

## Ghana tesla solar roof

The Minister of State at the Ministry of Energy, Herbert Krapa, has commissioned Africa's single-largest rooftop photovoltaic solar plant that produces 16.8 megawatts of electricity at the Tema Free Zones Enclave.

Mr Krapa who was spotted wearing protective gear, climbed the three-storey-high rooftop to inspect the panels and also turned on the switch for the \$17 million which covers the project to commence the provision of electricity.

He commended the owners of Helios Solar Energy, a subsidiary of LMI Holdings putting the project together and helping the government achieve its overall target of increasing renewable energy in the provision of electricity.

It was financed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group and covers an area of 100,000 square metres. The construction, connection and installation of the entire project were executed by Ghanaian engineers and technicians.

Owned by it is owned by Helios Solar Energy, a subsidiary of LMI Holdings, the panels are mounted on the roof of Mega Warehouse The construction, connection and installation of the entire project were executed by Ghanaian engineers and technicians.

Mr Krapa gave the assurance that the government would continue to provide the enabling environment and policies for more private sector provision of renewable energy.

It was significant because it underscored the power of the private sector to contribute to the government's agenda in bringing growth, prosperity and development to the people and that apart from enhancing the electricity supply, it would lead to the reduction of CO2 emissions.

Mr Krapa said the project signifies a clear indication that there were more private sector players across the globe who are interested in helping the government to meet its target.

These players, he added, would take a cue from the private sector and reach out and partner government to ensure that together we are able to achieve that vision.

Mr Krapa indicated that the project was also very important for the socio-economic impact that it has on the economy, noting that "By this project, you are creating greener and sustainable jobs for our people and helping us to meet our nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement."

He indicated that the project was also helping to introduce skills and technology to the young engineers whom



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they have trained as part of the development and maintenance and that its rippling effect on the development of the solar energy industry in Ghana was enormous.

He added that it would also contribute significantly to helping improve the standard of living of the people and that the "government is also very equally proud of you for that contribution."

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