

# **SUMMARY OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)**

The following is a Summary of the 26th Meeting of the Board of Directors (“**the Board**”) of MiDA, which was held at 10:00a.m. at the MiDA Conference Room, Heritage Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridge, Accra, on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

## **Voting Members:**

- Nana Owusu-Afari, PEF (Acting Chair)
- Hon. Hannah Tetteh, Minister, MOTI
- Hon. Joe Gidisu, Minister, MRH
- Hon. Elvis Afriyie-Ankrah, MLGRD
- Hon Kofi Asamoah Baah, MOFEP
- Mr. Martin Eson-Benjamin, CEO, MiDA
- Dr. Albert Tenga, GAPVOD
- Mr. George Ahadzie, Green Earth Organization

## **Observers:**

- Mr. Fredua Agyemang, Zonal Representative, Afram Basin Zone
- Mrs. Wilhelmina E. Vandyke-Owusu, Zonal Representative, Southern Zone
- Mr. Hanan Gundadow, Zonal Representative, Northern Zone
- Mr. James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

## **Apologies:**

- Hon. Kwesi Ahwoi, Minister, MOFA
- Flt/Lt (Rtd) Godfred Tackey, PEF

## **In attendance:**

- Mrs. Dorothy Djokoto, Legal Counsel & Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA
- Mrs. Katerina Ntep, Deputy Country Director, MCC

## **1. Resolutions**

- That the proposed revisions to Board remuneration be and was thereby adopted and approved effective December 2009.
- That the Disbursement Request for Compact Quarter 12 be and was thereby approved.
- That the Procurement Plan and the Procurement Performance Report be and were thereby approved.
- That the Conditions Precedent Report for Quarter 12 of the Compact be and was thereby approved.

- That the Draft Contract for the Feeder Roads Contracts, Lots NR 1&2 be and was thereby approved for execution by the CEO on behalf of MiDA.
- That the Draft Contract for the Feeder Roads Contracts, Lot VR 3 be and was thereby approved for execution by the CEO on behalf of MiDA.
- That approval be and was thereby given for MiDA Management to present the proposed budget reallocations to MCC for approval.
- That the issue of Board Memberships for Key Staff should be tabled as an Agenda Item at the next Board Meeting.
- That proposals on employee compensation be submitted to the Board for consideration at the next Meeting.

## **2. CEO's Briefing**

### NI Construction

- The CEO informed the Meeting that utility work on N1 Lot 1 was substantially completed and that there had been some constraints in the area of payments by the Government. However the Ministry of Finance had assured MiDA that payments would be made shortly.

### MOFA Assistance for the passage of the Plant Protection, Fertilizer and Seed Bills

- The CEO noted that MOFA had informed MiDA that the draft Bill for passage of Plant Protection legislation was before Parliament and hoping Parliament would be able to pass them into law before rising at the end of December 2009.

### Compact Programs Reallocation

- The CEO informed the Meeting that MiDA had reviewed its budgets and was proposing to reallocate budgets depending on burn rates of projects, to avoid leaving Compact Funds unspent by reason of slow projects. Management was going to look at all program and budgets and move funds to fast-moving Program Activities.

### Employee Compensation Review

- The CEO raised the issue that MiDA was deep in implementation; it could not afford to lose any of its key staff and needed to incentivize them.

## **3. COO's Briefing**

### Chiquita Update

- The COO reported that, MiDA had expected ten pre-audited farms to export through Chiquita, but it did not happen because most of them had failed some water tests. Efforts were being made to have them pass the tests to enable the shipments to start.

## **4. Procurement Update**

- The Procurement Director took Members through the Procurement Plan. Changes in the Plan for January to June 2010. He indicated that all items on the previous Procurement Plan which were not procured had been included in the new Plan.

## **5. Closing**

The Meeting closed at 6:00PM and resolved that the next Meeting date would be communicated to the Board in due course.