

NDEP APPOINTS MS. PATRICIA SIMON-HART AS AN INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Niger Delta Exploration & Production Plc (NDEP) has appointed Ms. Patricia Simon-Hart to the NDEP Board as an Independent Director.

The appointment, effective from the 4th of November 2022, is in continuation of the Company's ongoing, forward-looking preparations for the new challenges of growth and transformation as the emerging leading African energy Company.

Ms. Simon Hart has a Master's in Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard, Kennedy School of Government, a bachelor's degree in Mathematics/Computer Science & Statistics, from the University of Port Harcourt, and is an alumnus of London Business School.

Ms. Simon-Hart brings over 30 years of experience in Management, Public Policy and Administration to the NDEP Board and has a varied career spanning oil and gas, ICT, water and also public service. She is the founder and Managing Director of Afrac Limited, an ISO 9001:2015 certified oil and gas service company that has been in operation for over 25 years. She is on the Executive Board of the Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN), a Council member for WEConnect International, and a member of the Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board's (NCDMB's) Nigerian Content Consultative Forum (NCCF), Sectoral Working Group (SWG) for Diversity.

Ms. Simon-Hart is also a co-founder and the Vice President (Upstream) of Women in Energy Network (WEIN), an organisation established in 2020 to provide a platform for Women that work across the energy industry value chain to network, build confidence and progress their careers and businesses.

Additionally, Ms Simon-Hart has served the Government of Rivers State through her appointment as Commissioner for Water Resources and Rural Development between 2009-2015. She was later engaged as a Consultant of Industrial Economics, Incorporated (USA), appointed to the World Bank/United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)/ African Union Commission (AUC). While in this role, she worked on



the Project and Conceptual Framework for the development of the African Climate Resilient Investment Facility, including the development of guidelines, provision of training, delivery of on-demand advisory services, and rendering assistance to AU member countries to attract Climate Finance.

NDEP Chairman, Mr. Ladi Jadesimi said, 'The in-depth industry knowledge and extensive experience of Ms Simon-Hart make her an excellent addition to the NDEP Board. As an Independent Director, she will provide expert and impartial opinions, that will further enhance the effectiveness of the NDEP Plc Board.'

Mr. 'Gbite Falade, CEO/MD, NDEP, stated that 'As our Company continues on its growth and transformation agenda, the appointment of Ms. Simon-Hart is another laudable step in broadening our organisation capacity, while deepening inclusivity and diversity. NDEP remains on course for increased value creation to the benefit of all stakeholders.'

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Notes to Editors

Niger Delta Exploration & Production Plc (NDEP) is Nigeria's foremost Independent integrated Energy Company. Incorporated on March 25, 1992 (as the Midas Drilling Fund) it assumed its current name in November 1996. NDEP was founded with the premise of giving all Nigerians access to the oil and gas sector, with a vision of a truly indigenous public oil Company.

From these beginnings, NDEP has grown into a fully integrated energy Group, with interests in multiple oil and gas assets, and its business spanning the upstream, midstream, and down value chain of the oil and gas industry.

NDEP Vision: To be the leading African company delivering sustainable energy solutions that supports economic growth.