# **IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

To invent is to create things or methods that can solve problems, reduce stress and make life easier. All inventions in the world are made to solve problems. Mobile phones solve the problem of communication, Cars and tricycles solve the problem of transportation, Harvesters solve the problem of food harvesting. Thomas Edison “the famous inventor” who invented a bulb failed 999 times. Each time learning from his mistakes till he finally created the light bulb. There are many problems in the world most especially in Nigeria but there is one problem I want to solve and that is “Oil spillage”

Oil spillage is the release of crude oil into the environment specifically into water bodies such as oceans, seas, rivers or lakes. It occurs when oil is accidentally or intentionally discharged into water bodies by various means. Oil spillage has a devastating effect on marine life and its ecosystem. Therefore, if I could invent something new, it would be a “Crude Oil Vacuum Cleaner”. This machine will help to stop the effect of oil spillage in water bodies. Nigeria has large amount of crude oil that has contributed to her economic growth through means of foreign exchange and this crude oil contains more than twenty elements which are highly dangerous and are cancer-causing.

There are many reports of bursting pipes in Niger Delta state where oil is pre-dominantly found. These reports highlight that oil spillage truly is a threat to human, aquatic and crop life. The people living in those areas often complain to the government about contaminated water due caused by oil spillage that has been affecting their health, yet there has been no satisfactory answer their cries.

Igor Sikorsky said, “The work of an individual still remains the spark that moves mankind forward.” My invention “The Crude Oil Vacuum Cleaner” is that spark I want to use to move our country Nigeria forward. It can help to stop adverse effects of oil spillage. The machine operates with the help of hydropower. When there is a case of oil spillage, the nozzle would be put into rivers and the crude oil on top of the water will be sucked in through the “suction pipe”. The powered-up machine uses pressure to send the crude oil out through the “Out-flow pipe” that is connected to a tank out of the river where the crude oil is filtered and stored. Hence, making the water clean and aquatic lives are therefore able to breathe again.

With the help of my invention, we can save up crude oil, thus availability of crude oil products is increased and deflation of oil and fuel prices becomes possible. So, if I could invent are something like this, I would not only be contributing to solving humanitarian problems which in return becomes a business for me and which will create employment for people but lives are also saved.

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