirms EUTC offers utilities valuable programmes to the entire EMEA region, after the adhesion of ESKOM (South Africa) last year. We find tremendous synergies between our European and African members to tackle today's utilities telecommunications challenges."*

The Ghana Grid Company was established in accordance with the Energy Commission Act and the Volta River Development Act which provide for the establishment and exclusive operation of the National Interconnected Transmission System by an independent Utility and the separation of the transmission functions of the Volta River Authority (VRA) from its other activities within the framework of the Power Sector Reforms.

GRIDCo was incorporated on 15 December 2006 as a private limited liability and granted a certificate to start business on 18 December 2006. The company became operational on 1 August 2008 following the transfer of the core staff and power transmission assets from VRA to GRIDCo.

GRIDCo's main functions are to undertake economic dispatch and transmission of electricity from wholesale suppliers to bulk customers; provide fair and non-discriminatory transmission services to all power market participants; acquire, own and manage assets, facilities and systems required to transmit electrical energy; provide metering and billing services to bulk customers; and carry out transmission system planning and implement necessary investments to provide the capacity to reliably transmit electric energy, and manage the Wholesale Power Market.

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