

## **FISCAL REGIME OF GHANA'S OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY: A PRE – COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION REVIEW**

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### **ABSTRACT**

A country's fiscal regime is very important determinant for investors who would want to invest because it defines the extent to which the host government and the prospective investor can share the risks and rewards of the project. There is no optimal choice of fiscal regime for the petroleum industry worldwide. The amounts of revenue Ghana receives largely from the upstream petroleum operation depend on effectiveness of the fiscal regime governing her oil and gas industry. The nature of investment packages coupled with weak laws and inadequate administrative capacity in the industry, is making the nation currently earn relatively smaller share of petroleum revenue. Timely amendments of the petroleum tax laws are necessary to safeguard revenue due the state from all petroleum operation in Ghana. There is the need for capacity building to monitor production and costs, and to collect petroleum taxes due the state.