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WASCO TRAINS AND EQUIPS 125 TANZANIANS UNDER EACOP COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Graduates Receive Trade-Specific Starter Kits to Jumpstart Their Careers and Contribute to Local Development.

SOJO VILLAGE, TANZANIA, 21 October 2025 — Wasco Energy, through its wholly owned subsidiary Wasco ISOAF, has trained 125 young Tanzanians in technical and vocational disciplines as part of its community development efforts in regions along the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (“EACOP”) corridor. The initiative reflects the company’s ongoing commitment to building local capability and supporting Tanzania’s broader workforce development goals.

The training was conducted in partnership with the Vocational Education and Training Authority (“VETA”) Tabora, and aligns with EACOP’s local content framework. It complements Wasco ISOAF’s operations at the Sojo thermal insulation and coating plant (“TIS”), which applies polyurethane foam insulation and corrosion protection to pipeline joints before they are deployed along the 1,443-kilometre corridor linking Kabaale, Uganda, and Chongoleani, Tanga, Tanzania.

From May to October 2025, trainees completed both classroom and hands-on modules in Electrical Installation, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Welding and Fabrication, Masonry/Bricklaying, and Handloom Weaving. The group comprised 98 men and 27 women aged between 15 and 25 years, mainly from Igusule and Isagehe villages near the Sojo site. The training was led by VETA-certified instructors.

“True project success lies in collaboration and knowledge transfer,” said **Gary Deason, Project Director of Wasco ISOAF**. “Through partnership with EACOP and VETA Tabora, we have equipped 125 young Tanzanians with the technical skills and work discipline that will serve them beyond this project.”

The graduation ceremony at Igusule Primary School was jointly organised by Wasco ISOAF, EACOP Ltd, and VETA Tabora, with participation from EWURA, the Nzega District Council, and local community representatives. The event was officiated by Mr. Mohamed Omari Sume, who represented the District Executive Director (“DED”) as the Guest of Honour.

Remarks were delivered by Adonis Kimbembe, TIS Package Manager of EACOP Ltd; Gary Deason, Project Director of Wasco ISOAF; Yahya H. Mlyomi, Acting Principal of VETA Tabora; Martha Makoi, Local Content Manager of EACOP Ltd; and Jafari Mbaye, Local Content Manager of Wasco ISOAF.

The ceremony also featured student testimonials and the presentation of certificates of completion to the graduates.

As part of its continued support, Wasco ISOAF will provide each graduate with a trade-specific starter kit, including essential tools such as welding masks, pliers, multimeters, masonry trowels, and handloom materials, to help them put their training into practice and start building their livelihoods.

“This achievement goes beyond training; it represents empowerment for the young people of Igusule, Isagehe, and surrounding communities,” said **Jafari Mbaye, Local Content Manager of Wasco ISOAF**. “With these starter kits, our graduates are ready to apply their new skills, contribute to their communities, and shape their own futures.”

Extending the Impact: Strengthening Local Content and Community Growth

Wasco ISOAF has reaffirmed its strong commitment to empowering local communities through education, skills development, and economic participation. Just a day after celebrating the graduation of 124 students sponsored under its scholarship programme at VETA Tabora, the company continues to make remarkable progress in advancing local content in Tanzania. To date, 70 additional students are pursuing training at VETA Chato, while 13 interns have completed their attachments at the TIS Plant, most of whom have since joined the organisation full-time. More than 10 local employees have also advanced into senior roles previously held by expatriates, demonstrating their dedication to mentorship and career growth.

Wasco ISOAF’s investment in capacity building extends beyond its workforce. Over 100 hours of training have been delivered to local vendors under the Industry Enhancement and Capacity (“IEC”) programme, while six university and college professors underwent a seven-week Train-the-Trainer programme at the TIS Plant to strengthen local academic–industry collaboration.

Empowering Communities through the Maendeleo Programme

Through its Maendeleo Programme, implemented as part of ongoing corporate social responsibility initiatives, Wasco ISOAF has completed Phase I, which included the construction of two classroom blocks in Selemi Village and a village office building in Ilalo Village, along with various road safety initiatives. Phase II, now underway and scheduled for completion this year, is delivering six additional classroom blocks in Buduba, Ngogoto, and Mwanziru villages, as well as toilet blocks for male and female students in Igusule primary and secondary schools.

To date, Wasco ISOAF has spent over USD 80 million on local procurement of goods and services, demonstrating its commitment to ensuring that Tanzanian businesses and communities benefit directly from the EACOP Project.

Across Uganda and Tanzania, the EACOP project has generated more than 10,000 jobs, with about 45 percent of contracts awarded to local enterprises. The TIS plant, which is owned and operated by Wasco ISOAF, is responsible for insulating approximately 86,000 pipeline joints and processes up to 110 kilometres of coated pipe per month at full capacity.

“At Wasco, we believe that building capacity is as vital as building infrastructure,” commented **Shan Karupiah, Chief Executive Officer of Wasco Energy**. “Our participation in projects like EACOP reflects our commitment to developing local talent and contributing to the long-term growth of the communities where we operate.”

With operations in 14 countries, Wasco continues to deliver infrastructure solutions that combine technical excellence with local value creation. The Sojo initiative reflects the Group’s belief that sustainable progress is achieved when technology and human development grow together.

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