

SUMMARY OF THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2008 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)

The following is a Summary of the 14th 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 6th February, 2007.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

Voting Members:

- Mr. Edward Boateng, Global Media Alliance (Chair)
- Hon. K. Agyemang-Manu, Rep for Minister, MOTI & PSIⁱ
- Mr. Robert K. Poku-Kyei, Rep. for Minister, MOFEPⁱⁱ
- Hon. Kwadwo Adjei-Darko, Minister, MLGRD&Eⁱⁱⁱ
- Dr. Albert Tenga, Private Enterprise Foundation
- Nana Owusu-Afari, Private Enterprise Foundation
- Mr. George Ahadzie, Green Earth Organization
- Martin Eson-Benjamin, Chief Executive Officer, 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. James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

Apologies:

- Hon. Ernest A. Debrah, MP, Minister, MOFA^{iv}
- Mr. Augustine Adongo, Private Enterprise Foundation

In attendance:

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

1. Administrative Resolutions

The Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 November, 2007.

2. Resolutions

1. That although Voting Members were allowed to appoint Alternates, appointments should be limited to Ministers and the CEO.

2. That Private Sector Voting Members were to make every effort to attend Meetings.
3. That the Board Secretary should assist with appointments by forwarding draft appointment letter to qualified Voting Members to complete.
4. That the Updated Procurement Plan and the M & E be and was thereby approved.
5. That the Ferry Contract be and was thereby approved.
6. That the CEO reconfigures the ZAC in compliance with the Compact.
7. That the Proposal to subdivide the Afram Basin and Southern Zones be and was thereby approved.
8. That list of additional employees as approved by MCC be and was thereby approved.
9. That Proposal to cover all MiDA employees by a group Accident Insurance Policy be and was thereby approved.
10. That the appointment of the Minister for Transport be and was thereby approved.

CEO's Briefing

1. N1 Highway, Additional Cost

The CEO informed the Meeting that cost of utilities that required relocation for the N1 Project was estimated at USD 22.7 million. A meeting had been scheduled at the Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning to progress discussions as they have been put in charge of ensuring availability of funding for the relocation of utilities. However, the Minister for Water Resources, Works & Housing had indicated that they could advance a portion to enable the relocation exercise to begin as they were unable to come up with the full amount of money required.

2. Ghana's MCA Eligibility Criteria

The CEO informed the Meeting that Ghana had made improvement in the Girls' Primary Education, Trade Policy and Fiscal Policy, and was awaiting a final report. MiDA was due to send a remediation plan to MCC.

3. Board Retreat

The CEO also informed the Meeting of the impending Board retreat.

Procurement Update

The Procurement Director briefed the Meeting as follows:

- Gender Specialist budget: The Meeting was informed that the budget for the training of Service Providers had been increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: The Procurement Director informed the Meeting that the budget had been reduced from \$ 360,000 to \$338,863.
- Backlog of Court Cases: The Procurement Director informed the Meeting that the budget had increased from \$ 110,000 to \$257,980. He went on to explain that this was due to the decision to add two more consultants to make a total of three.
- Monitoring and Evaluation: The Meeting was informed that there was a need to procure people to manage a database as Management Information Systems was a people intensive activity.

5. Closing

The next Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, 9th March, 2008.

ⁱ Ministry of Trade, Industry and President's Special Initiatives (MOTI&PSI)

ⁱⁱ Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP)

ⁱⁱⁱ Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment (MLGRD&E)

^{iv} Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA)