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SUMMARY OF THE 40TH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

2:30 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA

The following is the summary of the 40th 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 November 9, 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

- 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
- Dr. Kofi Marfo, Monitoring, Evaluation & Economics Director (MEED)
- Mr. Patrick Oppong, Pokuase BSP & ICC Project Manager (PBSP PM)
- Mr. Roland Osei Nyarko, LV Bifurcation Networks Project Manager (LVB PM)
- Mr. Tanko Mohammed, Information Technology Project Manager (IT PM)
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clotley, Legal Officer, MiDA

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Update on Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

The Legal Officer informed the Board that the signed Conflict of Interest Disclosures had been received from some Board Members. The Board took note of this update.

b. Payment of Outstanding Invoices to Compact I Contractors and Consultants

The Board took note of the additional Board Paper submitted by the Internal Audit Director and directed the Internal Audit Director to provide the required detailed analysis and supporting documentation on the claim from Messrs. China Railway Wujia (Group) Corporation under Compact I.

2. UPDATE ON ASSIGNMENT OF THE KASOA BULK SUPPLY POINT CONTRACT

The CEO reported that arrangements initiated by both parties towards the execution of all documents for the Assignment are in their final stages. The Board took note of this status and the measures put in place by Management to ensure that MiDA is legally protected despite the transfer and urged Management to endeavour to bring the processes to a closure by the next Board Meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO THE POKUASE BULK SUPPLY POINT'S INTERCONNECTING CIRCUITS CONTRACT

The PBSP PM reported eighty one percent (81%) progress of works and explained the rationale for the variation. Following deliberations, the Board approved the request to modify the Pokuase Bulk Supply Point (BSP) Interconnecting Circuits Contract to cover the conversion of portions of the proposed Quadruple Tower 33kV Interconnecting Circuits into underground cable circuits, along the route from the Pokuase BSP to the ACP Junction.

4. APPROVAL OF KWABENYA DISTRICT LOW VOLTAGE BIFURCATION WORK ORDERS

The COO recalled the Board's decision that a portion of contingency funds could be used for works like the Low Voltage Bifurcation (LVB) Project and outlined the reasons for the selection of the Kwabinya District (KD). Following extensive deliberations, the Board approved the request to execute two Work Orders for the KD LVB Project and further requested Management to submit to the Board a written justification for the selection of the KD.

5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION- PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

The COO noted that this Agenda Item is linked to the approval of the KD LVB Work Orders, to empower the Program Management Consultant (PMC) to act as Engineer for construction supervision purposes. The Board thus approved the request to modify the PMC Contract to cover additional design and construction supervision services for the proposed KD LVB Project.

6. APPROVAL OF NO-COST TIME EXTENSION TO GIS CONTRACT

The IT PM indicated that the extension is required to enable MiDA to make payment under the Contract for Year One of the maintenance period which is already included in the Contract price. Following deliberations on the Maintenance Agreement, the Board approved the request to extend the validity of the Contract to enable the Contract to cover the first year of the system maintenance period.

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

The Board directed Management to resubmit this request as part of the Composite Report requested by the Board on the full impact of COVID-19 on Project costs, including Non-Health and Safety related COVID-19 costs.

8. POST COMPACT MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

The MEED spoke about the requirement for post-Compact Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) activities, the ongoing discussions with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) to lead the process and the reason for selecting the NDPC. The Board noted the discussions and recommendation to utilize the NDPC and requested Management to consult other Institutions to advise on the appropriate body to conduct the post-Compact M&E Activities.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Board deliberated on the need to hold the statutory Board Meeting scheduled for December 2, 2020 at an earlier date in light of the General Elections on December 7, 2020.