



**Millennium  
Development  
Authority**  
Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction



## SUMMARY OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

**3:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA**

The following is the summary of the 39<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 October 27, 2020. The Meeting was rescheduled from its original date of Thursday October 29, 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
- Hon. William Owuraku Aidoo, Deputy Minister for Energy and Representative of the Minister for Energy
- 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**

- Mr. Steve Marma, MCC Resident Country Director (RCD)
- Ms. Khalia Mounsey, MCC Deputy Resident Country Director (DRCD)
- Mr. Julius Kpekpena, Chief Operating Officer, MiDA (COO)
- Mr. John Boakye, Chief Financial Officer, MiDA (CFO)
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Program Management Controller & Acting Procurement Director, MiDA
- Ing. William Amuna, Technical Controller, MiDA (TC)
- Mr. Sylvester Ashong Ayayee, Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management Project Manager (EEDSM PM)
- Mrs. Naa Aduoley Ploutos-Clotney, Legal Officer, MiDA

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Twenty-Eight Board Meeting held on June 3, 2020 with some modifications.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Seventh Special Board Meeting held on June 30, 2020 with some modifications.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Twenty-Ninth Board Meeting held on September 2, 2020.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Eight Special Board Meeting held on September 8, 2020.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**a. Update on Compact II Funding**

**i. Projects Update and additional Projects under Lot 1- PSS' and ICCs**

The CEO explained how the Government of Ghana (GoG) contribution was being utilized. The Board took note of the Update particularly of MiDA's efforts to obtain the resources required from GoG to allow for the release of contingency funds to enable the commencement of the Primary Substation and Interconnecting Circuits Lot 1 Projects.

**ii. Situation Report on Access Project**

The CEO informed the Board that the Works Contract for the Access Project was signed in August, 2020. The Contractor had placed orders for the necessary equipment expected in Ghana by March 2021 and all the necessary market surveys had been done. The Board took note of this Update.

**b. Update on Impact of COVID-19 on MiDA's Operations**

The COO reported that MiDA continues to implement all the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation measures both at MiDA and at the various Project Sites. The Board took note of the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the Projects and the mitigation measures being implemented and directed the CEO to continue to implement and monitor all the related protocols in order to safeguard the lives of all persons on the Projects and the public.

**c. Update on Sustainability Report for Energy Auditing Centres under the "Capacity building and Training Support for Energy Auditing" Sub-Activity**

The EEDSM PM said the Consultant's Report indicated that Ghana has the potential for a Sustainable Energy Market and that the Sustainable Energy Services Centers (SESCs) may start running profitably from the second year onwards, but required financial support towards operating expenditure. Following

deliberations, the Board took note of the Sustainability Plan and directed Management to follow up on the Plan and to discuss with the relevant agencies the modalities for its implementation.

**d. Payment of outstanding invoices to Compact I Contractors and Consultants**

Following the CFO's briefing and deliberations, the Board took note of the update on the outstanding invoices to Compact 1 Contractors and Consultants and requested that the Internal Audit Director provides for the Board's consideration, an analysis with supporting documentation on the claim by Messrs. China Railway Wuju (Group) Corporation under Compact I.

**e. Composite Report on Compact Projects**

The Technical Controller presented the progress at the various Sites, especially the major infrastructure Projects. Following deliberations on the issue of acceleration, the Board took note and directed Management to ensure that the Projects are completed on time but without compromising quality.

**f. Update on Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

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

**7. UPDATE ON ASSIGNMENT OF THE KASOA BULK SUPPLY POINT CONTRACT**

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

**8. APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO THE POKUASE BULK SUPPLY POINT INTERCONNECTING CIRCUITS CONTRACT**

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

**9. APPROVAL OF KWABENYA DISTRICT LOW VOLTAGE BIFURCATION WORK ORDERS**

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

**10. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION-PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

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

**11. APPROVAL OF NO-COST TIME EXTENSION TO GIS CONTRACT**

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

**12. APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASE FOR THE HOUSEHOLD AND ENTERPRISE SURVEYS CONTRACT**

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

**13. POST COMPACT MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **14. FUNDING OF OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FROM GOG FUNDING SOURCE**

The CFO indicated the two activities for which the payment was required and explained that MiDA had not received payments from the Consolidated Fund for the past two years hence the request. The Board took note of the outstanding financial obligation and directed Management to provide the relevant documentation to the Board.

#### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.