**ENI response regarding oil spills in Bayelsa state, Nigeria**7 December 2015

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited ENI to respond to the following items:

         [“Panic In Bayelsa Over Multiple Agip Pipeline Oil Spill”](http://leadership.ng/news/473346/panic-in-bayelsa-over-multiple-agip-pipeline-oil-spill), *Leadership,* 10 Nov 2015

         [“Reps want Agip Oil to contain spill in Bayelsa”](http://www.news24.com.ng/National/News/reps-want-agip-oil-to-contain-spill-in-bayelsa-20151112), *News24 Nigeria,* 12 Nov 2015

         [“Bayelsa issues ultimatum to Agip to clean up over 1,000 spill sites”](http://www.premiumtimesng.com/business/oil-and-gas/190443-bayelsa-issues-ultimatum-to-agip-to-clean-up-over-1000-spill-sites.html), *Premium Times*, 22 Sep 2015

         [“Again, Agip oil spill devastates Bayelsa communities”](http://sweetcrudereports.com/2015/07/27/again-agip-oil-spill-devastates-bayelsa-communities/), *Sweet Crude Reports*, 27 July 2015

In response, ENI sent the following statement:

1. Regarding the Spill occurred in Kalaba/Ayamabele and Akumoni, Yenagoa Local Government, Bayelsa, mentioned by “Leadership” newspaper:

*As soon as we received the information of suspected spill along Taylor Creek  2 flowline on 08/11/2015, between Kalaba, Ayamabele and Akumoni communities, all the wells in NAOC Taylor Creek field (Taylor creek well 2 and Taylor Creek 1) have been closed, while proceeding to identify the source of the leakage and provide information to the Regulatory Agencies. A Joint Investigation Visit to the spill locations, with representatives of NAOC, DPR, NOSDRA, Bayelsa State Ministry of Environment and affected communities, was carried on the 11th of November. The inspection outcomes had shown that the cause of the spill was due to sabotage. This area has been continuously affected by persistent sabotage to oil installations. NAOC has no record of debts owed to NAOC’s clean up contractors in this area as alleged.*

1. Regarding the Spill which refers the article of “Sweet crude report” of July 27th, 2015:

*The spill along 14” Ogboinbiri/Tebidaba pipeline at Okpotuwari was reported on 19/07/2015. The usual JIV intervention with the local authorities could not be carried out due to security constrain while the facility was immediately shut-in by the company as a containment measure since information was received. The company while informing promptly the authorities has continued to engage the community to allow the team access to the site. As access was granted on 21/07/15 when the JIV/repair team has mobilized to the site. The intervention was foreseen to be concluded the following day, however, prior to re-enter at the site location on 22/07/2015 the spill site had been set ablaze by unknown persons. Further efforts to mobilize to the site was again hampered by the communities on 23/7/2015. The JIV was finally carried out on the 24/07/2015 & 25/07/2015 and cause of spill was ascertained to be a leak from a clamp used to repair a previews leak spot and categorized as “equipment failure”. The volume of oil spilled was estimated at 100 barrels, for which appropriate cleanup has been already carried over.*

1. Regarding the “news24nigeria” article*, NAOC periodically reports oil spills data and statistic on* [*www.naocsustainability.com*](http://www.naocsustainability.com) *website.*
2. Regarding the “premium times” article*, concerning those events occurred in 2014, NAOC has carried cleaned-up jobs in all those sites. At the date, clean-up jobs have been carried for more than 92% of the sites of spill reported in 2015 where necessary.*