

SUMMARY OF THE 17TH MARCH, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)

The following is a Summary of the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Directors (“**the Board**”) of MiDA, which was held at 2:00p.m. at the MiDA Board Room, Heritage Tower, 6th Avenue, Ridge, Accra, on 17th March, 2009.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

Voting Members:

- Nana Owusu-Afari, PEF (Acting Chair)
- Hon. Joseph Yieleh Chireh, MLGRD
- Mr. Alex Twumasi-Boakye, Rep. for Minister, MRH
- Mr. Yaw Okyere-Nyarko, Rep. for Minister, MOFEP
- Mr. Seth Evans Addo, Rep for Minister, MOTI
- Flt/Lt (Rtd) Godfred Tackey, PEF
- 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. George Ahadzie, Green Earth Organization
- Mr. James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

Apologies:

- Hon. Kwesi Ahwoi, Minister, MOFA
- Dr. Albert Tenga, GAPVOD
- Mr. Hanan Gundadow, Zonal Representative, Northern Zone

In attendance:

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

1. Resolutions

- That Letters be written to Government Sector Members to nominate officials not lower than Director grade to serve as Alternates to ensure continuity during the transitional period.
- That the Disbursement Request, FAP and QFR be and was thereby approved.
- That the Procurement Plan and the Procurement Performance Report be and was thereby approved.
- That the Conditions Precedent Report for Quarter 9 of the Compact be and was there by approved.
- That the Amended Indicator Tracking table was there by approved, subject to MCC review and clearance.

- That MiDA should partner with AGRA scheme and to do all necessary things to sign requisite agreements.
- That the draft initialed Consultancy Contract for Market Surveys be and was thereby approved.
- That the draft initialed Consultancy Contract for Development of Curricula and Modules for Medium and Long Term Procurement Training be and was thereby approved.

2. CEO's Briefing

Board

- The CEO reported that the appointment of Ministers to the Member Ministries automatically made them Members of the MiDA Board. He also informed the Meeting that the Board had directed that Members from the Private Enterprise Foundation and GAPVOD be retained after their tenure of office because of the institutional memory they had gained over the period. In that regard, letters had been written to the respective organizations for re-nomination of the current nominees.

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- The CEO informed the Meeting that the Contractor for Lot 1 of N1 was signed on 31 December, 2008 even though the sod was cut on 29th October, 2008. This was due to issues pertaining to the submission of a Performance Security by the Contractor. An advance payment of 10% of the contract sum had been paid to the contractor whilst the construction Kick-off Meeting was scheduled for 26th March, 2009.
- The CEO also informed the Meeting that, Ghana Highway Authority, on behalf of MiDA, had hired three contractors to relocate utilities in the N1 corridor. The Supervision Consultancy Contract had been sole-sourced to ICT-BANS as the Supervising Engineer because they were already working with MiDA on the N1 Highway.
- The CEO noted that, the northern section of the N1 Lot I was not encumbered and would be released first to the contractor for commencement of construction.
- On N1 Lot II, the CEO informed the Meeting that 9,357 PAPs had been identified and were being categorized for compensation payment.

Compact Program Budget Review

- The CEO reported that current realities of key tasks had been affected by the cost of inflation leading to project cost overruns and higher than budgeted cost of key project activities. Proposed revision to Project Budgets had with the approval of the Board, been discussed with MCC and had been approved accordingly.

3. Procurement Update

- The Procurement Director took Members through the Procurement Plan from January to June 2009 and explained that Procurement Plan was approved by the Board in 2008, however as a result of an amendment, the Procurement Plan was before the Board for further approval.

4. Closing

The Meeting closed at 5:20PM and resolved that the next Meeting date would be communicated to the Board in due course.