

NSE Embraces Dorman Long Engineering for Capacity Building and Collaboration

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From left; President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE Presents a Plaque to the Managing Director of Dorman Long Engineering Limited, Engr. Chris Ijeli, MNSE

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has officially welcomed a proposal from Dorman Long Engineering Limited aimed at fostering collaborations in capacity building and enhancing networking opportunities to strengthen engineering activities within the country. Dorman Long Engineering, which has significant interests in the oil and gas sector and related industries, is seeking to cultivate closer ties with the NSE as part of a strategic initiative to increase its visibility and establish a recognised identity within Nigeria's engineering community.

This partnership is expected to facilitate knowledge sharing, skills development, and the exchange of best practices among engineering professionals,

President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE, the Managing Director of Dorman Long Engineering Limited, Engr. Chris Ijeli, MNSE, stated, "Our purpose here is to pay a courtesy call and bring Dorman Long Engineering Limited closer to the Nigerian Society of Engineers. While we have undertaken significant engineering projects, we recognise that we have not been closely associated with the engineering community, the Nigerian Society of Engineers. We've accomplished numerous projects, including the Niger Bridge and various oil and gas initiatives, which are noteworthy. However, we believe it's essential to connect these achievements to the engineering sector to foster articulated programmes that will further promote and embed engineering practices within Nigeria."

ultimately contributing to the advancement of the sector. Both organisations recognise the importance of building a robust engineering workforce to meet the challenges facing Nigeria's infrastructure and development needs. Through this collaboration, they hope to enhance professional standards, promote innovation, and support the growth of engineering initiatives across the country.

Speaking, Friday, January 17, 2025, at the National Engineering Centre (NEC) Headquarters in Abuja, during a courtesy visit to the



Engr. Oguntala

Engr. Ijeli

Engr. Ijeli highlighted that Dorman Long desires a more meaningful relationship with the Nigerian Society of Engineers that extends beyond fabrication and construction to research and development. He emphasised the importance of investing in the development of Nigeria's engineering capacity, which Dorman Long aims to achieve by building collaboration and training Younger Engineers. The Managing Director expressed Dorman Long's willingness to support the education and development of Young Engineers through internships, hands-on training, and institutional partnerships through NSE.

Engr. Ijeli recounted a challenge from a client to build the tallest Christmas Tree in Africa within a stringent 52-day timeline, which they successfully completed. He stressed that as a pioneering engineering firm in Nigeria, Dorman Long recognises the need to give back to the community and invest in the future of engineering in Nigeria. Engr. Ijeli concluded by inviting cooperation and collaboration between Dorman Long and the Nigerian Society of Engineers to tackle the various facets of engineering and drive Nigeria's progress forward. The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE, expressed her support for the initiative proposed by the Managing Director of Dorman Long Engineering Limited. She noted that this collaboration could serve as a cornerstone for strengthening the relationship which has spanned over a decade. Engr. Oguntala emphasised the importance of fostering such partnerships to advance engineering practice and contribute to the development of the industry in Nigeria. According to the NSE President, "In 2014, it was during the tenure of Engr. Ademola I. Olorunfemi, FNSE as President

of NSE and I was a Vice President then, we paid a courtesy call on the Management of Dorman Long Engineering Limited in Lagos. It was more of an industrial visit actually, that's about 11 years ago. Now, of course, we are building on that relationship that started in 2014; we are bringing it forward to today, January 17, 2025. We are indeed very delighted that you are here today. When I was told you were coming, I told the Deputy President to also be on standby and the entire management of NSE, to receive you and your team. That shows the high esteem we accord you and the company because we know the track record of Dorman Long Engineering. Some of us started hearing about Dorman Long Engineering for many years before we even became Engineers. Dorman Long Engineering is synonymous with Nigeria, that's why we are happy to have you here".

The President disclosed the ongoing plans by the Nigerian Society of Engineers to establish practicals workshop. The workshop, according to her, will have advanced equipment that will provide valuable internship opportunities for engineering students for practical knowledge. Additionally, it will serve as a platform for young engineering graduates to hone their skills. Dorman Long Engineering Limited expressed willingness to fully support in the establishment of the workshop, highlighting a collaborative effort to boosting practical knowledge.

The President noted that the request from Dorman Long Engineering Limited aligns seamlessly with the aims and objectives of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. She emphasised that NSE is committed to enhancing the professional capacity and overall wellbeing of Nigerian Engineers. Thus, the area of collaboration being explored is not only appropriate but also feasible.



Middle Engr. Oguntala flanked on her right hand by the Deputy President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Ali A. Rabi, FNSE, FAEng, MFR and on her left by Engr. Ijeli



3rd from left; President of NSE, Engr. Margaret Aina Oguntala, FNSE, flanked on her immediate left by Deputy President of NSE, Engr. Ali A. Rabi, FNSE, FAEng, MFR. On the President's immediate right is the Managing Director of Dorman Long Engineering Limited, Engr. Chris Ijeli, MNSE, 1st left is CEO of ENSOL Inc. Korea, Kim Chul and 1st right is the CEO of Harconi Nigeria, Fabio Del Clappo



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