



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MCA-NEPAL)

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Synopsis of Minutes of 24th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

Nature: Regular Meeting

MCA-N/BOD-M-24/29-09-2021

Date: 29 September, 2021 (2078/06/13 BS)

Notice Served: 03 September 2021 (2078/05/18 BS)

1. NOTICE SERVED (VOTING MEMBERS)

1.1. Members

- **Madhu Kumar Marasini**, Chairperson
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
- **Madhu Prasad Bhetuwal**, Member
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation
- **Keshab Kumar Sharma**, Member
And, Joint Secretary at Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- **Kul Man Ghising**, Member
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
Durbarmarg, Kathmandu
- **Kumar Pandey**, Member representing the Private Sector
And, Chairman, National Hydro Power Company
Binayak Nagar, Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Gopal Khanal**, Member representing Civil Society
And, Journalist, Kathmandu
- **Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary
And Executive Director, MCA-Nepal

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1.2. NOTICE SERVED TO NON-VOTING MEMBERS (INVITEES)

- **Ishwori Prasad Aryal**, Invitee
And, Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division (IECCD)
- **Troy E Kofroth**, Invitee
And, Resident Country Director Nepal – Millennium Challenge Corporation
- **Sanjay Poudyal**, Invitee
And, Deputy Resident Country Director – Nepal, Millennium Challenge Corporation

1.3. OTHER PRESENTS

- **Rajib Dahal**,
Chief Legal Officer, MCA-Nepal
- **Satyam Pathak**,
Legal Advisor, MCA-Nepal

2. PRELIMINARY

- 2.1. The notice along with the agendas was served in writing on 03 September 2021 (2078/05/18 BS). The meeting of the Board of Directors could not take place as per the scheduled date due to public holidays and busy schedule of the Board Members. The Board Members were notified again on 26 September 2021 (2078/06/10) after discussion with the Chairperson of the Board. The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 29 September, 2021 (2078/06/13 BS BS) at 3.00 PM.
- 2.2. The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Board of Directors and other invitees attending the meeting.
- 2.3. The quorum was present in accordance with Millennium Challenge Account Nepal Development Board Formation Order, 2074 (2018).
- 2.4. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal updated on current activities of MCA-Nepal and presented the agendas to MCA-Nepal Board of Directors.

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3. UPDATE ABOUT CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF MILLENIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

- 3.1. Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director briefed the MCA-Nepal Board of Directors on status of the current activities of MCA-Nepal.
- 3.2. The Executive Director presented to the Board of Directors the following updates for board comment and consideration:
- 3.2.1. That the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) document has been approved by Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE),
- 3.2.2. That the Land Acquisition activity for Ratmate substation has been completed (except 6 parcels - 4 unregistered, 1 court cases, and 1 absentee) and requested the Board Chairperson and Ministry of Finance to expedite the necessary cabinet approval,
- 3.2.3. That FY 2076/77 BS audit from Office of Auditor General (OAG) was concluded,
- 3.2.4. That the PPTS Contract has been terminated, and negotiations are ongoing for settlement.
- 3.3. The Executive Director thanked the Ministry of Finance, other government agencies and MCC for their timely support and assistance in implementation of the Project.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.1. The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal (“MCA-Nepal”) hereby approves the following resolutions (“Resolutions”) in accordance with the –Millennium Challenge Account - Nepal Internal Conduct Bylaws, 2075 (2019)

(A) Agenda One: Approval of MCA-Nepal Procurement Plan version 5.2

(B) Agenda Two: Approval to Employment Contract Extension

5. DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS

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5.1. Agenda One: Approval to the amended MCA-Nepal Procurement Plan version 5.2

5.1.1. The procurement plan is based on the procurement plan currently in place for the Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (“MCA-Nepal”). MCA-Nepal must submit any amendment to the procurement plan to MCA-Nepal Board of Directors for approval, and also needs to get approval for new Procurement Plan for each year.

5.1.2. MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (MCC PPG) states that MCA-Nepal shall periodically prepare a Procurement Plan for acquiring goods, works, consultant and non-consultant services needed to implement the Compact. Compliance, satisfactory to MCC, with the approved Procurement Plan shall be a condition precedent to MCC disbursements or payments.

5.1.3. The approved Procurement Plans require periodic revisions and amendments due to ongoing procurement for various projects. Therefore, Procurement Plan Version 5.2 is submitted for Board’s approval.

5.1.4. After considering the future activities of MCA-Nepal, the Board of Directors approved the amended Procurement Plan Version 5.2.

5.2. Agenda Two: Approval to Employment Contract Extension

5.2.1. The MCA-Nepal Employment Agreement (EA) was initially signed for 2 (two) years. As per the provisions of the EA, a 60 days’ prior notice is required for extending the EA.

5.2.2. The staffing budget for full staff is provided in the Redbook (Estimation of Expenses Details for FY 2078/79) until 16 July 2022 (32/03/2079 BS) under the FY Budget of 2078/79 BS.

5.2.3. The Board of Directors approves to extend the period of Employment Agreement of all the Employees of MCA-Nepal as per the circulated agenda.

6. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

6.1. RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors direct the Executive Director 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

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Nepal within two (2) weeks from the date of this meeting.

7. CLOSE

No other agendas were circulated and discussed by Board Members. There being no additional agendas, the meeting was closed at 4.00 PM.

This minute is prepared and signed on 08 October, 2021.

Minutes Prepared by:

Rajib Dahal,
Chief Legal Officer

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