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Introduction



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Establishment and Mandate of the Ministry

- ❑ The Ministry of Railway Development was established in February, 2017 following the re-alignment of the Transport Sector Ministries.
- ❑ The Ministry has been tasked with the responsibility of ensuring the rapid development of a modern rail network and associated infrastructure in Ghana.
- ❑ The Ministry is therefore mandated to develop and formulate appropriate policies, plans and programmes to guide the development of the rail transport sector for the movement of passengers and goods, facilitate trade, industrial development and stimulate economic growth.



State of Railway Infrastructure Development and Service Provision



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Railway Master Plan

- The Ghana Railway Master Plan has been revised (2020) to serve as a guide for the fulfilment of the Ministry's mandate to systematically modernize and expand the railway network in the country.
- The Master Plan links major cities along several corridors with connection to all regional capitals.
- It also connects existing and potential mineral deposits to the two major sea Ports, as well as, the proposed Keta Port.



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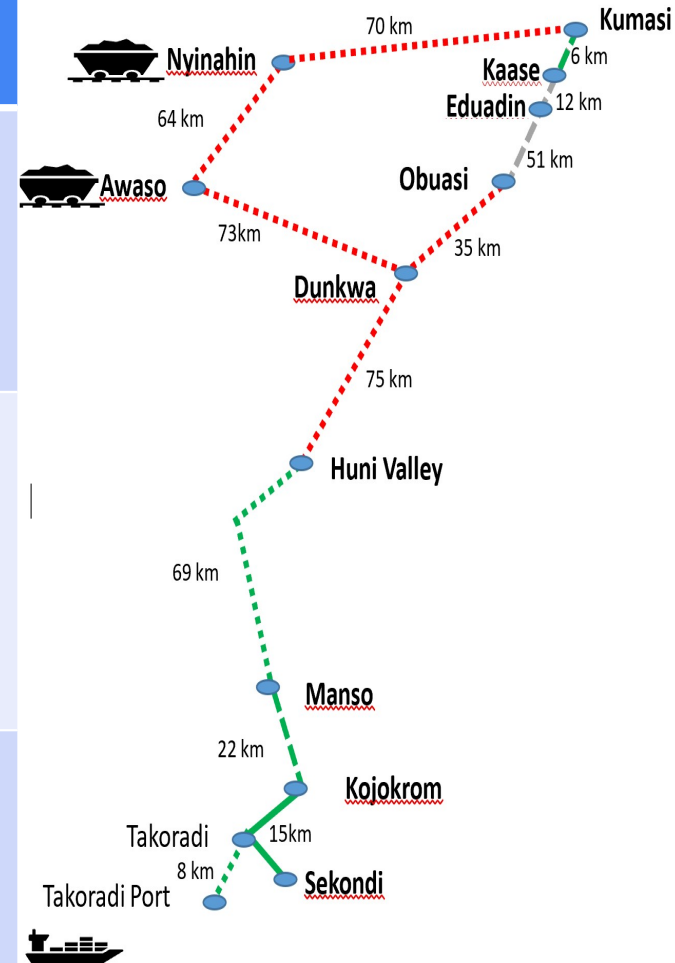
Development of the Western Railway Line

- ❑ Rehabilitation of 56km narrow gauge line from Kojokrom to Tarkwa through Nsuta was completed in January, 2020 by workers of GRCL.
- ❑ In February, 2020, passenger services to Tarkwa resumed for the first time since 2007.
- ❑ Funding for the rehabilitation works was provided by GoG.



Development of Sections of the Western Line

Section	Contract Price	Key Features	Status
1. Kojokrom through Eshiem to Manso (22km)	\$156.9m	• Single Line • Track length: 25km • Stations: 2No. & 1 Halt • 360m Viaduct	On-going (72% complete)
2. Takoradi Port, Manso to Huni Valley (78km)	€500m	• Single line, double Infrast. • Track length: 78km • Stations: 8No. • Rolling Stock: 2No. Locos, 64No. Wagons • Others: Workshop and Equipment	ESIA/VfM completed. Expected to commence in January, 2022
3. Kumasi (Adum) to Kaase (6km)	\$48m	• Double Line • Track length: 15km • Stations: 2No. & 3 Halts	Contractor mobilized on site. Site clearance underway



Development of Sections of the Western Line....contd

■ Kaase - Eduadin (12km):

- *Discussions on-going with Messrs David Walter*

■ Eduadin - Obuasi (51km):

- *Approval processes currently on-going for development by Messrs AFCONS*

■ Huni Valley - Dunkwa (75km):

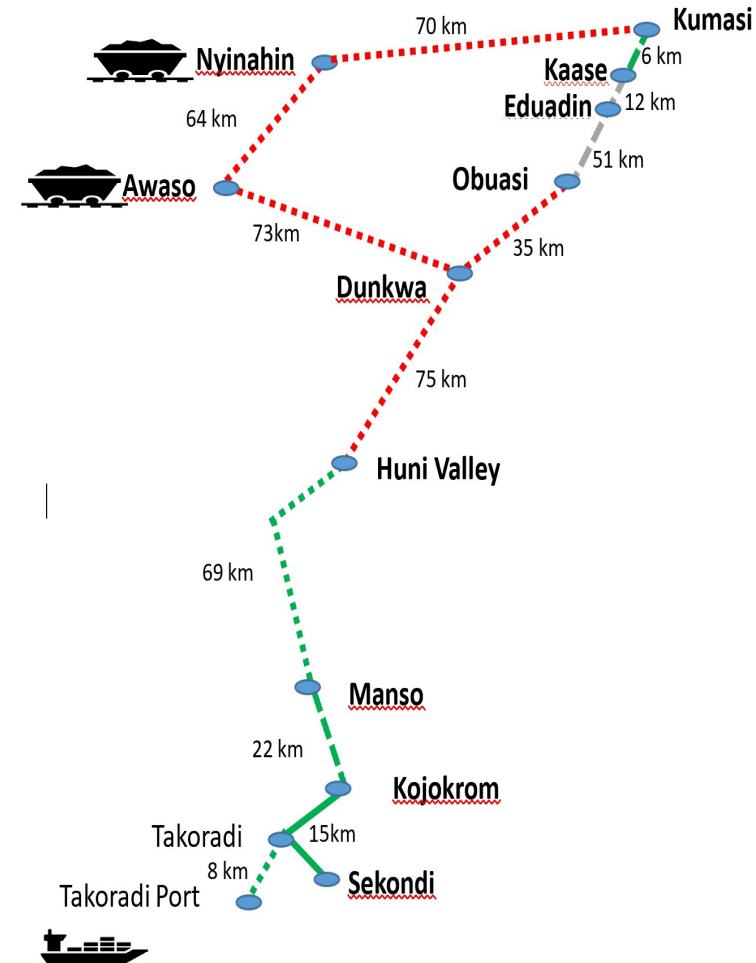
- *Discussions on-going with Messrs China Railway Wujia Corporation*

■ Dunkwa - Awaso - Nyinahin (137km):

- *To be considered under an EPC/PPP arrangement*

■ Dunkwa - Obuasi (38km):

- *To be considered under an EPC/PPP*



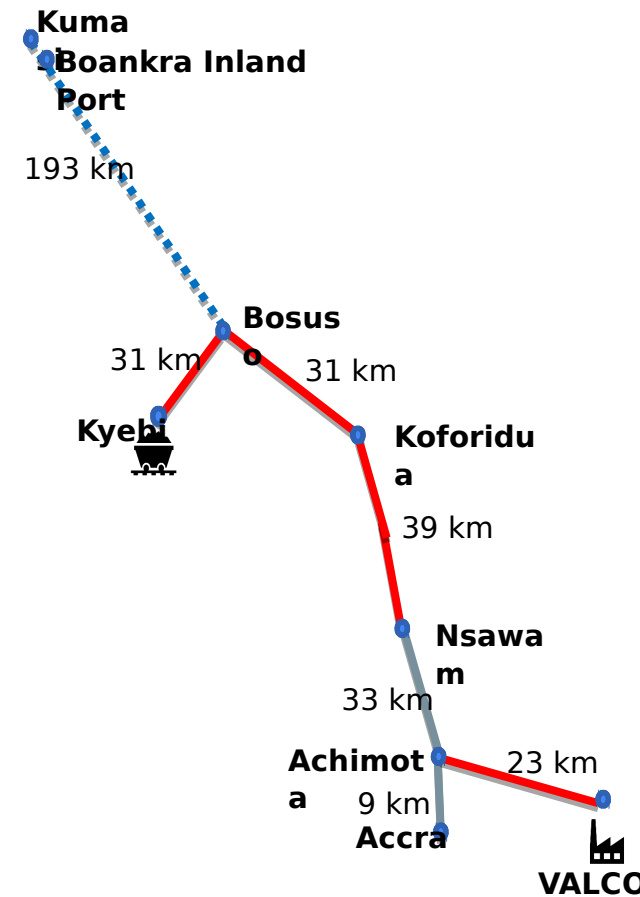
Development of the Eastern Railway Line - NG

- ❑ The Accra-Tema and Achimota-Nsawam sections of the existing narrow gauge line was closed for major rehabilitation works in 2017.
- ❑ Rehabilitation of the Accra to Tema section was completed in December, 2018.
- ❑ The Achimota to Nsawam sections was also completed December, 2019.
- ❑ Rehabilitation works undertaken by GRCL with funding by GoG.



Development of the Eastern Railway Line - SG

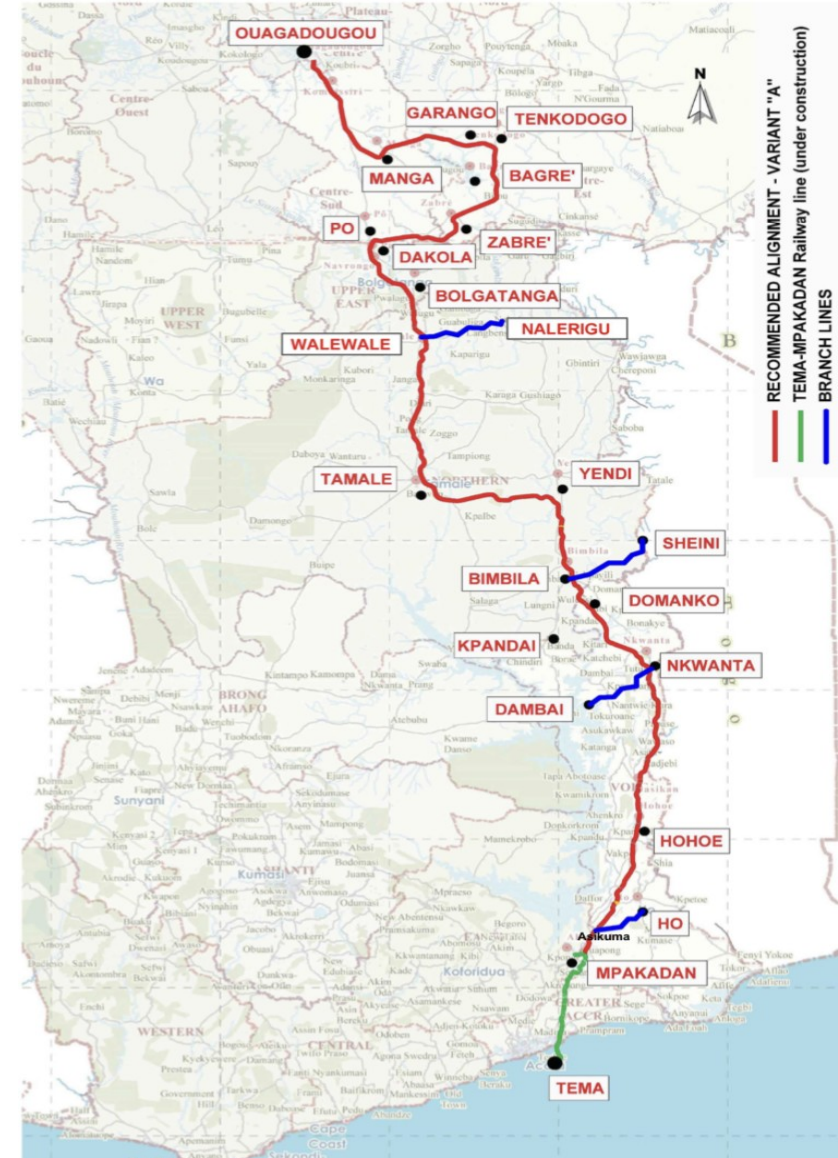
- ❑ The line is earmarked for development on a standard gauge from Accra through the Boankra Inland Port to Kumasi.
- ❑ It will also include the development of two branch lines from Achimota to Tema and from Bosuso to Kyebi.
- ❑ Financing arrangements are on-going with the India EXIM Bank for the development of the section from Accra through Achimota to Nsawam.



Key Achievements:

Ghana – Burkina Faso Railway Interconnectivity Project

- Tema to Mpakadan section (97.7km) is about 90%% complete
- Mpakadan to Ouagadougou section (1,100km) is going through procurement process under a BOT model.



Capacity Development for Maintenance and Sustainability of the Railway System



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Capacity Development for the Railway Sector

- ❑ The Ministry, in collaboration with the Ghana Railway Company Limited, has partnered the George Grant University of Mines & Technology to upgrade the old Railway Training Institute located at Sekondi into a degree-awarding institution to provide training in Engineering and other ancilliary programmes.
- ❑ The School is now known as the ***‘UMaT School of Railways and Infrastructure Development’***.



Capacity Development for the Railway Sector...

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- ❑ The first batch of students have begun the 2021/2022 academic year with the following programmes being offered:
 - BSc Mechanical Engineering
 - BSc Electrical and Electronic Engineering
 - BSc Computer Science and Engineering
 - BSc Geomatic Engineering
 - BSc Geological Engineering
 - BSc Environmental and Safety Engineering

- ❑ Plans are on course to introduce the BSc Railway Engineering programme, as well as, other relevant programmes in the 2022/2023 academic year.

Modernization of Location Workshop Complex

- ❑ The Railway Location Workshop Complex, also situated at Sekondi, is the main workshop for the maintenance of locomotives, wagons, coaches and other ancillary railway equipment for efficient operation of railway services in Ghana.
- ❑ The Workshop is also being upgraded and equipped for it to become a one stop workshop to serve the railway, mining, petroleum and agricultural industries in the Western Region.
- ❑ Refurbishment works at two (2) workshops (the Diesel and Erecting Workshops) have been completed.
- ❑ Five (5) remaining workshops are currently undergoing renovation.

Conclusion



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