MANKOMEDA KASOA-BAWJIASE ROAD 18TH AUGUST, 2019

THE HEAD

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (E.P.A)

AWUTU SENYA WEST DISTRICT

CENTRAL REGION

Dear Sir,



LETTER OF COMPLAINT

I hereby write to make a solemn complain before your enviable office against the activities of Manbah Gas Filling Station located at Mankomeda on the Kasoa-Bawjiase road.

The activities of the Manbah Gas Filling Station has brought untold hardships to my family, ie: my mother, siblings and their children, my wife and children, and myself. In all we are about twelve (12) in number. The activities of Manbah Gas Company is threatening our lives day by day.

My family have been resident on our parcel of land bought through the toil and labour of my poor 67 years old mother and myself since the year 1999. All our means of subsistence has also been carefully and comfortably developed and natured around our residence until the year 2013 when the Manbah Gas Company started operations on the parcel of land right in front of our house.

When their structures were been raised I made effort to ascertain for myself what they might be used for, especially, seeing that the occupant might be a neighbour in the foreseeable future.

All I was told was that the building will be used to run a clinic. As the structures advanced the secrecy around the intended activities intensified. The neighbourhood woke up one morning only to discover that a large commercial gas tank has been installed through the midnight hours. It was from that time that the woes of my family started.

No consultation was made with my mother or myself, even though the gas facility shares just but a wall with our house. The distance between the commercial gas tank and our compound (with bedrooms and kitchens included) is less than 30feet. Only a wall separate the tank and our property.

As a law abiding citizen, and particularly, not knowing where to seek redress, I made a complain to the chief of Mankomeda but no good came out of it, as the society favours those with the wherewithal than the less privileged unless the mediator is God fearing.

My mother, who hitherto was hail and hearty has now become moody, isolated, scared, and has recently been diagn osed to have developed hypertension. This is to be expected because her nights are froth with nightmares. Her afternoon naps are also equally interfered with

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nightmarish dreams, considering the recent spate of gas explosions and related disasters which were freely aired on the airwaves for all to see.

My wife and children together with my siblings and their children are all showing threats of fear and depression because all Ghanaians saw the news of the gas and petrol station disasters on the news. Presently, the sound of a blast from a moving car tyre or any such sound leaves everybody in the house running out helter-skelter in fright from their rooms for their dear lives, adult and children alike, because of the location of the Manbah Gas dispensing business.

Again, the discharge of gas is always accompanied with serious air pollution for as many hours as it is done. This has brought about petty thoracic sicknesses to the entire household who were all healthy before the location and operations of the Manbah Gas business. We frequently suffer sickness like: sore throat, coughs, and breathing irregularities and abnormalities.

The family cannot cook freely with charcoal or firewood which are in free supply from my mother's farms unless we buy gas.

Besides all the above complains, the Manbah Gas Company has deliberately directed all their drainages into our compound, instead of into the government public drainage system which is just about 30 feet from their facility, as all businesses should do. This makes our property the recipient of all their drains. All attempts to make them address and correct the situation has fallen on deaf ears.

I hold all the above complains to be true and therefore humbly lay all at your office. I call on your competence and expertise to help resolve this matter.

I propose that your office should compel the Manbah Gas Company to the following:

- 1. Relocate to a more convenient location conducive for business
- 2. Foot all medical bills of the family on breathing and trauma related ailments.
- 3. Pay a compensation of fifty thousand Ghana cedis (Gh¢50,000.00) to the family for all that we have suffered as a result of their operations.

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- 1. Relocate my family and businesses to a more convenient place.
- 2. Fulfill all that is contained in proposal 2 and 3 above

I count on your enviable competence to expedite action in this matter in the shortest possible time, Sir.

Yours faithfully,

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