

## **NUPENG SEEK FOR DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE THE CAPITAL OIL IMPASSE**

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) has called on the Federal government to embrace the use of dialogue to resolve the lingering impasse between the Management of Capital Oil and Department of State Services (**DSS**) over the illegal sale of petroleum products stored in their tank farm by the NNPC.

The Union states clearly that workers have the right to protest the non-payment of their salaries and allowances and that the Federal Government should secure the jobs of those working in the sector.

NUPENG however stressed that it does not support the illegal diversion and sale of petroleum products stored in the tank farm of capital oil by NNPC but that it was of the opinion that the Federal Government cannot sit down and watch workers lose their jobs, as in the case of Capital Oil, where over 2,000 workers are presently idle now. It added that the global practice is for government to secure and create jobs.

The Union mentioned the case of Seawolf Oil Services that was taken over by the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) where the workers have still not been paid their backlog of salaries and entitlements for over five years now.

NUPENG believed that the job creation mantra of the government should be allowed to play, rather than paving way for job losses as it is the case of Capital Oil closure now.

It called on the government to allow the workers to resume work at the depot and load products so that their salaries can be paid instead of throwing them into unemployment market for no fault of theirs.

The Union urged the government to use the method of social dialogue to resolve the Capital Oil impasse, so that the 2,000 workers in the organization and their families do not suffer untold hardship.

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