



PRESS RELEASE

**RE: "AFTER 54 YEARS OF EXISTENCE: AKOSOMBO DAM
COULD BE A TICKING TIME BOMB"**

Our attention has been drawn to a publication titled "**After 54 years of existence: Akosombo Dam Could Be a Ticking Time Bomb**" in the Friday, October 18, 2019 edition of the "The Chronicle".

VRA is fully aware of the requirements for the design, construction and maintenance of a Dam. We therefore implement a strict Dam inspection, monitoring and evaluation regime, as best industry practice dictates. This commitment is expressed in our institution of a dedicated Dam Safety Unit, which carries out continuous surveillance and monitoring to ensure the integrity of our Dams.

In addition, the VRA ensures that it meets the critical obligation that require periodic inspections of the Dams by a constituted body of International experts of high repute – 'The Dam Review Board of Consultants'. It is worth noting that, after the last review, the 'Dam Review Board' remarked; "The present high-level surveillance, monitoring and maintenance should be continued, even though the performance to date has been excellent".

We urge the public not be alarmed over the issues raised in 'The Chronicle' newspaper and carried by other print, electronic and social media. The VRA wishes to assure all that the Akosombo and Kpong Dams are not in danger.



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VRA would continue to implement sound maintenance regimes to ensure that our Dams continue to remain safe for the years ahead, to serve the country and drive our industrialization and development agenda and that of the Sub Region.

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**ISSUED BY:
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