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SUMMARY OF THE 41ST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MARCH 5, 2021

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

The following is the summary of the 41st 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 March 3, 2021.

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. 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. Martin Eson-Benjamin, 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
- Mr. Sylvester Ashong Ayayee, Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management Project Manager, MiDA (EEDSM PM)
- Ms. Yvonne Fiadjoe, General Counsel and Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mrs. Naa Adualey Ploutos-Clotey, Legal Officer, MiDA

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MEETING

The Board took note of the Letter from the Chief of Staff indicating that the tenure of the Board which was in existence before the Elections had been extended and that the Board can continue to operate until the substantive Ministers for the Ministries that constitute the MiDA Board are in place.

2. APPROVAL OF COMPACT DISBURSEMENT REQUEST NO.20

The Board approved the Compact Disbursement Request Number 20 as presented to the Board indicating Commitments and Spending Authority for the period 1st April, 2021 to 30th June, 2021.

3. APPROVAL OF COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN NO. 7, Q R2

The Board approved the Updates to Compact Procurement Plan No.7 QR 2, which covers procurements up to 6th September, 2021.

4. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SCOPE AND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE AC TEST LABORATORY'S CONTAINMENT BUILDING

The COO explained the nature of the Project Activity and the EEDSM PM informed Members about the major changes to the Contract. The Board did not approve Management's request as it missed a step in the approval procedure. The Board requested that the CEO works with his Staff to resolve the issues raised.

5. RE-OPENED REQUEST FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE FEVERS UNIT OF THE KORLE BU TEACHING HOSPITAL

The CEO explained that the request was re-opened by the management of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital but has been withdrawn again, after the Board's approval. The Board directed the CEO to initiate discussions with the Hon. Minister for Health on the issue and subject to the positive outcome of the discussions, to include Korle Bu in the Compact's Race-to-Retrofit and Renewables Program for the upgrade of the Fevers Unit of the Hospital.

6. EXTENSION OF COMPACT TERM

The Board took note that due to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress has approved an extension of the Compact Term for five countries, including Ghana. Subject to the completion of the necessary legal procedures in Ghana and the United States, it is envisaged that the Ghana Compact II will be extended for a period not exceeding Nine (9) Months from the Compact End Date of September 6, 2021.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other Business.