



## SUMMARY OF 28TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**JUNE 3, 2020**

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

The following is the summary of the 28<sup>th</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 May 27, 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 AT THE MEETING:**

#### **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. 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)
- Mr. John Boakye, Chief Financial Officer, MiDA (CFO)
- Mr. Matthew Armah, Program Management Controller, MiDA (PMC)
- Mr. Angelo Habib, Internal Audit Director, MiDA (IAD)
- Ms. Yvonne Fiadjoe, Board Secretary, MiDA
- Mrs. Naa Aduley Ploutos-Clottey, Legal Officer, MiDA

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Twenty-Seventh Board Meeting held on March 9, 2020 (“*Twenty-Seventh Meeting Minutes*”) with some modifications.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Fourth Special Board Meeting held on March 24, 2020 (“*Thirty-Fourth Special Meeting Minutes*”) with some modifications.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Fifth Special Board Meeting held on April 17, 2020 (“*Thirty-Fifth Special Meeting Minutes*”).

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2020**

The Board deferred the Approval of the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Sixth Special Board Meeting held on May 20, 2020 (“*Thirty-Sixth Special Meeting Minutes*”) to the next Board Meeting.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

The IAD explained the Internal Audit Department’s recommendation and provided the background of the various claims. He said after interrogating the documents he validated four (4) out of the five (5) Invoices presented. After further deliberations, the Board approved the payment to Messrs. Kocks Consult GmbH, as full and final settlement of the outstanding debt for services delivered under Compact I.

### **b. Status of outstanding Counterpart Funds**

The CEO informed the Board of the Government of Ghana’s (GoG) payments to MiDA in respect of the outstanding Counterpart Fund and emphasized the importance of making additional payments as a Security deposit to allow for the early release of contingency funds. The Board thereafter took note of the significant progress on the GoG payment.

### **c. Situation Report on the Access Project**

The Board took note of the Update on the Access Project and in particular that with the funds received from GoG, MiDA is in a position to sign the infrastructure Contract for the Access Project.

### **d. Projects Update and additional projects under Lot 1- PSS’ and ICCs**

The Board took note of the Update on Lot 1 Projects, comprising two Primary Substations (PSS) and their Interconnecting Circuits (ICCs) in Korle Bu and Kotobabi.

## **7. APPROVAL OF COMPACT DISBURSEMENT REQUEST NO.17**

After deliberations the Board approved the Compact DR Number 17 as presented to the Board, indicating Commitments and Spending Authority for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

## **8. APPROVAL OF COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN NO. 6, Q R3**

The Board approved the Updates to Compact Procurement Plan No.6 QR 3, which covers procurements to be carried out up to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**9. REQUEST FOR NO-COST TIME EXTENSION: CONSULTANCY SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SETTING UP TWO TRAINING CENTRES FOR ENERGY AUDITORS**

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

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

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

**11. REQUEST FOR “NO COST” TIME EXTENSION FOR LOW VOLTAGE BIFURCATION CONTRACTS**

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

**12. REQUEST FOR “NO COST” TIME EXTENSION FOR STREET LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

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

**13. UPDATE ON INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT HORIZON SCAN**

The IAD explained the Risk Horizon Scan and the Heat Map and highlighted the intensifying risks. He said the new risks are COVID-19 related. The Board took note of the Updates on Internal Audit and took note of Management's actions to manage and mitigate new risks, especially those related to COVID-19.

**14. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MIDA'S COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

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

**15. HR UPDATE**

Following deliberations, the Board took note of Management's decision to review the work load of Staff and to take the necessary administrative action to optimize Staff numbers.

**16. UPDATE ON COURT CASES**

The Board deferred the discussion on the Update on Court Cases to the next Board Meeting.

**17. PROGRESS UPDATE OF MIDA MILESTONE TARGETS AND PROJECT WORK PLANS**

The PMC reported that of the Twenty- three (23) Contracts currently under execution, the status of work on the Projects is generally satisfactory. The Board urged the CEO to take all necessary steps to mitigate any completion risks.

**18. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

**19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.