

## Karpowership

# Karpower responds to 'heavy pollution' allegations by Tema residents

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The residents of Tema on Friday threatened to hit the streets if the Karpowership is not relocated from the area due to the high levels of air pollution being caused by its operations.

The MP for the area, Titus Glover also threatened to haul all regulatory bodies in charge of curbing the situation to court if nothing is done to control the levels of pollution in the area.





Titus Glover

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Below is the statement released by Karpower in response to the accusations:

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**Karpowership's operations are environmentally friendly**

*Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2016: News reports about complaints of alleged pollution by Karpower's power barge have come to our attention.*

*Karpowership Ghana Limited is a highly reliable organization that takes the safety of persons in the community in which it operates very seriously. We strictly adhere to environmental standards and are committed to protecting the environment we operate in. The carefully selected fuel type and the performance of our engines result in higher efficiency and minimal environmental impact.*

*We continuously and regularly monitor our emissions to ensure we adhere to all EPA and international standards to which we are bound.*

*Karpowership developed Powership Project to compensate increasing energy needs of countries from the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Powerships, provide fast and low-cost energy to meet countries' short-term requirements. By connecting to the country's energy network, Powerships transmit generated energy to all around the country.*

*Powerships are constructed and operated through environmentally and socially*



Corporation) also covering requirements of ISO 14001.

*Karpowership employs a dedicated design and engineering team consisting of experienced sector pioneers to ensure cutting edge technological developments are incorporated in its Powerships. In accordance with that, the suppliers who are superior in technical and environmental performance and standards are preferred among the bidders as a general practice of Karpowership.*

*As part of its environmental policy, Karpowership encourages and guarantees that highest attention is paid to the allocation of all necessary resources and the use of latest technology, in order to ensure a healthy, environmental friendly, socially acceptable and energy efficient working atmosphere.*

*As part of the environmental obligation, our environmental management process has consistently engaged our stakeholder groups in the community – the fishermen (Tema New*

*Town Fishermen Association) and the fishmongers (Tema Manhean Fishmongers and Smokers Association). The purpose of such engagements is to inform them of Karpower's operations and to learn their concerns. The issue of smoke pollution has not come up.*

*As a socially responsible company committed to maintaining a harmonious relationship with the community; Karpowership will investigate the allegation as part of our grievance management mechanism.*

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