

CASE STUDY 002 | Expediting a complex EIA Application for a Maritime Project in Nigeria

Client: Confidential

Project Delivery Timeline: < 100 days

Challenge

Carrying out a successful Environmental Impact Assessment (“**EIA**”) is a statutory requirement for the construction of large infrastructure projects in Nigeria. An indigenous marine services operator (“the **client**”) in Nigeria applied for an EIA Certificate from the Federal Ministry of Environment (“the **Ministry**”) in respect of a terminal they are constructing in the country.

For various considerations including evidence of compliance with extant regulations in order to raise finance, the client required GRA’s assistance to expedite the approval of their application, which was significantly hampered by the activities of a hostile host community. The process entailed government relations, stakeholder management, CSR development and tactical community engagement.

Approach

In order to execute the project, GRA leveraged our extensive network to carry out Government Relations and Community Engagement; in this case, with key stakeholders in the host local government and community leadership structure, as well as Ministry officials.

We designed a Corporate Social Responsibility (“**CSR**”) plan for the client that centres around education, human capital, and infrastructure development, all ultimately to the economic and social benefit of the community. With the above and the other advantages of the project, we devised an elevator pitch that succinctly outlined the benefits of the project to all stakeholders.

GRA also developed the client’s policies on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Waste Management, Emergency Response, Health and Safety, and other policies prescribed by the regulatory authorities.

Result

After a successfully adjudged technical review and impact mitigation monitoring exercise by the Federal Ministry of Environment and its sub-national counterparts, GRA was able to secure EIA Approval and Certification in less than 100 days.

Testimonial

“We were delighted with GRA’s services. They were able to navigate complex stakeholders in a professional and transparent manner. We would highly recommend their services.” - CEO