

SUMMARY OF THE 4th July, 2007 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)

The following is a Summary of the 10th Meeting of the Board of Directors (“**the Board**”) of MiDA, which was held at 9 a.m. at the MiDA Board Room, Heritage Tower, 6th Avenue, Ridge, Accra, on 4th July, 2007.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

Voting Members:

- Hon. P. K. Nduom MP, Minister, MPSR (Chair)
- Hon. Ernest A. Debrah MP, Minister MOFA
- Hon. Stephen Asamoah-Boateng MP, Minister, MLGRD&E
- Nana Owusu-Afari, PEF
- Dr. Albert Tenga, GAPVOD
- Mr. Kwabena Poku-Kyei, Representative for Minister, MOFEP
- Martin Eson-Benjamin, Chief Executive Officer, MiDA

Observers:

- Fredua Agyemang, Zonal Representative, Afram Basin Zone
- Wilhelmina E. Vandyke-Owusu, Zonal Representative, Southern Zone
- Hanan Gundadow, Zonal Representative, Northern Zone
- Katerina Ntep, Acting Country Director, MCC

Apologies:

- Hon. Alan Kyeremateng, Minister MOTI, PSD & PSI
- Augustine Adongo, PEF

In attendance:

- Dorothy Gyamfi, Legal Counsel & Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA
- Mr. James Bednar , Incoming MCC Country Director

1. Administrative Resolutions

The Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 25th April 2007.

2. Resolutions

- The Board approved the Updated Fiscal Accountability Plan.

3. CEO's Briefing

- i. The CEO informed the Meeting that there had been a number of delays in finalizing documentation for the Agricultural Credit Activity. The Board expressed disappointment at the delays which appeared to have been caused, in this case, by MCC' slow approval process.
- ii. The CEO reported that, equipment had been selected for a Pilot Survey Activity and a Roadmap drawn to guide the execution the Survey. On Community Services, the CEO Reported that, SEAs had to be fully completed before any substantive work could begin. In the meantime, some school infrastructure had been selected for rehabilitation. An Evaluation Panel to select Architects and Quantity Surveyors for this activity had been set up.
- iii. The CEO also informed the Board that the TOR for a Communications Agency had been completed. On ZACs, the procedure for selection of members of the ZAC had also been completed. It had however been realized that the list of members proposed in the Compact had left out traditional rulers. They would however be invited to join the ZACs.
- iv. The Board was also informed that, the first MCC Quarterly Performance Report had become due and that most of the documents had been submitted to MCC. The period covered 16th February (EIF), 2007 to 30th June, 2007. Cash being requested for Quarter 2 was US\$8.18 million as cash requested for 1st Compact Quarter had not been fully drawn.

4. The Chairman informed the Board that, a Voting Member had disclosed an interest in one of the Procurement Activities. The Member had therefore decided to recuse himself from all Meetings hence. The Chairman directed the Board Secretary to draft a letter for his signature, notifying MCC of the said disclosure.

5. The Chairman also proposed a Board Meeting to be devoted to discussions on procurement issues ahead of the approval of the Updated Procurement Plan.

- 6.** The Chairman reported that the MCA Africa Meeting came on as planned on the 11th and 12th of June, 2007. Resolutions reached were ready and would be made available to Members by 5th July, 2007.
- 7.** James Bednar, the in-coming MCC Country Director, informed the Board that he had formally left Zambia and expected to take up his post in Ghana on 12th August, 2007.
- 8.** The next Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 11th of July, 2007 The Meeting closed at approximately 12:15 p.m.