

BEHIND THE SCENE

PROFILE OF MANAGEMENT



ALHAJI (DR.) ASOMA ABU BANDA

CEO Antrak Air

A Ghanaian Entrepreneur from Banda Ahenkro, born in June 1933 at Kintampo all in Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana. He had his elementary education at Kumasi Government Boys School. He worked with his father in the road transport business by buying cattle from Mali, Niger and Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) and transporting them on foot to Kumasi, a job which he executed with diligence and devotion. Determined to broaden his horizon he traveled to London to further his education where he obtained Diploma in Marketing / Sales Management at Balham and Tooting College of Commerce, UK (now West London University). He founded several companies around the globe and serves on other boards in Ghana and abroad. As a devout Muslim, his commitment and support towards the socio - economic development of his country is his great concern and for that matter has received awards from government and other organizations

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- Founder and Chief Executive of Antrak Air, a 100% Ghanaian - owned Airline Company, and the first of its kind in the history of the aviation industry in Ghana and, first African to own ships
- Founder and Chief Executive of Port Handling Company Limited
- Executive Chairman of Antrak Express Ltd.- local agent of United Parcel Service, an International Express giant dispatching courier mail internationally via its Worldwide Express delivery Service and locally via its domestic service network
- President, Ship-Owners and Agents Association of Ghana
- Board Chairman of Meridian Port Services Ltd
- Member of Board of Trustees - Ghana Police Fund
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority
- Board Member of Ghana Maritime Authority
- Board Member of CFAO Ghana Ltd.
- Board Member - Ghana Shipper's Council (GSC)
- Served on the Board of Cal Bank Ltd
- Member of the Board of BUSAC Fund (Business Sector Advocacy Challenge) A sub - component of Business Sector Programme Support Funded by DANIDA

- Member of Board of Trustees of Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
- Board Member of Jescan Construction Limited Building, Roads, Industrial Construction and General Civil Works
- In collaboration with foreign partners, Alhaji Banda invested a colossal amount of Ten Million US Dollars (70 Billion Cedis) to establish the Tema container Terminal
- Founding Member and Chairman of Cross Marine Services in Nigeria
- Founding Member and Director of Antrak Group; - Managing the Agency network in Europe, West and Central Africa
- Chairman of OT Africa Line and Antrak Group (London), and founding Member of the OTAL Holding Group
- Member of the British Institute of Directors and European Community, Ship-owners Association.
- Served as Board Member of Ghana Airways
- Director in charge of Africa & Middle East - Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) of London

COMMITMENTS/ SUPPORT

- Funded the reconstruction, refurbishment and maintenance of the Maternity Wing of the Korle - Bu Teaching Hospital which has been christened Antrak Ward.
- As part of his contribution to the health delivery of his own people and the society at large, a brand new ambulance purchased and shipped

from UK at the cost of £30,000 was donated to Kintampo District Hospital

- Constructed a Mosque at the Airport Residential Area, Accra at a total cost of over One Million US Dollars
- Built a Morgue at Korle - Bu Teaching Hospital for use by Muslims with a brand new generator set

HONOURS/AWARDS

- Conferment of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Entrepreneurship (Honoris causa) by the University of Cape - Coast
- Honoured with the second highest National Award of Companion of Order of the Volta by the President of the Republic of Ghana
- Honoured for Lifetime Achievement by the Ghana Shippers Council (GSC) in recognition of his contribution to the Maritime Industry in Africa
 - Ghana's Best Ever Transport and Logistics Personality of the year by the Association of Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics
- Awarded the title of Fellow of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi
- Won Entrepreneur of the decade award by the Empretec Ghana Foundation
- Honored for Kwame Nkrumah leaders award 2005 by all Africa Student Union in recognition of leadership quality, commitment & support for youth & student populace in Africa & in Diaspora
- His shipping company has won the Best Shipping Line of the world twice (1999/2000)