

SAHARA CLARIFIES REPORTS BY THE ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION REPORTING PROJECT (OCCRP) IN SOUTH SUDAN

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Our attention has been drawn to a misleading and unfounded article published by the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) alleging the involvement of Sahara Energy in questionable transactions in South Sudan.

Please see link below:

[Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project - OCCRP](#)

Sahara Group and Sahara Energy would like to state for the record that the article is utterly false and fabricated as Sahara Energy has never been involved with any of the mentioned companies, including but not limited to Chiang Wei Ltd, BB Energy, and Glencore in South Sudan.

We further affirm that we neither have any business relationship nor association with any of these entities.

We also unequivocally state that we have never paid any facilitation or arrangement fees to any individual or organisation for enabling prepayment agreements as described in the article.

This allegation is completely baseless and at variance with our unwavering dedication to the ideals of transparency and integrity in business as evidenced by our collaboration with the World Economic Forum's Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI).

Sahara Energy remains active on the African continent where it commenced business operations in 1996 and expanded its Eastern African footprint to the Republic South Sudan in 2018.

Sahara continues to trade with South Sudan under the mandate of the Ministry of Petroleum and Ministry of Finance & Planning. At the request of the Ministry, Sahara has offered various customary payment instruments including a credit facility for Crude Oil back stopped by a sovereign guarantee from the Bank of South Sudan.

Sahara undertakes its business in South Sudan transparently and participated in full cooperation/compliance of an inquiry by the United Nations Panel of Experts appointed to monitor the extraction and trade of the Government of South in 2018 and 2020.

Sahara Energy was not found wanting in any aspect of its operations in South Sudan by the UN instituted panel of inquiry.

For over 26 years, Sahara has consistently operated as a foremost energy conglomerate committed to bringing energy to life responsibly.. We are proud of what we have achieved and continue to work with regional and global institutions to advance the frontiers of access to energy and sustainable development in Africa.

