



**MINUTES REPORT ON THE MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED
REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA INTERNATIONAL CHAIR, DEVELOPING
COAL-LIGNITE MINE, NEW FACILITY FOR FERTILIZER
PRODUCTION IN EBONYI STATE**

Date: 29th February, 2024

Venue: Office of the Commissioner, Ministry of Trade and Investment, Block 10, Ochudo Centenary City, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State.

Attendees:

- **Chief Elechi Nnanna Elechi** – Commissioner for Trade and Investment
 - **Mrs. Anthonia Igwe** – Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Investment
 - **Mr. Joel Ebenyi** – Head of Investment Promotion Unit, Ebonyi State
 - **Mr. Eugene** – HOD (Admin), Ebonyi State Investment and Property Company Limited (EBIPC)
 - **Mr. Victor Olughua** – Head Accountant, Ebonyi State Investment and Property Company Limited (EBIPC)
 - **Mr. Ladislao Vajda Schroiff** – CEO, REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA
- Moderated by:** Ejike Akpu, Public Relations Officer

Summary of Discussions:

1. Opening Remarks

The Commissioner for Trade and Investment, Chief Elechi Nnanna Elechi, welcomed participants and emphasized the significance of the proposed partnership as a direct step towards achieving the People's Charter of Needs, which prioritizes industrialization, energy development, and agricultural productivity. He reaffirmed government's openness to credible foreign investors that align with the long-term vision of Ebonyi State.

2. Business Presentation by REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA

Mr. Ladislao Vajda Schroiff, CEO of REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA, outlined the business case for the project, which includes:

- The development of a coal-lignite mining operation in Ebonyi State.
- Establishment of a modern fertilizer production facility, leveraging by-products of the mining process to support agriculture in Ebonyi and beyond.
- Potential to generate significant local employment and provide affordable fertilizers to farmers, thereby boosting food production and supporting national food security.

Mr. Schroiff highlighted the company's track record in industrial development across other countries, assuring Ebonyi State of international best practices in mining, safety, and environmental sustainability.

3. Financial Considerations and Local Value Addition

Discussions centered on funding structures and value addition:

- REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA proposed a Public – Private Partnership (PPP) framework to minimize government exposure while ensuring shared benefits.
- The project is expected to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) into Ebonyi State, with significant multiplier effects on agriculture, trade, and industry.
- The Commissioner stressed that local capacity building, technology transfer, and inclusion of Ebonyi citizens in employment must remain non-negotiable conditions.

4. Institutional and Administrative Inputs

- **Mrs. Anthonia Igwe**, Permanent Secretary, emphasized the need for a structured legal framework and due diligence to safeguard the state's interests.
- **Mr. Joel Ebonyi**, Head of Investment Promotion, noted that the project aligns with Ebonyi's investment priorities and pledged the Ministry's technical support for facilitation.
- **Mr. Eugene and Mr. Victor Olughua** (EBIPC representatives) underlined the importance of transparent financial models and sustainable profit-sharing agreements that protect state revenue while encouraging investor confidence.

5. Government's Perspective

The Commissioner reiterated the government's readiness to support the project through policy facilitation, land allocation where appropriate, and community engagement. He stressed that

Ebonyi State's priority is sustainable industrialization that uplifts communities and respects environmental standards.

Conclusions and Action Points

1. **Proposal Review** – REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA will submit a detailed feasibility study, including environmental and financial projections, to the Ministry of Trade and Investment within two weeks.
 2. **Legal Framework** – The Ministry, in collaboration with EBIPC, will review draft agreements to ensure state interests are protected.
 3. **Community Engagement** – Stakeholder consultations will be initiated to sensitize host communities and secure local cooperation.
 4. **Government Reporting** – A formal report of this meeting will be submitted to His Excellency, the Governor of Ebonyi State, for further directives.
 5. **Next Steps** – A follow-up meeting will be scheduled upon submission of REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA's feasibility report.
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This report reflects the shared commitment of Ebonyi State Government and REDONDEFUSAO UNIP LDA to advance industrial development that delivers economic, social, and environmental value to the people of Ebonyi State.



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