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Interview with Emmanuel D. Dorgbaa

Mr. Emmanuel David Dorgbaa is the Executive Secretary of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria Rivers/Bayelsa States Branch.

E-Newsletter: How has manufacturing fared in this region?

Dorgbaa: Manufacturing has fared better than before in this region because of the increased awareness created by the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria in the last few years. Although there is a general slow pace of business, which is not peculiar to the manufacturing sector, I feel strongly that there has been an improvement in the sector within the region. Before now, what was common place in the region were hotels and other businesses other than manufacturing but today you will observe that people are beginning that people are to put their funds into manufacturing activities more than before.

E-Newsletter: What can be done to encourage investors to go into manufacturing?

Dorgbaa: The first and most important thing to do to encour-



Emmanuel Dorgbaa

age investors is to create an enabling environment for the businesses to thrive within the region. The issue of multiple taxation is a menace to businesses and must be addressed. Secondly, incentives must be given by the State and Federal Governments to anyone setting up a manufacturing concern in the region. This is necessary because like I tell people in for a and other interview sessions, the manufacturing sector has a long value chain which is capable of creating employment for teeming youths. Thirdly, the government must deliberately create a buffer to aid manufacturers with access to facilities at single digit interest rate for importation of inputs like raw materials and equipment. Also, the issue of access to forex must be addressed so as to encourage quick lead time in the procurement and manufacturing process. Fourthly, the government, both at Federal and State levels, must make deliberate policies to buy made in Nigeria because the government for now is the highest spender in Nigeria. This will also dovetail to the Nigerian public. I am positive that when these four items are attended, investment in the manufacturing sector will increase tremendously in the country.

E-Newsletter: Thank you sir.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting / Technical Evening held on Thursday 30th June 2016 at the Branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE (middle). In attendance were the Rivers State Commissioner of Water Resources & Rural Development Hon. Chief Ibibia O'Walter (left) and Mrs. Victoria Allison (right).



Fellows and Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch during the Branch General Meeting / Technical Evening held on Thursday 30th June 2016 at the Branch secretariat.



Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE, making a presentation titled “THE MAKING OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER” during the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting / Technical Evening held on Thursday 30th June 2016 at the Branch secretariat.



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