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GHANA COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE PROJECT (GCAP)
Credit No.: GH 5077-0

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COMPLETED AND MODERNISED KPONG LEFT BANK
IRRIGATION PROJECT (KLBIP) AT TORGOME, NORTH TONGU DISTRICT, VOLTA REGION**

1. Introduction

The Ghana Commercial Agriculture Project (GCAP) of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, financed by the World Bank and Government of Ghana, is Ghana's flagship agricultural project. The Project Development Objective (PDO) of GCAP is to **'improve agricultural productivity and production of both smallholder and nucleus farms in selected project intervention areas in Ghana'**.

As part of the changes made during the restructuring of GCAP in September 2015, four major irrigation schemes namely; Kpong Left Bank Irrigation Project (KLBIP); Kpong Irrigation Scheme (KIS); Tono Irrigation Scheme and Veve Irrigation Schemes were selected for rehabilitation, expansion (where possible) and modernization. **At the KLBIP**, GCAP is rehabilitating, modernizing, and expanding the existing **450ha gravity scheme** to approximately **2,000ha**. In addition, it would provide irrigation water through pumping to **approximately 1,500ha** of farmland outside the gravity command area, bringing the total irrigable land at KLBIP to **3,500ha**.

Under the new system, farmers would be billed based on the volume of water they use to ensure efficient usage and management of the water resource.

To achieve optimal use of the developed land, GCAP would identify potential investors focused on cereals, legumes and high value vegetables who would act as anchor farmers and who would

ensure that the rehabilitated Scheme is fully utilized and work with the small holders on the land to provide market access.

2. Objective

The overall objective of this Request for Interest is to invite investors who are interested in cultivating and providing value chain services on the rehabilitated and modernized KLBIP.

3. Location

The project is located on the left bank of the Volta River downstream of the Kpong Hydroelectric Dam at Akuse. Administratively, it falls within the North Tongu District of the Volta Region. The project area was acquired by the Government of Ghana through a legislative instrument, LI 175.

Geographically, it is between latitudes 6° 05.5' North and 6° 09' North, and longitudes 0°07' East and 0°13' East. Its digital postal address is VT-2044-5973.

The area is bounded by the Juapong-Torgorme feeder road and Gblor drain to the west, the Volta River to the south and the Alabo River to the east. Farms operated by Vegpro Ghana Limited and natural uplands make up the boundary in the north.

4. Investment Opportunities at the KLBIP

The investment opportunities at the KLBIP include medium and large-scale production within the gravity command area of **2,000 hectares** and value chain activities such as provision of mechanisation services, input supply services, agro processing services, storage and marketing.

For production, investors would be required to pitch for land which have been put in lots of minimum sizes depending on the type of crop and the scale of investments. For example for rice cultivation the minimum size of land is 100 hectares and for high value vegetables the minimum land size is 10 hectares.

5. Invitation of Request for Expression of Interest

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture now invites potential investors to indicate their interest based on a set of eligibility criteria to leverage private sector investments at the KLBIP with a focus on increased production.

6. Eligibility Criteria

The expression of Interest should include the following:

- a. An operational plan indicating timelines for developing the site for production and assuring reasonable profitability. In addition it should indicate how you would integrate small holder farmers in the business (where possible) indicate how reliable and sustainable markets would be created and how you would introduce innovative approaches to develop your value chain.
- b. Track record of successful commercial farming in Ghana or elsewhere.

It is mandatory that interested firms submit with their Expression of Interest the following statutory documents:

- a. Valid Business Registration Certificate
- b. Valid Certificate of Incorporation
- c. Valid Certificate of Commencement.
- d. Valid GRA Tax Clearance Certificate.
- e. Valid SSNIT Clearance Certificate.
- f. Valid VAT Registration Certificate (if applicable).
- g. Valid Registration Certificate from PPA (if applicable)

7. Other information

Further information on the KLBIP can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e.* 0900 to 1700 hours and on the GCAP and MoFA websites.

Attention: **Procurement Specialist, Ghana Commercial Agriculture Project**

Street Address: **Ghana Commercial Agriculture Project, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, GCAP office located at the premises of the Government Secretarial School, Cantonments, Accra, P. O. Box M.37, Accra, Ghana**

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City: **Accra**

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Tel.: **+233-202026412**

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8. Submission

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 10.00HRS Friday 11th December, 2020.

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