

# **SUMMARY OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2008 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MiDA)**

The following is a Summary of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors (“**the Board**”) of MiDA, which was held at 10 a.m. at the MiDA Board Room, Heritage Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridge, Accra, on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

Board Members present at the Meeting:

## **Voting Members:**

- Mr. Edward Boateng, Government Representative (Chair)
- Nana Owusu-Afari, PEF
- Hon. Ernest A. Debrah, MP, Minister, MOFA
- 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. Hanan Gundadow, Zonal Representative, Northern Zone
- Mr. George Ahadzie, Green Earth Organization
- Mr. James Bednar, Country Director, MCC

## **Apologies:**

- Hon. Kwadwo Adjei-Darko, MP, Minister, MLGRD&E
- Hon. Papa Owusu-Ankomah, MP, MOTI & PSI
- Hon. Richard Anane, MP, Minister, Transport
- Mr. Robert K. Poku-Kyei, Rep. for Minister, MOFEP
- Dr. Albert Tenga, GAPVOD

## **In attendance:**

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

## **1. Administrative Resolutions**

The Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

## **2. Resolutions**

1. That MiDA writes to the organizations that nominated Private Sector and NGO Members to re-nominate current serving Members in light of their experience with the MCA Ghana Program.

2. That the Disbursement Request, Fiscal Accountability Plan and Quarterly Financial Report be and were thereby approved.
3. That the Procurement Plan be and was thereby approved.
4. That the Procurement Performance Report be and was thereby approved.
5. That the Conditions Precedent Report for Quarter 7 of the Compact be and was thereby approved.
6. That the Board be given information on evaluation results for approval of contracts and that, the MCC Country Director takes up issues regarding the role of the Board with MCC in Washington DC.
7. That proposed Amendments to the ISSER Contract be and was thereby approved.
8. That the proposed Amendments to the GSS IEA be and was thereby approved.
9. That proposed M & E Procedures Manual Amendments be and was thereby approved.
10. That proposed Amendments to IEA with Ministry of Lands, Forestry and Mines be was thereby approved.

### **3. CEO's Briefing**

- **NI Highway**

The CEO informed the Meeting that although 31 October, 2008 had been estimated to be the date for contract award to Phase 1 of N1, documents requiring approval for the procurement process to proceed were still under review. As a result, the date for Contract award had been shifted to 21 November, 2008. He indicated that it was planned to outdoor the road designs to the public on 31 October, 2008.

The CEO informed the Meeting that MCC now wanted all Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and tender documents to be put together for their final review.

- **District Advisory Committees (DACs)**

The CEO reported that 23 DACs had been inaugurated by 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2008 and hoped that all DACs would be inaugurated by the end of September, 2008.

- **Board Retreat**

The CEO recommended that a Board Retreat be held to discuss budget revisions and prioritization of projects in the light of shortfalls in the Compact budget due to inflation and increases in cost of fuel as well as inputs since the Compact was designed.

### **4. Procurement Update**

The Procurement Director briefed the Meeting as follows:

- He explained that the Procurement Plan was the same as the previous Plan submitted to the Board in the 6<sup>th</sup> Quarter with the difference being that MCC had returned with comments on the water project.
- He also took Members through the Procurement Performance Report

### **5. Closing**

The Meeting closed at 2:30 p.m. and resolved that the next Meeting date would be communicated to Board.