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Exploration and production activities started to move towards the deeper water blocks in the north westerly direction of the Niger Delta in recent years. The **Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL)** and its management company **LADOL Integrated Logistics Free Zone Enterprise (LiLE)** was conceived by Nigerian entrepreneurs in response to this development.

LADOL is the first and only operational custom built deep offshore oil and gas logistics base in Lagos. LADOL's investors have funded the initial construction of LADOL. This initial phase was designed, built and completed without any contractual commitments from customers, thus demonstrating the commitment of LADOL's investors and management to the provision of logistics support services in Lagos.

For the blocks in close vicinity, Lagos is the ideal venue to support offshore projects:

- 24 hour port access
- Short distance from fairway buoy (the first quay on entering the Lagos harbour)
- No tide restrictions
- Secure environment
- International airport
- Cosmopolitan city with good hotels, schools, accommodation
- Easy access to Nigeria's pre-eminent commercial and industrial centre
- Substantial pool of skilled and casual labour

All oil and gas related projects can be supported from LADOL, including:

- Exploration drilling
- Appraisal drilling
- Production drilling
- Subsea projects
- Fabrication

LADOL operates on a 24/7 basis and has Free Zone Officers and Customs Officers dedicated to and present on the Base.

LiLE is the ideal Local Content Partner as it is a wholly Nigerian owned company that has the support of NNPC and other government organizations that are focused on increasing local content in the Nigerian oil and gas sector.

The following is the status of the development in LADOL Free Zone where business already started during October 2006:

- Free zone status
- ISPS (International Ship and Port Security Code) certified facility
- 200m quay wall with 8.5m draft at LAT
- Covered storage in 2,000m<sup>2</sup> warehouse
- 7,000m<sup>2</sup> plus hard standing
- Extensive lay down areas
- Water Treatment Plant (with 1,000m<sup>3</sup> ground storage tanks, delivering straight to the quay)
- Offices with internet access
- Catering
- Security: Outsourcing Services Limited (part of G4 Group)
- Clinic Services: Hygeia Healthcare
- Ferry Services for personnel transport
- Crane, forklift and truck rental
- Containers, skips and lifting gear
- Welding and sea fastening services
- Waste disposal
- Fuel bunkering.

LiLE's management team has grown with the Base. They have a long experience in global and local oil and gas exploration and production, particularly in the logistics support to these types of operations and projects as well in infrastructure development.

Although further development of major infrastructure will largely be driven by clients' requirements and will be custom built for them, LADOL is continually updating its Development Plan and will be adding the following additional infrastructure during 2008/9:

- 3,600m<sup>2</sup> warehousing; completion end of 2008
- Accommodation for 96 people complete with a restaurant, laundry, gym and swimming pool; completion October 2008
- Offices for over 100 people; completion October 2008
- 70m quay for small vessels
- Access control facilities
- Slip ramp
- Diesel bulk storage tanks for vessels bunkering

- A helipad/heliport
- Planning will start for the next quay (min 150m) with an estimated draft of 10m

The location of LADOL offers the following advantages to its clients:

- Fast turn around time. One stop shop services
- Calm waters in port, not subject to swell or limited by tidal variation
- Secure location
- Ample land available to clients wishing to establish in a free zone
- Within easy reach to provide services to neighbouring countries; could become a hub for West Africa, to the west of the Niger Delta

The development has taken place entirely as a private sector initiative. Operators and businesses wishing to make use of LADOL for support to their exploration and production projects close to Lagos can expect very significant cost savings.

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