



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Millennium Challenge Account -Nepal (MCA-Nepal)

Synopsis of the Minutes

Eighth Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board

**Nature: Urgent Meeting
MCA-N/BOD-M-8/8-2-2019**

Date: 8 February 2019 (2075/10/25 BS)
Time: 3.00 PM
Place: Conference Room of the Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
Notice Served: 5 February 2019 (2075/10/22 BS)

1. PRESENT

1.1. Members

- **Dr. Rajan Khanal**, Chairperson
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
- **Mr. Nabin Raj Singh**, Member
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Mr. Gopal Prasad Sigdel**, Member
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- **Mr. Kul Man Ghising**, Member
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
- **Mr. Kumar Pandey**, Member (Member representing the Private Sector)
And, Vice President, Independent Power Producers' Association of Nepal

1.2. Invitees

- **Mr. Troy E Kofroth**, Invitee
And, Resident Country Director for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation

1.3. Others Attending

- **Mr. Udaya Raj Sapkota**
Joint Secretary, Legal and Judgment Execution Division, Ministry of Finance
- **Mr. Sanjay Poudyal**
Deputy Resident Country Director for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- **Mr. Semanta Dahal**
Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal
- **Ms. Susma Giri**
Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal



2. PRELIMINARY

- 2.1. The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 8 February 2019 (2075/10/25 BS) after the notice was served in writing on 5 February 2019 (2075/10/22 BS).
- 2.2. The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Board of Directors and other invitees attending the meeting.
- 2.3. The Chairperson reported that a quorum was present in accordance with Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board Formation Order, 2074 (2018).
- 2.4. Semanta Dahal, Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal presented the agenda to the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors.

3. UPDATE ABOUT BUTUWAL-GORAKHPUR CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE

Mr. Nabin Raj Singh, Member of MCA-Nepal Board of Directors (and, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation) briefed the MCA-Nepal Board about the recent meeting of Joint Working Group (held on 23 January 2019) and Joint Steering Committee (held on 24 January 2019) on Nepal India Power Cooperation. Mr. Singh circulated the minutes of the meeting of Joint Steering Committee for information. Mr. Singh further informed the MCA-Nepal Board that Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) and Central Electricity Authority (India) would examine the funding and implementation options for Indian portion of the New Butwal-Gorakhpur Transmission Line within next three months.

4. MATTER FOR DECISIONS

4.1. **Agenda One: Appointment of Deputy Executive Director-Management of Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal**

Subject to MCC's no-objection process, the Board of Directors has decided to appoint Ms. Shalini Tripathi as Deputy Executive Director-Management of MCA-Nepal for a period of two (2) years effective from the signing of the Employment Agreement.

4.2. **Agenda Two: Approval for Salary Negotiations with the Mr. Hitendra Dev Shakya, Candidate for Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery**

The Board of Directors has decided to approve the appointment of Mr. Hitendra Dev Shakya as Deputy Executive Director-Project Delivery of MCA-Nepal only after successful salary negotiations and resignation from Nepal Electricity Authority.

4.3. **Agenda Three: Comments from MCC on candidates for the positions of Chief Financial Officer**

The Board of Directors has decided to re-invite applications for the position of Chief Financial Officer of MCA-Nepal.

4.4. **Agenda Four: Assignment of Salary Negotiations and Signing of Employment Agreement to Executive Director**



4.4.1. The Board of Directors has decided to dissolve the earlier salary negotiations committee and has constituted and authorized the committee comprising of the following members to conduct salary negotiations with the candidates of MCA-Nepal positions in the order of ranking complying with the approved salary structure of MCA-Nepal.

1. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director, MCA-Nepal – Convener
2. Mr. Semanta Dahal, Legal Advisor, MCA-Nepal – Member
3. Mr. Shalav Risal, Manager-Administration and Human Resources, MCA-Nepal – Member Secretary

4.4.2. The Board of Directors has authorized Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director of MCA-Nepal to sign and execute the Employment Agreement with employees of MCA-Nepal.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1. Procurement Plan

Mr. Troy E Kofroth, Resident Country Director for Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation briefed the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors regarding the revisions that may be necessary in the Procurement Plan Version 3.0 approved by the MCA-Nepal Board.

5.2. Introduction of Executive Director Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht

The newly appointed Executive Director of MCA-Nepal Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht was introduced to the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors. During the occasion, the Chairman Dr. Rajan Khanal apprised Mr. Bisht about challenging nature of the MCC Compact and directed him to perform his roles and responsibilities diligently.

6. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors directs person performing the role of secretary of the Board of Directors to record these minutes with the minute book of Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal and to submit the synopsis of such minutes for publication on the website of Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal within two (2) weeks from the date of these Minutes.

7. CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting was then closed at 4:30 PM.

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