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### **GOVERNMENT MUST NOT HAND OVER PLANNED GHANA GAS SECOND GAS PROCESSING PLANT (GPP TRAIN 2)**

**Accra, Ghana – July 2026** – The Africa Sustainable Energy Centre (ASEC) raises a strong objection to any move by the Government of Ghana to hand over the planned second Gas Processing Plant (GPP Train 2) of the Ghana National Gas Company to a private entity. Handing over GPP Train 2 to the private sector would not merely be a commercial transaction but a severe, irreversible missed opportunity for the nation. Evaluating the matter through the lens of economic logic, national energy security, and structural alignment leads to one conclusion, the state must maintain absolute ownership of GPP Train 2.

#### **Why ASEC Does Not Support the Privatization of GPP Train 2**

1. It breaks the state's fuel supply structure. Under the current Tolling Agreement with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), the Government of Ghana assumed responsibility for supplying fuel for thermal power generation and established Ghana Gas as the exclusive national vehicle to harness, process, and distribute domestic gas.
2. It creates an unnecessary middleman. A private operator would prioritize maximizing profits, increasing power production costs and exposing the state to commercial risks while the government continues to bear the financial and structural liability.
3. Ghana Gas does not require privatization. Privatization is a remedial measure for heavily mismanaged, unprofitable, and structurally broken public institutions. Ghana Gas does not fit this description.
4. Ghana Gas has demonstrated its capability. The company has successfully managed the existing Atuabo Gas Processing Plant, substituted imported light crude oil with indigenous natural gas, and saved the nation billions of dollars.





5. Private sector participation should instead focus on ECG. ASEC has consistently advocated for private participation in the commercial operations of the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) because of its chronic multi-billion-cedi financial losses.

6. GPP Train 2 is a strategic national asset. Natural gas is the backbone of Ghana's industrialization drive. Retaining 100% ownership of GPP Train 2 ensures that gas processing remains aligned with national development timelines.

7. During periods of economic distress or currency fluctuations, a private operator could halt operations, demand tariff adjustments, or place commercial interests above national priorities.

ASEC therefore, emphasizes that beyond economic and legal considerations, natural gas remains central to Ghana's domestic electricity supply so should not go into private hands.

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