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Dubai, United Arab Emirates, June 13, 2023: Kia Corporation's official distributor in Ghana "Rana Motors" has officially launched its state-of-the-art assembly plant in Ghana, marking a significant milestone in the company's expansion strategy in the African continent. Focused on Western Africa, this strategic move positions Kia as a key player in the region's automotive industry.

The launch event took place on May 2nd and was attended by H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi, Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry of Ghana, Hon. Henry Quartey, Regional Minister of Ghana, and other key leaders from the country.

In collaboration with its esteemed partner - Rana Motors - Kia's assembly plant in Amasaman, Ghana is a testament to the strong partnership between Korea and Ghana, combining Korean Engineering Technology with Ghanaian dedication, capabilities, and passion. The facility, equipped with the latest technology and staffed by a highly skilled team of engineers and technicians, meets Kia's rigorous international standards to deliver only the highest quality vehicles to African consumers.

Yaser Shabsogh, Chief Operating Officer, Regional HQ, Middle East & Africa, Kia stated: "This facility not only addresses the present needs of Ghanaian customers but also proactively anticipates their future requirements. Our goal is to fulfill the demands not only within Ghana but potentially also across West Africa. We are excited about the opportunities that this expansion will bring."

In line with the brand's vision to become a sustainable mobility solutions provider, the assembly plant addresses critical global challenges such as water shortage and energy consumption. Kia and Rana Motors have implemented a sustainable water approach featuring a stormwater harvesting system, enabling the capture and reuse of water runoff for daily factory operations.

Furthermore, the factory's sustainable energy approach includes natural light, ventilation systems, and heat insulation to reduce energy consumption. In the project's next phase, solar panels will be installed on the factory roof, enabling the facility to generate its energy sustainably, covering all its energy consumption.

Currently, six Kia models are being produced - Kia Cerato, Kia K5, Kia Sonet, Kia Seltos, Kia Sportage, and Kia Sorento - and this portfolio will expand to ten models soon including the K2700, K3000, Carens, and Picanto. With the introduction of the largest regional assembly plant, Kia and Rana Motors have solidified their position as one of the world's leading vehicle manufacturers.

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Ener-G-Africa (EGA), an African company tackling the challenges of climate change through research, development and the manufacturing of clean energy products, today officially launched its 15MW per annum women-led solar panel assembly plant in Cape Town.

In a statement, the company says the \$1.5 million (R26 million), 800m2 plant is manufacturing solar panels for use with advanced biomass stoves, as well as for the regional African market and overseas exports.

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