



**Millennium  
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## **SUMMARY OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**APRIL 17, 2020**

**11:00 A.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA**

The following is the summary of the 35<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Development Authority (“*MiDA*”) held via teleconference on Zoom in Accra on the above-mentioned date and time and for which Notice was duly given in writing on April 15, 2020.

The Meeting was convened pursuant to (i) the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“*MCC*”), and the Government of the Republic of Ghana (the “*Government*”), executed on August 5, 2014 (the “*Compact*”); and (ii) the Program Implementation Agreement, by and between the United States of America, acting through MCC, and the Republic of Ghana, dated August 5, 2014 (the “*PIA*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Compact.

### **1. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

- Prof. Yaa Ntiama-Baidu, Chairperson of the Board, Government of Ghana Principal Representative
- Hon. Cynthia Morrison, Minister for Gender, Children & Social Protection
- Nana Osafo Kantanka, Representative of the Minister for Business Development
- Dr. Sam Kobina DeSouza, Representative of Private Enterprise Federation
- Mr. Humphrey Ayim-Darke, Representative of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)
- Mr. Martin Eson-Benjamin, Interim Chief Executive Officer, MiDA (CEO)

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

- Mrs. Elizabeth Feleke, MCC Resident Country Director (RCD)
- Mr. Julius Kpekpena, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA (COO)
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Program Management Controller (PMC) & Acting Procurement Director, MiDA
- Ms. Yvonne Fiadjoe, General Counsel and Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clotley, Legal Officer, MiDA

### **2. COVID -19 UPDATE – LOCKDOWN, MIDA OPERATIONS, CONTRACTOR REQUESTS, PERMITS, PASSES, ETC.**

The CEO indicated that following H.E. the President’s imposition of the restriction on the movement of persons, MiDA applied for an exemption from the Government (GoG) for MiDA’s Contractors to continue working. He indicated that MiDA also requested the preparation of COVID-19 compliant Health and Safety Plans before work commenced at any Project Site. Following further deliberations, the Board took note of the Update regarding the COVID-19 and its implications on the ongoing Projects and requested Management to provide regular updates to the Board on the evolving issues.

### **3. SITUATION REPORT ON THE ACCESS PROJECT**

The Board directed the CEO to follow up with the Minister for Finance to discuss the urgency of the funding arrangement for the Project and thereafter report to the Board on the next steps.

### **4. PROJECTS UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS UNDER LOT 1- PSS' AND ICCs**

Following deliberations, the Board took note that the Projects could be implemented as Projects fully funded by the Government of Ghana, if the requisite resources are made available by the Government.

### **5. TEMPORARY REVISIONS TO THE MCC PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES**

The Board took note of Management's request for a Temporary Revision to the Program Procurement Guidelines (PPG), to cover a period of ninety (90) calendar days, starting from April 2nd 2020 and indicated that despite the difficult era of COVID-19, Board Members will make themselves available for Board Meetings and therefore the status quo should be maintained.

### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.