



SPOTLIGHT ON EXCLUSIVE MPM TRAINING PROGRAM IN KSA

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The University of Business and Technology UBT - Continuing Education Center in collaboration with AAPM held a successful program in June for MPM certifications at Jeddah. Mark Reeson was the lead instructor. See it on Youtube http://youtu.be/ap2ICBy_h60

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3 Kva (2.4W) Solar Power System in Magodo GRA Lagos

Nigeria has the largest economy in Africa at \$560 billion. Nigeria has the most expansive reliable 2G mobile phone service. Nigerian mobile cell service hooks Nigeria up to direct access to Facebook and fast connections to the internet. Home is the place to recharge your cell phones. But, for most Nigerians their home power system is poor, antiquated and stuck in the early 20th Century. The national power grid does not match up to the 21 Century technology used by its citizens. The average Nigerian citizen receives approx. 2 hours of power each day, supplied by the national grid. They have become self-reliant on their own fuel generators for power. However, solar panel technology is looking like at a bright new horizon for this source of energy. Atlantic Waste and Power is a new fledgling service started by founder Christopher Onwuasoanya. He is selling and installing solar power generation systems to households in Nigeria. Could Onwuasoanya's new solar power business model be the new wave of innovative solar power neighborhood projects for Nigeria? [Watch this video and see](#)

Editor's Notes :

by Michele Guttenberger, MPM®

WWI PROJECT STUDY - MITIGATING GEOPOLITICAL RISKS

Geopolitical risks should be a factor of consideration when deciding on future project ventures. Even when a project's industry may be in designing cloud applications, the end use is on a physical device and that device is composed of components that can be impacted by the geopolitical conditions of the world. These are not new dilemmas. One hundred years ago today, newly emerging global industrialists faced these same geopolitical issues during the Great War –World War I (1914 – 1918). Thomas Edison was not only a legendary inventor; He was a successful industrialist of the nickel-alkaline storage battery. An important functional element of a storage battery is the chemicals housed inside it. The Edison Chemical Works is a small forgotten chapter of Edison's industrial past because, it was not considered an industrial achievement by Thomas Edison. It was a means to weather the geopolitical storms Europe was facing. Edison found himself in the chemical business of converting benzol into phenol (carbolic acid), aniline, paraphenylenediamine, and other chemicals that could no longer be imported from Europe. German factories were the leading suppliers of these chemicals. Edison was content using an outside German supplier for his battery chemicals. He held no strong aspirations to enter into the chemical manufacturing industry. However, he also had a pulse on the looming prospects of a European war and the positions the US would take in this conflict. He knew his imported chemicals could have their shipments abruptly halted. Edison utilized his Bloomfield, NJ Silver Lake properties he acquired for future expansion of the phonograph disc industry as the provisional site for the Edison Chemical Works plant. His strategic foresight to purchase properties along railroad lines allowed him access to the delivery of coke needed to fuel the factory furnaces of these quickly constructed chemical works plants. Edison was able to meet the demands for his storage batteries by mitigating these geopolitical risks to his projects.

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