

UPDATE ON THE SSNIT/GICEL LAND AT NEW WEIJA

The attention of the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) has been drawn to some media discussions on the acquisition process of the Sempe Stool Lands at New Weija in Accra and ownership of the Light Industrial Estates, managed by the Ghana Industrial and Commercial Estate Limited (GICEL).

The Trust, which owns the Estate through its subsidiary, GICEL, wishes to state as follows:

Acquisition of Sempe Stool Lands at New Weija

1. That the Government of Ghana per Executive Instrument (E.I. 1) gazetted on 19th January, 1996 compulsorily acquired Sempe Stool lands at New Weija as a site for the Light Industrial Estates.
2. That SSNIT paid One Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand Cedis (¢1,429,428,000.00) in 1998 as compensation to the Sempe Chiefs for the land. Thus making SSNIT the lawful owner of the land.
3. That SSNIT set up a subsidiary known as GICEL as one of its investee companies to manage the Light Industrial Estates that SSNIT had assumed lawful ownership of.
4. That the Lands Commission which is the body mandated by law to deal with lands, allocated the land to GICEL and the lease was paid for by SSNIT.
5. That the land was registered in the name of GICEL at the Lands Commission.
6. That the Lands Commission also executed a deed document in respect of the Estates in the name of GICEL, and the deed document has a site plan attached, demarcating the boundaries of GICEL's land.

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Ownership of Land

7. GICEL is the legal owner of the GICEL Land and the High Court, Accra also made this pronouncement in its decision on 21st October, 2020, i.e. the case the Ghana National Association of Garages (GNAG) initiated against SSNIT and GICEL.

Role of GICEL

8. GICEL has been managing and exercising rights of ownership and possession over the said Estates for years by renting out parts to artisans, among other users.

Status of court case

9. GNAG, per a Writ of Summons dated 13th February, 2018, took SSNIT and GICEL to Court claiming ownership of the Estates.

10. Per a judgment dated 21st October, 2020, the High Court, Accra (Human Rights Division), dismissed all GNAG'S claims with respect to ownership of the Estates.

11. The said judgement also ordered members of GNAG to vacate the premises on or before 31st December, 2020.

Way forward

12. After losing the case in the High Court, GNAG has filed a Notice of Appeal.

GICEL is an investee company of SSNIT whose interest is protected by the Trust. We urge members of the public to disregard the claims of GNAG or any other group or association concerning the Estates.

Anyone seeking information on the Estates should contact the Management of GICEL on
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