



## SUMMARY OF 30<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**NOVEMBER 27, 2020**

**1:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE ON ZOOM, ACCRA**

The following is the summary of the 30<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 November 20, 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 Ntiamoah-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
- Mr. Humphrey Ayim-Darke, Representative of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI)
- 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 (PMC), MiDA
- Dr. Kofi Marfo, Monitoring, Evaluation & Economics Director (MEED)
- Mr. Angelo Habib, Internal Audit Director, MiDA (IAD)
- Mr. Sylvester Ashong Ayayee, Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management Project Manager, MiDA (EEDSM PM)
- Mrs. Naa Aduoley Ploutos-Clotley, Legal Officer, MiDA

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Thirty-Ninth Special Board Meeting held on November 5, 2020.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes and Resolutions of the Fortieth Special Board Meeting held on November 11, 2020.

### **4. APPROVAL OF COMPACT DISBURSEMENT REQUEST NO.19**

The Board approved the Compact Disbursement Request, Number 19 as presented to the Board, indicating Commitments and Spending Authority for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

### **5. APPROVAL OF COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN NO. 7, Q R1**

The Board approved the Updates to Compact Procurement Plan No.7 QR 1, which covers procurements to be carried out up to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

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

The EEDSM PM explained that the Consultancy Services is ninety four percent (94%) complete but more time is required to complete the assignment. The Board approved an extension of the Consultancy Services Contract for Setting up Two Training Centres for Energy Auditors for a period not exceeding five (5) calendar months to enable the Consultant to complete the assignment.

### **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

The IAD recalled the Board's request for an audit review on some outstanding Invoices. The Board took note of the update on the outstanding invoices for Compact 1 Contractors and Consultants and subject to the IAD providing some documentation to the Board, approved the payment to China Railway Wuju (Group) Corporation as the full and final settlement of the outstanding debt owed to them.

#### **b. Funding of Outstanding Payments from GoG Funding Source**

The Board requested that the CFO re-submit the Board Memorandum on the Funding of Outstanding Invoices from the Government of Ghana Funding Sources, for consideration by the Board.

#### **c. Update on Assignment of the Kasoa Bulk Supply Point Contract**

The Board took note of the status of the Assignment of the Contract for the Supply and Installation of the Kasoa Bulk Supply Point (BSP) – Design-Build from Siemens SAS of France to Siemens Energy SAS, as a result of the transfer of the Siemens SAS's Gas and Power business to Siemens Energy SAS, by partial asset transfer. The Board particularly took note of the measures put in place by Management to ensure that MiDA is legally protected despite the transfer.

#### **d. Justification for the Selection of the ECG Kwabenya District for the Low Voltage Bifurcation and Network Improvement Project**

The Board took note of Management's rationale for prioritizing and selecting the Kwabenya District for Phase 2 of the Low Voltage Bifurcation Project.

**e. Composite Report on the full impact of COVID-19 on Project Costs, including Non-Health and Safety related COVID-19 Costs**

The Board took note of the update provided by Management on the implicit costs and time impact of COVID-19 on the Compact Program, and directed the CEO to manage Contractors and Consultants' Claims in accordance with the provisions of the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines. The Board also approved an increase in the Budget for the Household and Enterprises Survey Contract.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board Chairperson wished all Board Members the very best of the Season. In response to a Member's question, the COO informed the Board that all the Projects had the requisite insurance coverage.

The CEO thanked the Board for all their support and assured the Board that Management will continue to work hard to ensure the success of the Compact Program.