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MUNICH, Germany and ACCRA, Ghana, May 23, 2017 /PRNewswire/ --The Regional Maritime University (RMU) has chosen REDAVIA, a global market leader of cost-effective rental solar power for businesses and communities, to implement a state-of-the-art solution supplementing the existing power grid and reducing the dependency on diesel generators. This win marks a major milestone for REDAVIA entering Ghana as the first of its West African markets.

The seven year contract consists of five containers to be manufactured and commissioned by REDAVIA within the next few months. Each container will deliver 87 kWp and comes as a pre-configured, pre-assembled and fully operational solar farm in an easy to deploy ground-mounted, tent-shaped structure. It will connect into the existing energy infrastructure that currently consists of the national grid and supporting diesel generators.

"We have been dependent on diesel generators to supplement an on-grid connection for our campus and this has doubled the cost of electricity tariffs, putting significant strain on our utility budget," said Prof. Elvis K. Nyarko, Vice Chancellor of RMU. "We have now turned to REDAVIA rental solar power to help reduce the cost of the electricity tariffs and provide the best possible university setting for our students at an affordable cost."

Over and beyond the solar farm implementation, REDAVIA will also support the introduction and establishment of a new educational track around renewable energy, by setting up a Renewable Energy Institute in collaboration with the RMU in Ghana. REDAVIA's involvement will see ongoing knowledge transfer and staff support to help build the curriculum and practice lab with the aim to educate and prepare African students for engineering jobs in this sector, ensuring an ongoing sustainable development in Ghana.

"REDAVIA's decision to enter the Ghanaian market is based on an ambitious strategy and vision of long-term involvement in the country with the aim to open a local office, hire a local team and transfer German knowledge and technology to Ghana," said Erwin Spolders, CEO at REDAVIA.

Following the initial deployment, the RMU is planning to add energy storage and additional solar containers to their energy mix - now easily scalable - with the aim to become fully grid-independent in the not so distant future. Also, RMU will use the solar farm as a best practice example for other organizations, both within Ghana and within the global World Maritime University structure.

REDAVIA offers rental solar power for businesses and communities - with a regional focus on East and West Africa. The REDAVIA system is based on a pre-configured container model, including high-performance solar modules and high-quality electrical components. It is easy to ship, set up, scale and redeploy. Businesses and communities benefit from a cost-effective clean energy solution without the need for upfront investment



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or technical skills, supporting the reduction of carbon emissions and increasing the impact on a sustainable society.

The 12th Congregation of Regional Maritime University, for the accolade of Degrees and Diploma as well as prizes to outstanding students and staffs was held on Saturday, 9th June, 2018, at 9:00 am at the University's parade ground. A total of three hundred and thirteen (313) students graduated, made up of 246 undergraduate and 67 Diploma students.

The Ceremony began with the academic procession of dignitaries and Staff. Present at the ceremony was the Chancellor and Board Chairman Hon. Dr. James F. Kollie who for the first time was presiding over the graduation after assuming office.

On the University's 60th Anniversary Celebration, he extended an invitation to all alumni and the general public to the year-long celebration from June, 2018 to June 2019. Activities lined up to commemorate the 60th Anniversary include Public Lectures, Alumni Homecoming, Award of Honorary Doctorate degrees, Job Fairs and a Grand Durbar.

The Vice Provost of Shanghai Maritime University (SMU), China, Prof. A Yan, on the occasion of the 12th congregation, applauded all graduands for successfully completing their courses of study. To the BLM (B.Sc. Logistics Management) students, she counselled them to carry on the knowledge acquired from SMU and make use of that in their world of work.

The inauguration of the REDAVIA, a German Solar Power manufacturer, in partnership with RMU, came off immediately after 20th Congregation Ceremony. This initiative is expected to cut down significantly the energy bill of the University which currently stands at least US\$50,000 per month.

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