



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

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Synopsis of Minutes of 30th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)

Nature: Regular Meeting

MCA-N/BOD-M-30/30-11-2022

Date: Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 (2079/08/14 BS)
Time: 4:30 PM
Place: Conference Room of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance at Singh Durbar, Kathmandu
Notice Served: 24/11/2022 (08/08/2079 BS)

1. PRESENT

1.1. Members

- **Krishna Hari Pushkar**, Chairperson
And, Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
- **Madhu Prasad Bhetuwal**, Member
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
- **Shiva Prasad Nepal**, Member
And, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
- **Mr. Kul Man Ghising**, Member
And, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
- **Surendra Kumar Mahto**, Member representing Civil Society
And, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Nepal

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- **Kumar Pandey**, Member representing Private Sector
And, Chairman of the Board, National Hydro Power Company (NHPC)
- **Khadga Bahadur Bisht**, Member Secretary
And, Executive Director, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

1.2. Invitees

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

1.3. Others Attending

- **Narayan Dhakal**,
Under Secretary, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Finance, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division (IECCD)
- **Rajib Dahal**
Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal
- **Satyam Pathak**
Legal Advisor, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

2. PRELIMINARY

- 2.1. The meeting of the Board of Directors was duly constituted on 30/11/2022 (2079/08/14 BS) after the notice was served in writing on 24/11/2022 (08/08/2079 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

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Account Nepal Development Board Formation Order, 2074 (2018). The Chairperson apprised the board members on the latest situation at MCA – Nepal.

- 2.4. The Board Members declared that there is no Conflict of Interest (CoI) on any of the Agendas presented by MCA-Nepal, and all the members of the board attended the meeting.
- 2.5. 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.

3. UPDATE ABOUT CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF MILLENIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

- Mr. Khadga Bahadur Bisht, Executive Director apprised MCA-Nepal Board of Directors of the major activities undertaken by MCA-Nepal.
 - Transmission Line Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published on 28/11/2022, and 120 days' of time has been given for potential bidders to submit their bids. Other relevant dates: Pre Bid Meeting:-17/01/2023, Bid submission Date: - 27/03/2023.
- Transmission Line Land Acquisition: The Cadastral map collection from District Offices is ongoing. Section –VI Notification prior to field verification is expected by the end of December 2022 / early January 2023. Appointment of Preliminary Action Officers for TL RAP – Approval required.

4. AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD'S DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1. The Chairperson requested the members to consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution on the following matter:

(A) Agenda One: Approval of Various Contract Amendments

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- 4.2.1. The following Contract amendments require the approval of the Board:

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- Consulting Services for Detailed Survey and updated Line Design for 30 km of Changes in 400 kV Transmission Line Route Alignment
- Provision of Security Guard Services for MCA-Nepal Office
- Fiscal Agent Services
- Service for Advertisement Publication in Newspaper for MCA-Nepal
- Lease Agreements for District office lease for MCA-Nepal at Sindhupalchowk, Chitwan, Nuwakot & Palpa
- Office Cleaning Services for MCA-Nepal at Makwanpur, Tanahu, Dhading and at Department of Road.
- Supply of Stationery Items to MCA-Nepal

4.2.2. After considering the agendas, the Board of Directors approved the following amendments to the Contract :

- Consulting Services for Detailed Survey and updated Line Design for 30 km of Changes in 400 kV Transmission Line Route Alignment to extend Contract
- Amendment to Fiscal Agent Services
- Amendment to Security Guard Services for MCA Nepal Office

4.2.3. With respect to following Contract Amendments, the Board of Directors authorized Executive Director to extend these contracts while ensuring that MCA-Nepal can terminate these in case MCA-Nepal no longer requires services under these contracts:

- Service for Advertisement Publication in Newspaper for MCA Nepal,
- Lease Agreements for District office lease for MCA Nepal at Sindhupalchowk, Chitwan, Nuwakot & Palpa,
- Office Cleaning Services for MCA Nepal at Makwanpur, Tanahu, Dhading and at Department of Road
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4.2.4. The Board further advised to form a committee for approval/execution of contract amendments of small value in order to expedite approvals and execution of such contracts.

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5. RECORDING OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

5.1. 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 Nepal within two (2) weeks from the date of these Minutes.

6. CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting was then closed at 5.30 PM.

This minute is prepared and signed on: 02/12/2022

Minutes Prepared by: _____

Rajib Dahal,
Chief Legal Officer, Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

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