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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **REBUTTAL OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DR. PETER APPIAHENE ON KEY POINT SHOW ON TV3**

1. We are writing in response to the recent circulation regarding allegations by a panelist on TV3's The Key Points Show on Saturday, May 11, 2024, against Dr. Peter Appiahene, a Staff of the University of Energy and Natural Resources and a distinguished Council member.
2. We wish to state that Dr. Appiahene has been in the employment of the University since 2014. He is the Head of the Department of Information Technology and Decision Sciences, and has been a Non-Professorial Member of the University's Governing Council since 2021
3. It is imperative to clarify that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transformational Dialogue on Small-Scale Mining, organized by the School of Mines and Built Environment of our University, is an apolitical event focused solely on addressing issues related to illegal mining and exploring solutions.
4. Dr. Appiahene participated in the event solely in his capacities as a university staff member, Head of Department, and Council member, and not as a member of any political campaign team, contrary to circulating rumours.
5. The University recognizes and acknowledges Dr. Appiahene's position at the Electoral Commission. However, it is important to highlight that his role

at the Electoral Commission is distinct from his position at the University. These roles must be distinguished and acknowledged separately.

6. Moreover, it is important to note that the 3-day Transformational Dialogue programme will host eminent figures from diverse political affiliations. The Vice-President was invited on May 8, 2024, and we anticipate the presence of the Former President and NDC Presidential Candidate on Wednesday, May 15, and the Speaker of Parliament on Thursday, May 16, 2024, respectively.
7. This underscores the non-partisan nature of the dialogue, which aims to facilitate meaningful discussions on pertinent issues in the mining sector.
8. We appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request a correction or retraction of the misleading information.

**SIGNED**

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