



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



## SUMMARY OF 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

APRIL 21, 2021

**2:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA**

The following is the Summary of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 14, 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 AT THE MEETING:

#### VOTING MEMBERS

- Prof. Yaa Ntiamoah-Baidu, Chairperson of the Board, Government of Ghana Principal Representative
- Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister for Energy
- Hon. Godfred Yeboah Dame, Attorney-General & Minister for Justice
- Mr. Patrick Yaw Nimo, Chief Director, Minister for Trade & Industry and Representative of the Minister for Trade & Industry
- Dr. Sam Kobina DeSouza, Representative of Private Enterprise Federation (PEF)
- Mr. Humphrey Ayim-Darke, Representative of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)
- Mr. Martin Eson-Benjamin, Interim Chief Executive Officer, MiDA(CEO)
- Mr. Steve Marma, MCC Resident Country Director (RCD)

#### 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
- Ing. William Amuna, Technical Controller, MiDA (TC)
- Mr. Sylvester Ashong Ayayee, Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management Project Manager, MiDA (EEDSM PM)
- Mr. Samuel Afram, Access Project Manager, MiDA (APM)
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clotney, Legal Officer, MiDA

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2020

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirtieth Board Meeting held on

November 27, 2020 (“*Thirtieth Board Meeting Minutes*”).

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2021**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Forty-first Special Board Meeting held on March 5, 2021 (“*Forty-first Special Meeting Minutes*”).

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**a. Funding Of Outstanding Payments From GoG Funding Source**

Following deliberations, the Board took note of the outstanding financial obligations relating to Compact 1 Services and approved the payments.

**b. Extension of Compact Term**

The CEO explained that the documentation for the execution of the Compact Amendment is being finalized. The Board took note that the text of the Compact Amendment has been resubmitted to the Honourable Attorney-General for approval and confirmation to utilize the Diplomatic Notes procedure.

**c. Rehabilitation of the Fevers Unit of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital**

The CEO provided a Report based on the Board’s earlier request to discuss the issue with the Minister for Health. In light of the discussion, the Board approved Management’s recommendation that MiDA should not pursue the initiative to rehabilitate the Fevers Unit of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

**5. APPROVAL OF COMPACT CLOSURE PLAN**

It was agreed that as the Document is voluminous, the Board should be given more time to review the Compact Closure Plan in detail.

**6. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND SCOPE FOR THE AC TEST LABORATORY’S CONTAINMENT BUILDING CONTRACT**

The Board approved Management’s request to expand the Scope of Works for the Contract for the Construction of AC Test Facility Containment Building and to extend the Time for Completion of the Works by a period not exceeding four (4) months.

**7. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONTRACTS FOR STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SUPERVISION OF STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT WORKS**

The Board approved the request for additional materials for the Works Contracts in respect of Lot 1, Lot and Lot 3 and also approved the extension of time for the Contract in respect of the engineering supervision. The Board further approved an Extension of Time for the Completion of the three Works Contracts for a period not exceeding five (5) months.

**8. REQUEST FOR NO-COST TIME EXTENSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS AND LABELLING LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

The Board approved a “No-Cost Time Extension” for the Contract for a period not exceeding three (3) months, to make up for delays in implementation because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **9. UPDATE ON COURT CASES**

Following the Board Secretary's explanation of the Compact II Court Cases, the Board took note of the status of the Cases in particular the BXC Case, the Zenith Bank Case and the Akosa Case.

## **10. PROPOSED TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE MiDA BOARD**

The Board agreed that Management should set a date and time for the proposed orientation for Members of the MiDA Board.

## **11. FOR INFORMATION: STRATEGY AND TIMELINES FOR PROCESSING OF CONTRACT VOS/AMENDMENTS IMPACTED BY COMPACT EXTENSION**

The strategy is to ensure that by the time the Compact is extended, Management will be in a position to quickly vary the Contracts and extend the expiry dates for the affected Projects.

## **12. FOR INFORMATION: PLANNED OUTAGES ON 330KV AND 161KV TRANSMISSION LINES IN RESPECT OF POKUASE AND KASOA BSP PROJECTS**

The CEO explained the need for interconnection for which reason outages were required. He thanked the Minister for Energy for his support with the arrangements towards ensuring timely public awareness and outlined the dates for the outages.

## **13. FOR INFORMATION: DAMAGED CIRCUIT BREAKER ON 161KV KASOA BSP PROJECT**

The COO explained that during transportation of the Outdoor 161kV Gas Insulated Switchgear from the Port to the Kasoa Site, it got damaged and cannot be used. It is therefore necessary to replace it.

## **14. FOR INFORMATION: FAULTY GRIDCO TRANSFORMER AT POKUASE BSP**

The COO said that during the On-site Installation and Site Acceptance Tests of two (2) Transformers at the GRIDCo side, some challenges were detected. The problem with one Transformer has been resolved. MiDA is exploring a number of options to repair the second Transformer.

## **15. FOR INFORMATION: INTERNAL WIRING IN MARKETS AND ECONOMIC ENCLAVES**

MiDA is currently undertaking an educational campaign to encourage internal wiring in line with the Energy Commission's Standards. MiDA is liaising with Microfinance Institutions to grant loans to Vendors to finance the wiring.

## **16. FOR INFORMATION: MANAGEMENT OF STREET LIGHTING BY MMDAS**

The Board deliberated on the need for the Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) to ensure the management and the maintenance of street lights.

## **17. FOR INFORMATION: STRATEGIES FOR THE COMMISSIONING AND HANDING-OVER OF COMPLETED COMPACT PROJECTS**

The CEO said the Projects would be commissioned and inaugurated by the President or Senior Government Officials. The document presented to the Board provides a broad picture of the strategic actions to be used for the Closing and Handing over Ceremonies for all the various Projects.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The CEO reiterated the importance of the Board Orientation.