

## **Video script for Taylor Woodrow: Excerpt**

MUSIC: AFRICAN - WITH A POSITIVE, LIVELY FEEL

TITLE SEQUENCE

CAPTION: TAYSEC - FIRST CHOICE FOR GHANA OVER

GHANAIAN FLAG IN SLOW MOTION

MUSIC CROSS FADES WITH COMMENTARY FROM 1947 FILM HEARD FOR A FEW SECONDS OVER THE TITLE CAPTION, BEFORE WE DISSOLVE THROUGH TO FOOTAGE FROM THE 1947 FILM.

OVER THE CAPTION, WE HEAR COMMENTARY FROM THE 1947 FILM

The increasing world demand on  
timber, cocoa, manganese and aluminium ore taxed...

DISSOLVE THROUGH TO ARCHIVE FOOTAGE OF TAKORADI HARBOUR

...Takoradi Harbour to the limit, and the Gold Coast government  
commissioned Taylor Woodrow to extend the capacity

(START FADING THE LEVEL) of this major deep sea port...

CROSS FADE THE NARRATOR OVER THE FADING 1947 COMMENTARY

CONTINUE FEATURING ARCHIVE FOOTAGE OF TAKORADI

### **Narrator:**

Taylor Woodrow's long and successful association with Ghana began in 1947, with an ambitious six-year contract to transform Takoradi Harbour - the country's only deep-water port.

Doubling the number of berths...

...extending the deep-water quay...

Installing ore handling equipment...

... building the largest timber depot in West Africa...

...along with supporting rail and road infrastructures.

An outstandingly successful project which helped increase the volume of trade through Takoradi from one million to three million tons a year.

And which established Taylor Woodrow as the leading construction company in Ghana.

#### CUT TO ARCHIVE RAILWAY FOOTAGE SHOWING BULLDOZER IN FOREST

Other early ventures included the construction of the railway between Achiasi and Kotoku - driven through dense forest, bush and swamp.

#### CUT TO APPROPRIATE ARCHIVE FOOTAGE

And the Achimota-Tema section of the Achimota-Tema Shai Hills line, built to help development at the seaport of Tema.

#### ARCHIVE/CURRENT FOOTAGE OF SURF BOATS

As harbours were being built, other means of replacing the traditional surf boats came into play.

#### CUT TO ARCHIVE FOOTAGE OF PIPE CONSTRUCTION AND LAYING

A concrete encased oil pipeline was constructed to run over the beach to a floating offshore terminal.

The same system was used a couple of years later at Tema, when Taylor Woodrow launched the world's heaviest pipeline - weighing 2,000 tons and over a mile long - to form a sewer outfall for the growing city.

#### CUT TO AERIAL FOOTAGE OF UNIVERSITY

As industry and commerce expanded, Taylor Woodrow became involved in a programme of major extensions to schools and colleges, and, in particular, the University of Ghana at Legon...