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SUMMARY OF THE 37TH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JUNE 30, 2020

4:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA

The following is the summary of the 37th 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 June 25, 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. Robert Ahomka-Lindsay, Deputy Minister for Trade & Industry and Representative of the Minister for Trade & Industry
- 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)
- Ms. Yvonne Fiadjoe, General Counsel and Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Program Management Controller & Acting Procurement Director, MiDA
- Mrs. Pamela Djamson-Tetteh, Communications & Outreach Director, MiDA (COD)
- Mr. Sylvester Ashong Ayayee, Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management Project Manager (EEDSM PM)
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clotey, Legal Officer, MiDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 36TH SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2020

The Representative of the Minister for Business Development commended the Secretariat for the tremendous efforts towards preparing the Minutes after each Meeting. Thereafter the Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Sixth Special Board Meeting held on May 20, 2020 (“*Thirty-Sixth Special Meeting Minutes*”) with some modifications.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Update On Compact II Funding

The CEO confirmed the Ministry of Finance's payment. The Board expressed its gratitude to GoG for the fulfilment of its obligations.

4. UPDATE ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MiDA'S OPERATIONS

The COO reported that since the outbreak of COVID-19, MiDA implemented and keenly monitored COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Plans ("the Plan") for all Contractors. The Board took note of this, recognized the potential impact of the delays associated with the pandemic on the budgets and implementation timelines of some Projects and directed Management to implement arrangements that will sustain progress on all Works.

5. AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN NO. 6, Q R3

The Board approved the Updates to Compact Procurement Plan No.6 QR 3, Revision1 which covers procurements up to 30th June, 2021.

6. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ENERGY AUDITING CENTRE UNDER THE "CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING SUPPORT FOR ENERGY AUDITING" SUB-ACTIVITY

The COO explained that because three (3) Groups participated in the preliminary processes, it would be prudent to allow each Group to host a facility and hence the request for an additional Centre. Following further deliberations the Board inter alia approved the addition of one more Energy Auditing Centre to the scope of the Capacity building and Training Support for Energy Auditing Sub-Activity and approved the increase in the budget for the supply of Mobile Laboratories.

7. REQUEST FOR NO-COST TIME EXTENSION: HOUSEHOLD AND ENTERPRISE SURVEYS CONTRACT

The COO explained that the extension was related to delays arising out of COVID-19. The Board approved a "No-Cost Time Extension", for the Contract for Consultancy Services for Household and Enterprise Surveys from September 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

8. REQUEST FOR "NO COST" TIME EXTENSION FOR LOW VOLTAGE BIFURCATION CONTRACTS

The COO explained that the extension was related to delays arising out of COVID-19. The Board approved a "No Cost Time Extension" to the three (3) Low Voltage Bifurcation (LVB) Contracts respectively from 31st July, 2020 to 31st December, 2020; 14th August, 2020 to 14th January, 2021, and from 14th August, 2020 to 14th January, 2021 to enable the Contractors to complete all the construction works.

9. REQUEST FOR "NO COST" TIME EXTENSION FOR STREET LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The Board approved the extension of the Contract Completion Date from September 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021, for the Street Lighting Replacement Program Contracts.

10. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MiDA'S COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The COD highlighted the key activities undertaken in the second quarter of 2020 in line with MiDA's Communications Strategy and the Board took note of the Implementation of the Strategy, particularly with regards to the LVB Projects.

11. UPDATE ON COURT CASES

The Board took note of the update on Compact II Cases and in particular that, whereas the BXC Case is currently dormant, the trial involving the Zenith Bank Case has commenced. Additionally, the Akosa Case has also been assigned to another Judge following the demise of the Trial Judge.

12. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPACT PROJECTS

The Board took note of the Update and urged the CEO to take all necessary steps to mitigate any completion risks and ensure completion of the Projects by the Compact End Date of 6th September, 2021.

13. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board deferred the discussion on this Agenda Item to the next Board Meeting.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The RCD requested the permission of the Chairperson to introduce the newly appointed Deputy Resident Country Director (DRCD) for Ghana Compact II at the next Board Meeting and the Chairperson agreed to this request.