

# LPG Summit Newsletter 2020

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## COOKING GAS TO BE ENSURED AS A PROVISION FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN SENEGAL

The Senegalese Government has expressed their interest to develop and provide for their nation universal access to electricity by securing the supply of households with sustainable and optimal energy for cooking (LPG) and completing the reform of the legal and regulatory framework of the sector and improving the steering, regulation and monitoring in their latest West African Economic and Monetary Union address of their Energy Information System (EIS) which was released in December last year.

They admitted that this however does not mean that there are challenges to improve the system in place such as continuing to strengthen the exhaustiveness of the data to meet needs and engaging stakeholders in the hydrocarbons collaboration for a more effective sharing of information.

Despite this it is seen as a positive step by the government to know that LPG is an important aspect of their energy needs and that use of the clean fuel is an important part of the country's energy mix.

## DO PAY-AS-YOU-USE LPG SYSTEMS HAVE A PLACE IN SENEGAL?

LPG has since become a principal cooking fuel in most urban households especially those located in the country's capital city of Dakar. Charcoal, however, still does have significant use rates in the city as poor households are struggling to afford the initial cost of purchasing an LPG cylinder and cooker on top of the recurring costs of refilling the cylinder. The reason mentioned by Senegalese using charcoal is that Charcoal is cheaper because it can be purchased on a daily basis in smaller quantities than LPG can.

What would be the case then if LPG could be purchased in smaller quantities and the initial costs of the LPG cylinder and cooker could be removed? Wouldn't this then cause a shift from the rural communities to pursue gas use instead?

The interesting thing about Senegal also is that there is sufficient supply and supply infrastructure to make LPG available for those located in Dakar to get access to LPG but are only having the issue with the costs.

Perhaps there is a huge use case for Pay-As-You-Use systems even more so in Senegal, than in countries where it has already been so very successful?

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## HEXAGON RAGASCO CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF OPERATIONS

A Thank You Note from Hexagon Ragasco:

The first composite LPG cylinders rolled off our automated manufacturing line in January 2000, this means that 2020 marks our 20th anniversary!

We wish to thank everyone who has worked together with us at any time during these two decades, our employees and our business partners for believing in our vision and making our products the leading composite LPG cylinders worldwide.

“It is with great pride and joy that we celebrate our 20th anniversary and reflect back on the past two decades with a sense of fulfillment. Our vision of creating a customer-friendly, safer and durable composite LPG cylinder has become a reality and we give millions of users a better experience every day.

We pledge to continue our focus on delivering the best possible product in partnership with our valued customers and contributing to the global clean energy transformation in the decades to come.” Skjalg S. Stavheim, President, Hexagon Ragasco.



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