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Sh75 billion Lake Turkana Wind Power project case adjourned to January 2015

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Nicholas Taylor, said the communities from the project area had given them support and attached a copy of a document the communities signed and gave to Wangira Okoba and Company Advocate of Nairobi last June 16.

“The local communities have instructed the firm of Kiprop and Company Advocates to come on record for them as interested parties,” said Mr Taylor in his sworn affidavit.

The respondent also said the pastoralists’ movement with the livestock will not be affected as the project area will not be fenced.

It details the benefit of the mega project that will feed into the national grid additional 300 megawatt adding that it is one of the flagship projects under the country’s Vision 2030.

“It (the project) will have an immense significance for Kenya as a whole, constituting the single largest investment. The first respondent has already paid over Sh 1 billion in taxes in Kenya towards the project,” reads part of the defense.



The firm also says it will undertake a 204 km of road rehabilitation in Laisamis Constituency.

The project is Africa’s largest wind farm and the single biggest investment by a private investor in the country.

The consortium, in its project disclosure document says; “the commercially financed Sh 75 billion investment will produce power that will be purchased by the utility Kenya Power over a 25 year period. During the construction up to 900 jobs will be created followed by 150 full time jobs”.



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According to the same document, the footprint of the wind farm will comprise 40, 000 acres (162 sq km). Of this area, 365 wind turbines will occupy 23 acres, the switch yard will occupy about 40 acres and the village including workshop will sit on a 25 acre land.

It aims to provide 300 MW of reliable, low cost wind energy to the national grid, equivalent to over 20 per cent of the current installed electricity generating capacity.

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