

SUMMARY OF THE 28TH NOVEMBER, 2007 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)

The following is a Summary of the 13th 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 28th November, 2007.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

Voting Members:

- Mr. Edward Boateng, Global Media Alliance (Chair)
- Hon. Joe Baidoe-Ansah, MP, Minister, MOTI & PSIⁱ
- Hon. Ernest A. Debrah MP, Minister MOFAⁱⁱ
- Mr. Robert K. Poku-Kyei, Rep. for Minister, MOFEPⁱⁱⁱ
- Mr. George Duker, Rep for Minister, MLGRD&E^{iv}
- Dr. Albert Tenga, Private Enterprise Foundation
- Nana Owusu-Afari, Private Enterprise Foundation
- 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
- James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

Apologies:

- Augustine Adongo, Private Enterprise Foundation

In attendance:

- Dorothy Gyamfi, Legal Counsel & Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA
- Vidal Creppy, Procurement Director, MiDA

1. Administrative Resolutions

The Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 17th October, 2007.

2. Resolutions

The following Resolutions were passed by members:-

Alternate Directors

1. That, Alternates to be appointed by Government Members on the Board, should not be below the rank of Directors. That, notwithstanding the appointment of Alternate Directors, Government Members should attend Meetings at least, once every quarter.
2. That the draft Central Management Consultant Contract be and was thereby approved for execution by MiDA.
3. That the Implementing Entity Agreement with MoT, MOU with the Ministry of Harbours and Railways, and the MOU with the VRA and the VLTC be and was thereby approved for execution by MiDA.
4. That the Updated Procurement Plan and the Updated M&E Plan be and was thereby approved.
5. That the Sub-Committee for Agriculture be re-designated the “Sub-Committee on Agriculture and Infrastructure”.
6. That a Ministerial Meeting be held to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

CEO’s Briefing

1. Ghana’s MCA Eligibility Criteria

The CEO informed the Meeting that Ghana had improved its overall performance on the MCA Eligibility Criteria. However, performance in the Trade Policy, Fiscal Policy and Child Education needed improvement. MCC Board would be meeting in December and expected to come out with its position on Ghana.

2. N.1 Highway, Additional Cost

The CEO briefed the Board that the Ghana Water Company had revised their estimates for the cost of relocation of pipelines; however, the difference was not significant. The issue was whether the Government could afford the €11 million required.

3. Consultant Budget

The CEO also informed the Meeting that commitments for the first Compact year were \$52 million and \$17.2 million of MCA fund had been received in the year.

Procurement Update

The Procurement Director briefed the Meeting as follows:

- Commercial Agric Training: A draft Contract for the Central Management Consultant (CMC) was before the Board for approval. The COO added that the CMC Contract involved the development of Trainers’ Material, monitoring of the Regional Implementation Consultants (RICs) and work on Ghana’s IPPC Compliance. The CMC Consultant was expected to have local and sub-Regional expertise. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) would play the role of selecting Farmer based Organizations (FBOs) who the CMC to certify as meeting the requisite standards. MOFA was looking to taking lessons learnt from the MiDA model to other non-MiDA Districts. The Meeting was informed that the Report on the Technical Evaluation had been completed for the Regional Implementation Consultants in the North and Afram Basin Zones.

- Transportation Project: Evaluation Report for the Project Management Support Consultant (PMSC) would be finalized by 28th November, 2007. The N1 Highway was to be built to Ministry of Transportation (the ‘Ministry’) standards, since it would be turned over to the Ministry. The Ministry would as indicated therefore do some Monitoring and Evaluation, the cost of which will be paid for as incremental costs in the IEA between MiDA and the Ministry. On the Trunk and Feeder Roads, the Procurement Director indicated that Evaluation of Proposals for consultants to undertake feasibility studies and engineer design was ongoing and an Evaluation Report was expected by 30th November, 2007.
- On the Community Services Project, the Procurement Director informed the Meeting that Architects and Quantity Surveyors engaged had worked ahead of their schedules and provided costs drawings. Bid documents for the procurement of Contractors for civil works had been issued. Evaluation of Proposals was expected to begin in early January, 2008 for the award of Contracts by the end of January.
- On the Financial Services Activity, the Meeting was informed that with regards to the Cheque Code Line Clearing; Procurement the COO informed the Meeting that under the Agricultural Credit Act, the Banks and six firms pre-qualified by the Banks might give credit to input suppliers. MOFA would also work with FBOs to assist them to be able to deal directly with the banks where possible.
- On Monitoring and Evaluation, the Meeting was informed that the Contract for the FBO and GLSS+5 Survey had been sole-sourced to ISSER with MCC approval. Evaluation of the Technical and Financial Proposals have been completed and the Reports are ready to be forwarded to MCC for approval. A final Contract was expected to be signed by December, 2007.
- An RFP was ready to be published, with regards to the procurement of a Communication Agency.
- Audit of 609(g) and CIF Funds for the period – August 2006 to December, 2006 had been completed. The Technical and Financial Evaluation of Proposals for the Audit of Compact Funds for 2007 had been completed as well and was ready to be forwarded to MCC for approval.
- On Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Technical and Financial Evaluation had been completed and approved by MCC and negotiations towards the signing of a Contract with the winner were scheduled for the 4th and 5th of December, 2007. A Contract was expected to be signed in December, 2007 or early January, 2008.

5. Closing

The next Meeting was scheduled for early, 2008.

ⁱ Ministry of Trade, Industry and President’s Special Initiative (MOTI & PSI)

ⁱⁱ Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA)

ⁱⁱⁱ Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP)

^{iv} Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment (MLGRD&E)