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## **GWCL SIGNS MoU WITH GVWC OF SIERRA LEONE / GWCL MENTORS GVWC FOR 2 YEARS**

The Ghana Water Company Limited has on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Guma Valley Water Company (GVWC) of Sierra Leone for a learning and twinning arrangement between the two companies.

The MoU signed this day, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018, is for a period of 2years ending on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. Both parties may have a mutual agreement for renewal after a review or evaluation of the period.

The main objective of this arrangement is Organizational Capacity Building. Thus, the Ghana Water Company Limited will support the Guma Valley Water Company by the transfer of skills and knowledge through, exchange of visits, short and long term placement of experts (Staff of the utilities), participation in courses at the Ghana Water Training School in Weija, Internship and attachments of young graduates and technicians.

The expected outcomes of the arrangement includes obtaining an appreciation of GWCLs policies and strategic direction, in effect, how the governing Board and Management have been able to reach its current stage of growth, including GWCLs successes and challenges.

The GVWC is also expected to understand how GWCL has used technology and ICT to improve on metering, commercial and customer management, and the reduction of non-revenue-water among others.

The major areas for this program are: Water Utility Management, thus, Technical Operations which includes Water Resources and Catchment Protection, Planning & Development of Water and Ancillary Infrastructure, Asset Management, Production & Distribution of Water to Customers, Commercial & Customer Care, IT based solutions, Performance Management & Management Information Systems Services to low income communities, Human Resources & Administration and Capacity Development.

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The two parties have established a standing committee made up of representation from the two utilities to oversee the successful implementation of this arrangement. The committee is co-chaired by the heads of both institutions.

The MoU which was signed by the Managing Director of GWCL and the Board Chair of GVWC, was signed as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> National WASH Conference of Sierra Leone, where the President, H.E. Julius Maada Bio delivered the keynote address.

Guma Valley Water Company (GVWC) was established in 1961 as a private entity, currently fully owned by the state, and has the primary responsibility for providing water services to Freetown and its environs in Sierra Leone with a population estimated at 1.5 million residents. GVWC, currently faces critical operational challenges including aging infrastructure, low revenues, and lack of significant investments for rehabilitation & expansion of its aged infrastructure. It also lacks resources to invest in its human capital which has posed serious drawbacks to its service delivery.

On the other hand, GWCL is a fully state-owned utility company responsible for potable water supply to all urban communities in Ghana. The GWCL has over the past few years undergone tremendous improvement in its performance, based essentially on internally driven reforms. Among its several asserts, GWCL has a Technical Training School which provides both residential and non-residential Vocational and Technical Training to its permanent employees, apprentices and other interested persons.



LEFT: BINTU MYERS, BOARD CHAIR OF GUMA VALLEY WATER COMPANY

RIGHT: ING. DR. CLIFFORD BRAIMAH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GHANA WATER COMPANY LIMITED