

SUMMARY OF THE 27TH OCTOBER, 2008 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)

The following is a Summary of the 21st Meeting of the Board of Directors (“**the Board**”) of MiDA, which was held at 4 p.m. at the MiDA Board Room, Heritage Tower, 6th Avenue, Ridge, Accra, on 27th October, 2008.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

Voting Members:

- Mr. Edward Boateng, Government Representative, (Chair)
- Nana Owusu-Afari, PEF
- Flt/Lt (Rtd) Godfred Tackey, PEF
- Dr. Albert Tenga, GAPVOD
- Mr. Martin Eson-Benjamin, CEO, MiDA

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. George Ahadzie, Green Earth Organization
- Mr. James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

Apologies:

- Hon. Ernest A. Debrah, MP, Minister, MOFA
- Hon. Richard Anane, MP, Minister, Transport
- Hon. Papa Owusu-Ankomah, MP, MOTI & PSI
- Hon. Kwadwo Adjei-Darko, Minister, MP, MLGRD&E
- Mr. Robert K. Poku-Kyei, Rep. for Minister, MOFEP

In attendance:

- Ms. Dorothy Gyamfi, Legal Counsel & Board Secretary, MiDA

1. Resolutions

- That the Letter of Acceptance for the Contract award to Messrs China Railway Wuju (Group) Corporation be and was thereby approved for issuance to the Contractor accordingly.

2. CEO's Briefing

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- The CEO informed the Meeting that at a meeting between the Presidents of Ghana and USA in Washington D.C, a decision was taken to maintain the original date of Contract Award for the N1 construction of 31 October, 2008. The timing for submission of Bids by Contractors was therefore reduced from 6 to 4 weeks as agreed with MCC. Initially, all four Contractors agreed to the time change, however one of them withdrew for lack of time. The rest submitted their Bids within the 4 weeks.
- Bids were evaluated by an Evaluation panel and reviewed by an MCC team.
- The CEO informed the Meeting that the Resettlement Action Plan had been approved by MCC and was ready for implementation. He assured the Meeting that names of affected persons had been taken, and a moratorium was in place to avoid new entrants claiming compensation.

3. Procurement Update

The Procurement Agent Manager briefed the Meeting as follows:

- He explained that the Evaluation panel was made up of experienced Government and ex-Government officials. He mentioned that the evaluation was slightly different from that of procurement of consultants. All three Bids were responsive to the Technical and Financial Evaluation. The lowest Bid was therefore selected and qualitatively assessed and was successful. The Contract was therefore, awarded to China Railway Wuju (Group) Corporation of China.
- He informed the Meeting that upon approval by the Board, MiDA would issue a Letter of Acceptance of the Contractor's Bid to the Contractor. Contractor would then be required to provide a Performance Security within 28 days of the Acceptance Letter leading to the signing of the Contract and possession of portion of the N1 under the contract.
- The Procurement Agent Manager took Members through the draft Letter of Acceptance and informed the Meeting that the Bidders who lost would be informed as soon as the Letter of Acceptance was issued.

4. Closing

It was resolved that the next Meeting date would be communicated to Board