

New Lightbox Africa and Spark Partnership to boost rural electrification in Guinea

Guinean company Lightbox Africa are pleased to announce the new partnership with Spark in a bid to connect households in rural areas of the country to modern energy.

13.6.22 - Conakry: Lightbox Africa SAL, a Guinean company specialising in the supply of decentralised and off-grid energy, is delighted to announce its new partnership with Spark. The partnership aims to scale up efforts and resources dedicated to connecting families living without electricity in remote, rural areas of Guinea to renewable energy. Lightbox Africa plans to install off-grid solar home systems, developed and supplied by Spark.

Chairman and co-founder of Lightbox Africa, Michel Cordahi, outlined the details of the partnership and its two core areas of activity. The first aspect of the partnership is of a commercial nature, covering the installation of the Spark Kits in rural homes and the technical expertise and support involved. The second area of activity the partnership will enable is of a financial nature and covers Spark's work to secure support financing from a Dutch Government export agency for Lightbox Africa. The first tranche of this financing will allow Lightbox to provide the electrification of more than 1,000 families in the coming months.

According to Cordahi, the financing support is of paramount importance, not only for Lightbox Africa, but for the Republic of Guinea. The country can benefit greatly from attracting the financing and international institutional capital necessary to develop rural communities socially and economically.

With PayGo solar home systems, such as the Spark Kits being distributed by Lightbox Africa, customers can pay in affordable instalments to access sustainable, solar energy at home. This is a life-changing solution for off-grid families who rely on kerosene lamps, and costly diesel generators for light and power. PayGo solar home systems have multiple benefits and positive impacts for customers as well as reducing carbon emissions. They increase the number of productive hours for users, by extending their working day with more light hours, reduce health risks from indoor air pollution and make energy more affordable to low-income households.