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Parliament unites against attempted coup

By Jariatu S. Bangura

Leaders of the two main political parties in Parliament have moved a private member motion for an immediate investigation into the armed attack that totally disrupted the peace of Sierra Leone. The attack which took place in the early hours of Sunday, November 26, has attracted wider condemnations and government on Tuesday confirmed that it was an attempted coup. Hon. Mathew Nyuma, Leader of Government Business, moved the motion which was seconded by the opposition leader, Hon. Abdul Kargbo of the All People's Congress. Hon. Nyuma noted that government should immediately institute an investigation into the act and hold accountable all those who participated either directly or indirectly in the said act. Meanwhile, investigations into the incident are ongoing with some significant arrest made, according to the security sector.



APC Abdul Kargbo



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LOCAL NEWS

SLeCAD urges tax reduction to increase investment flows

By Yusufu S. Bangura

The Executive Secretary, Sierra Leone Chamber for Agribusiness Development (SLeCAD), Ahmed Nanoh, has called on the government to reduce and harmonise taxation in order to increase investment flows and promote Sierra Leone's local industries and cut down importation. He made the call on Wednesday, November 29, while addressing the press about findings they made, through an assessment funded by the European Union under the Opportunity Salone project, managed by the International Labour Organization (ILO), on access to finance by the private sector, especially the agribusiness sector.

The assessment was made by SLeCAD in collaboration with Mustard Seed Advisory from Zimbabwe.

Speaking to the press, the Executive Secretary said the chamber was quite aware about the breach of security at the Wilberforce Barracks, which brought the country to a standstill and seriously affected the private sector.

"As I already said, the private sector is really suffering. You know, businesses are not functioning now as expected. So, today, we are here to brief you on issues that have to do with access to finance. Basically, we talk about two key issues that are currently affecting our economy—the

monetary policy and the fiscal policy," he said.

He disclosed that based on their findings, 9% of agribusinesses SMEs and agribusiness companies have access to finance, whereas 9% receive loans, albeit most of them experience high interest rate (28-30%), short term loans, no-grace period, and high cost of transaction.

He said 15% of agribusiness SMEs have accounts with banks, 85% have access to loans through Village Savings and Loan Associations, 95% stated that interest rates are very high and affect business growth and not encouraging at all for agribusiness SMEs and companies, smallholder and cooperatives that are the back bone of very economy.

He added that 86% of private sector actors disclosed that commission for United State Dollars withdrawals or transfers varies from bank to bank and that 98% agribusiness, cooperative and farmers don't have insurance.

He cited some of the negative impacts of poor fiscal policy including dwindling of government tax base, low Gross Domestic Product (GDP), expansion of informal sector, retardation of investment, increase unemployment, poor entrepreneurship and above all endemic poverty.

On the impact of the bad monetary policy, he cited high inflation, weak



fiscal balance, private sector lacking trust and confident in the banking system, increase hoarding, too much money in circulation and stay unchecked and unaccounted for, among others.

"However, we are calling on the government especially the ministry of finance and the Central Bank to reduce interest rate to support the good government programmes like Feed Salone that will also help to bring inflation down and grow the

economy, reduce the money in circulation and stick to one denomination (NLe), cut down government spending and focus on core government priority projects like Feed Salone that support private sector growth and job creating goals, reduce and harmonise taxation to increase investment flows and promote Sierra Leone local Industries to cut down importation, among others," he recommended.

German Ambassador visits UNIMTECH

By Ishmael Dumbuya

The German Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Jens Kraus-Masse', on Wednesday, November 29, paid a visit to the University of Management and Technology (UNIMTECH) at Kissy Dock Yard in Freetown.

In his statement, Ambassador Kraus-Masse' expressed delight for being invited to the university and added that the German Government has outstanding scholarship opportunities available that UNIMTECH can tap into.

He said he is ready to provide information on how students from the university can apply, but he however laid emphasis on excellent performance as a criterion for eligibility to receive German scholarships and student exchange programs.

He admonished the university to focus more on technology rather than management, as the world has moved towards technological drives.

He thanked the University for creating such a platform and



The Ambassador sandwiched by senior staff of UNIMTECH

promised that the German Government will continue to work with all academic institutions across the globe, especially Sierra Leone.

Professor Sankoh, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the university, applauded the German Ambassador to Sierra Leone for honouring their invitation and was thrilled by his presence.

He said UNIMTECH is a private university which is in dire need of a

lot of facilities in order to expedite the work of the university.

He added that UNIMTECH is geared towards filling the teaching and learning gaps, supplementing the efforts of existing courses as well as introducing new ones, emphasizing that all the existing universities cannot capture all the courses present.

According to Professor Sankoh, initially, the Student Loan Scheme

Program didn't cover private universities, but that government has now seen the reason to include private institutions to the scheme.

He explained that UNIMTECH started as a small computer center, wherein students could be well trained in technology, but has now become a full-fledged university.

He added that they intend to expand and invigorate staff development, citing that UNIMTECH is amongst the best IT universities in the country.

He concluded that the university has established satellite campuses in Lunsar, Bo, Kambia, and Kono, in order to provide the opportunity for impoverished communities to attain tertiary education. "The university currently has over 7,000 students, and we are expecting 2,500 new students in the 2023/2024 academic year," he said.

He went on to state that their mission is to make students very marketable in the employment industries and appealed that they need standard faculties as well as national and international reputation.

The visitation ended with a tour of the computer lab, offices of the DVC academic and chancellor.



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LOCAL NEWS

The US government through the American Ambassador to Sierra Leone Bryan David Hunt, has unequivocally condemned the Freetown November 26 security breach by unknown insurgents, calling it an attack on democracy.

The Ambassador congratulated the government of Sierra Leone for stopping "those who wanted to avert democracy and bring chaos to Sierra Leone". The US position was made clear during the ambassador's courtesy call to Sierra Leone's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Timothy Musa Kabba, Wednesday, at his Tower Hill Office.

He said the American Government stands with the Sierra Leone Government for taking the stance to repel, pursue, arrest, and bring to trial all the dissidents involved through a speedy, fair, and transparent trial.

Hunt told the minister, that he has on behalf of the American Government, congratulated Major General Dauda Alpha, the Joint Forces Commander of the Republic of Sierra Leone's Armed Forces through a telephone call. He said he congratulated the commander and his men for standing tall to defend the assault on democracy. The US government was pleased with the military's dedication and gallantry in repelling the assailants, he emphasized. He said the American government will support the government of Sierra Leone with investigations to ensure that the assailants account for their unfortunate actions.

The American government will

continue to stand with the Government and people of Sierra Leone as they support the Sierra Leone Government's action to search, condon, arrest and prosecute all the assailants.

US congratulates SL government for defending democracy

On another note, Ambassador Hunt said Sierra Leone remained on track for the compact having fulfilled all the requirements of the Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC). The United States Embassy in Sierra Leone, he said, will continue to work with the Government of Sierra Leone to ensure the compact is realized.

He said Sierra Leone as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, has a key role to play in the peace and stability of West Africa and beyond. Hence, the United States encourages President Julius Maada Bio to play a critical role in resolving the political crises in West Africa.

Ambassador Hunt called on Sierra Leone to join the United States and other nations in endorsing the Declaration on Atlantic Cooperation so that Sierra Leone could become a full member.

Minister Kabba welcomed the ambassador and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone. He appreciated the United States' stance on democracy as well as law and order in Sierra Leone, especially for demonstrating early support for the Government of Sierra Leone on the unfortunate events of November 26. He stressed that the Government

of Sierra Leone will continue to encourage the security forces to act within the confines of the law as they engaged the remnants of insurgents still lurking out in the dark. Kabba said despite the threat to the security situation posed by the insurgents, Sierra Leone will forge ahead with the work of the Electoral Review Committee. The minister acknowledged the ambassador's positive overview of Sierra Leone's fulfillment of the MCC



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Timothy Kabba and the Ambassador David Hunt

criteria, noting that some detractors were using the MCC to play politics without understanding the progress Sierra Leone has made on the MCC over the years. Kabba said that President Bio's experience as having been a military leader before and now as a democratic leader places him strategically to play a key role in resolving the political crises in West Africa. He assured the ambassador that Sierra Leone would endorse the Declaration on the Atlantic Cooperation.

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APC, ICPNC condemn attempted coup

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

The main opposition All People's Congress (APC) and the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion (ICPNC) have unequivocally condemned the Sunday, November 26 attempted coup that disrupted normal business across the country.

The ICPNC stated that the incident poses a grave threat to the hard-earned peace in Sierra Leone and undermines the collective efforts invested in the recent series of stakeholder conversations and the mediated dialogue of September 18th, 2023.

They emphasised the importance of resolving issues through dialogue rather than resorting to violent

means and the use of guns resulting in the loss of lives and property.

They said the events of November 26th caused widespread unrest and panic and disrupted the peace that had been genuinely achieved through the active participation and contributions of citizens, political parties, religious and traditional leaders, the government, and development partners. "The peace we enjoy is invaluable, and we must jealously guard and preserve it with our lives," ICPNC stated.

The Commission called on all citizens to cooperate and work with the authorities, especially the security sector, to maintain the restored peace and appeal to all citizens to refrain from sharing

unverified news, particularly on social media, as such actions have the potential to create undue tensions and panic, serving as a recipe for chaos and social unrest in the country.

For the APC, they firmly condemned what they described as dastardly act of violence, adding that they have carefully followed those unacceptable violent events with grave concern.

The APC expressed its strongest unreserved condemnation of any acts, occasions, or statements that are inimical to the political and social stability of the state.

The party, however, expressed dismay that in the statement to the high-powered delegation from the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), President Bio pointedly associated the party with the August 10 protests, and attributed their party's contestation of the June 24 elections results to those violent events.

"We categorically condemn any attempt to associate our party to any form of violence. As a responsible political party, we strongly believe in the assumption of power through the ballot box and not through the barrel of a gun. That is why we have maintained, in no uncertain terms, our vehement condemnation of the use of brutal force by any party to gain and /or retain power," they stated.



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LOCAL NEWS

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

The Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) network, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, has unveiled early research findings and fostered collaborative discussions on reducing stillbirths and child deaths in Sierra Leone.

The 2023 CHAMPS National Advisory Forum was held on Wednesday, 29th November, 2023, at the Bintumani Conference Centre, Aberdeen in Freetown.

The theme for the event was "Call to Action: Use of CHAMPS Data for Action, Policy, and Research."

The CHAMPS National Advisory Forum stands as a pivotal platform, uniting stakeholders in a dialogue to shape the future of child health in Sierra Leone. Participants delved into early research findings, explored collaboration avenues, and contributed insights to enhance the utilization of CHAMPS data for actionable measures.

CHAMPS is a global network that provides timely and accurate tracking of infectious and preventable causes of death for under-five. The organization was funded by the Gates Foundation with technical support from Emory University. CHAMPS intervention is jointly implemented in Sierra Leone by Crown Agents, World Hope International and Focus 1000, to help combat child mortality in Sierra Leone.

Making his keynote address, the Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Charles Senessie expressed his delight for the data CHAMPS put together, stating that with data development can strive.

He said the research area, which was on stillbirth and death of children, is an issue which the ministry takes very seriously, adding that they will ensure they work with CHAMPS and other partners in making sure they succeed.

He continued that the challenge in most hospitals and clinics across the country is that health workers don't go far in running test to ascertain the root causes of children's illness before they administer treatment to them.

He promised that they will continue to work with CHAMPS and their partners to see how they can help in solving the issue of the high rate of child's death in the country.

He said they will continue to strengthen the health workers and make them effective in their work.

The Director of Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance

CHAMPS, MoHS unveil findings on stillbirth and child death



Deputy Minister of Ministry of Health, Dr. Charles Senessie, COM, MoH, and the Director of CHAMPS

(CHAMPS) in Sierra Leone, Dr. Ike Ogbuanu, said their aim is to determine and track the causes of under-five mortality and stillbirths through epidemiologic surveillance, including reporting within 24 hours, clinical sampling, and use of advanced laboratory testing and diagnostics across a network of international sites.

He said CHAMPS, which has been in Sierra Leone since 2016, their role is to look at children that are dying within 24 hours, to look at the reason why they are dying.

He said after they have discovered that a child has passed away, they will take the remains to the lab to know the root cause of the death.

He added that after they have established the root cause they will forward the report for the government to look into it.

He continued that CHAMPS is also working on how they can be able to solve the problem of why children are dying before their fifth year birthday, and that most of the time they find it difficult for mothers to allow them to take care of their dead child.

He said in Sierra Leone the rate at which children are dying is very high compared to other African countries.

He said the normal percentage is 30/1000, but in Sierra Leone is that 121/1000 children die every year.

He said what they discovered was that more children are dying in some areas, and those deaths are not reported to the ministry of health, so

they were working very hard to see how they can reduce the death rate in the country.

Dr Ike advised mothers to start giving their children good food so that they

too can be healthy.

He also advised government to make child health a priority, although the ministry has created a child health program which will improve the death rate of children in Sierra Leone.

M M Invitation for Bids MOTT MACDONALD SL Limited

Procurement Number: MMSL/SSEIP2/1088.27

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited, has allocated funds from FCDO for the procurement of **400 units of Wind-Up radios** and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Mott MacDonald Limited trading as Cambridge Education has been appointed by UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to use UK aid to deliver the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme 2 (SSEIP 2). This programme supports the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to improve primary and secondary schooling, make schools safer for girls, and target support to students with disabilities.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate experience and the capacity to deliver 400 units of **Wind-Up radios**.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 09.00 am and 5.00 pm from 16th – 24th November 2023. Bidding documents can be collected for free at the address below.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 27th November 2023 at 09:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid business registration certificate
- Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- References, indicating the supplier's experience to deliver similar products to reputable organizations - corporations, INGOs and Government
- Demonstrates experience to deliver similar products and provide sample of **Wind-Up radio**.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked "RFP 1088.27 - **Wind-Up radios** - Sierra Leone".

The detailed specifications, unit price, total price including 15% GST shall be quoted in **SIERRA LEONE NEW LEONES**.

The period of bid validity shall be **90 days** from the closing date of submission of bids.

Delivery of goods to MMSL shall be within **4 – 6 weeks** upon notification of award.

"Bid opening for Wind-up radios is on Friday the 1st December 2023 at 9:15am at MMSL HQ Office – 24 Regent Road, Hill Station, Opposite Orange SL Office, Freetown"

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited
24 Regent Road, Opposite Orange Office
Hill Station
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Invitation for Bids

Date of First Issue: 28th November, 2023

The Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC) has allocated funds for the supplies and services of various items for the smooth function of the Commission.

The needed items are as follows:

| Items Description | Quantity | LOT | Code | Delivery Schedule in weeks/months |
|------------------------------|----------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Supply Stationery and Toners | Various | 1 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/001 | Frame work |
| Supply of Toiletries | Various | 2 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/002 | Frame work |
| Supply of Provisions | Various | 3 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/003 | Frame work |
| Supply of Furniture | Various | 4 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/004 | Frame work |
| Catering Service | Various | 5 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/005 | Frame work |
| Printing Service | Various | 6 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/006 | Frame work |
| Vehicle Repairs/Servicing | Various | 7 | PPRC/ADMIN/NCB/2024/007 | Frame work |

Bidding is open to all suppliers or service providers who can demonstrate eligibility and capability to undertake the supply and delivery of various items.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of SLL. 500 (Five Hundred Leones)** to be paid in the following accounts, following which, pay-in-slips from the bank to be submitted to the officer below for the issuance of the document:

Name of Bank: Bank of Sierra Leone

A/C Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Document

A/C Number: 0111003981

BBAN: 00001011100398165

Bank Name: Union Trust Bank

A/C Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Document

A/C Number: 21011325301

BBAN NO: 004001113253120144

Bank Name: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank

A/C Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Document

A/C NO: 003001081791112183

Bank Name: Rokel Commercial Bank

A/C Name: Revenue from sale of Bidding Document

A/C NO: 02011012428

BBAN NO: 002001002101242863

A formal Treasury receipt must be issued to the bidder which will be submitted to PPRC in return for the bidding document.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12 noon on Wednesday 27th December 2023,**

All bids must be accompanied by:

- * **A Business Registration Certificate**
- * **A valid NRA tax Clearance Certificate;**
- * **A valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate;**
- * **Bid Security of SLL. 10,000 (Ten Thousand (Leones) from a reputable Commercial Bank**
- * **A Complete and signed bid form**
- * **A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached]**

Bids will be publicly opened on **Wednesday 27th December, 2023 at 12 noon,** in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below.

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SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY
TIKONKO – KPETEMA – MATTRU JONG ROAD PROJECT LOT II:
TIKONKO – MOYOROH JUNCTION - SERABU (38.1Km)
INVITATION FOR BID

Issue Date: 27th November 2023

1. The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has received for financing in the form of Loan from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) for the Upgrading of Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (38.1Km).

2. The Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) on behalf of the GoSL invites international eligible Contractors (including all members of a joint venture and all Subcontractors of bidders) for the Tikonko – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu Road.

3. In general, the proposed Tikonko – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project aims at contributing to the economic development of national and local communities in the southern region. The project is part of GoSL's program to develop the transport sector in general and the network of the national roads in particular.

The road is the second part of the 72.6Km from the whole Tikonko – Junction – Mattru Jong Road that links the provincial town of Bo through Tikonko, Bumpah, Kpetema, Motua, Bauya and Mattru Jong in the Southern Provinces.

The project entails the upgrading of the remaining 30.1km road length from Tikonko Junction – Mattru Jong to asphaltic paved condition with a carriageway width of 7.3m and 1.5m shoulders, with wide sections at towns and villages, and sidewalks, construction of culverts, and the spur from Moyoroh Junction – Serabu as well as utility diversion and the mitigation of the environmental and social impacts.

The 72.6Km stretch was divided into two Lots: Lot I – Kpetema – Mattru Jong 42.5Km and Lot II – Tikonko Junction – Kpetema 30.1Km.

The scope of the works for this section (Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema 30.1Km, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu 8.0Km) includes preliminaries (site preparation, establishment of camp sites, etc.), earthworks, pavement layers and pavement work, drainage structures, road furniture, day works and ancillary. Time of completion of the project is 24 Calendar months with a 12 Month Defect Liability Period.

4. Eligible Applicants may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the Bidding Documents, at:

Address:

Attn: Director of Procurement
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
PMB 1324 Kissy
Freetown
Sierra Leone
Tel: 232226565
Fax: 232-22-222346
Email: saloneroads@gmail.com

5. Bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents at the above office starting from **27th November 2023** and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **500 US\$ (Five Hundred Sixty US dollars) or equivalent in Leones**. Payment shall be made in cash, bank certified check or telegraphic transfer to the Employer's Bank Account in the **Rokel Commercial Bank** through Account No. **02-011544957 SLRA Highway Maintenance Account**.

The document will be sent by registered airmail if required so by the bidder but under no circumstances will the procuring entity be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

6. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure specified in the bidding documents and is open to all eligible bidders. The minimum General and Specific Construction Experience is as shown below:

Table 6.1: Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema (30.1Km), Moyoroh Junction - Serabu (8.0Km)

| Item No. | Qualification Criteria | Minimum Requirement | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Annual Construction Turnover | USD 30 Million (Average Construction Turnover) | | | |
| 2 | Liquid Asset /Cash Flow requirement | USD 7.0 Million | | | |
| 3 | General Construction Experience | 10 Years firm Experience in Construction | | | |
| 4 | Specific Construction Project Experience | Three (3) new Asphalt Concrete (AC) road construction or rehabilitation or upgrading each with a value of USD25.0 million within the last ten (10) years that has been successfully and substantially completed (80% Completed) | | | |
| 5 | Specific Construction Experience in Key Activities | Item No. | Item Description | Unit | Quantity |
| | | 1 | Earthwork; Cut & Borrow to Fill, Cut to Spoil (Common and Intermediate/ Rock Excavation) | M ³ /year | 1,100,000.00 |
| | | 2 | Crushed Subbase | M ³ /year | 75,000.00 |
| | | 3 | Crushed Stone base | M ³ /year | 70,000.00 |
| | | 4 | Asphalt Concrete (AC) Surface Dressing | M ² /year | 280,000.00 |

7. The bidding procedure to be followed is a two-envelope procedure. The

post-qualification documents and financial offers should be sealed in two separate envelopes. The first envelope containing the post-qualification application and bid security is clearly marked "**Post Qualification Application and Bid Security**" and the second envelope that contains the offer is marked "**Submission of Offer**" for the **Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (38.1Km)** respectively and the two envelopes shall also be enclosed by an outer envelope marked "**Post Qualification Application and Offer for Tikonko Junction – Kpetema – Mattru Jong Road Project Lot II: Tikonko – Kpetema 30.1Km, Moyoroh Junction – Serabu (8.0Km)**".

Evaluation is also to be carried out in two stages, the post qualification application and the bid security will be opened first, and the qualification evaluation will be undertaken. The bid that are responsive to the minimum post qualification criteria will be opened for further evaluation. The offers of those bidders who fail the minimum qualification criteria shall be returned unopened after the award of contract.

8. The Employer will arrange a group site visit, which will be conducted on 13th December 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Hence, the bidders are invited to participate in the site visit. Failure of the bidder to visit the site at the group site visit date or by his own will in no circumstances allow the bidder to claim that insufficient information regarding the site was available at the bid stage. Bidders are also invited to attend a pre-bid meeting, which will take place the following on 13th December at Tikonko.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a security in the form and amount specified in the bidding documents, and delivered to:

The Director of Procurement
Sierra Leone Roads Authority
PMB 1324 Kissy
Freetown
Sierra Leone
Tel: 232226565
Fax: 232-22-222346
Email: saloneroads@gmail.com

On /or before 8th January 2024 at 14:00.

The Bids shall be prepared in one original and four copies. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **USD 1,000,000.00 (United States Dollar: One Million)** or Equivalent in a format acceptable to the Employer. Late bids will be rejected. Post-Qualification Application and Bid security of the bidders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Procurement Committee and bidders' representatives who choose to attend on the final date and time of bid submission and at the address stated here above.

10. The Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

SIERRA LEONE ROADS AUTHORITY



INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Reference Number: IOMSL/ITB/11/2023

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Instructions to Bidders

Section A: General

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental partners. With 174 member states, a further eight states holding observer status, and offices in more than 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

The IOM Sierra Leone Country Office Asset Disposal Committee (ADC) now invites interested bidders to submit bids for the sale of vehicles (as-is).

The items are available for viewing at the IOM 18a New Signal Hill Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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| Deadline for the Submission of Quotation | 6 th December 2023 at 16:00hrs WAT |
| Method of Submission | Bids must be submitted as follows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email Bid submission address: proloesi@iom.int copying anduneu@iom.int <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File Format: PDF ▪ File names must be a maximum of 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from the Latin alphabet/keyboard. ▪ All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. ▪ Max. File Size per transmission: 5MB in total ▪ Mandatory subject of the email: ▪ The proposer should receive an email acknowledging email receipt. ▪ The Bidder shall complete the Bid form and the appropriate price clearly indicating vehicle the bidder is bidding for. The bid form should have the bidder's Name and contact number (cell phone). The bid form can be found under Section C of the Instruction to Bidders (below). |
| Assets Viewing dates and times | STRICTLY from 30 th November 2023 to the 5 th of December 2023 between 2:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m. West African time (WAT) (Excluding the 2 nd and 3 rd of December 2023). |
| Viewing location | 18a New Signal Hill Road, Freetown Sierra Leone |
| Cost of Preparation of Bid | IOM shall not be responsible for any costs associated with a Bidder's preparation and submission of a Bid, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process. |
| Eligibility | Bidders shall have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract with IOM, or through an authorized representative. |

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| Currency of Bid | Quotations shall be quoted in Sierra Leone New Leones (SLE) |
| Language of Bid | English |
| Documents to be submitted | Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bid submission form duly signed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business License/National ID/Passport |
| Bid validity period | Bids shall remain valid for Forty-Five (45) days from the deadline of Submission. |
| Payment Terms | <input type="checkbox"/> 100% upon signing the deed of Sale |
| Clarifications | Requests for clarification from bidders will not be accepted any later than 3 days before the submission deadline. Responses to requests for clarification will be communicated through email by 30 th November 2023 |
| Evaluation method | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The best price offer shall be awarded |
| Right not to accept any Bid | IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to the disposal, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for IOM's action |
| Type of Contract to be Awarded | Deed of Sale |
| Expected date for contract award. | 18 th of December 2023. |

Section B: List of Assets in Lots

| Lot Number | Item Description | Unit | Quantity |
|------------|------------------|------|----------|
| 01. | Toyota L/Cruiser | Pc | 1 |
| 02. | Toyota Prado | Pc | 1 |

Section C: Instruction to Bidders

| Bid Form/ Offer Form | | | |
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| Bidder's Name: | | | |
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| Hereby I certify that I am offering the above price for the above item knowing that it is sold on the basis of as-is, where-is, and in case of winning, I will pay the amount within seven (7) days of notification. Please ensure you enter the above details fully. Forms with missing information will be waived. Signature of bidder: | | | |



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST COTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA (CLSG) TRANSMISSION COMPANY

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY FOR THE DESIGN - AND POSSIBLY IMPLEMENTATION - OF THE WHOLESALE MARKETING OF THE EXCESS CAPACITY OF OPGW ON THE TRANSCO CLSG NETWORK

Sector: Energy
E-tendering: TRANSCO CLSG resources
Ref. RFO/ CS/ 091-11/2023/GMO
Publication date: 15/11/2023
Submission deadline: 15/12/2023

TRANSCO CLSG is a Supranational Company governed by an International Treaty signed by the Head of States of the Republics of Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Guinea, owning a 1,303 km of 225kV transmission line linking the four countries with Twelve (12) associated substations in the four countries. The network was financed through a financing received from the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the KfW, and also from Capital provided by the Governments of the four CLSG countries. The construction phase is 99% completed, and operation phase has started.

TRANSCO CLSG intends to use part of its financing for the recruitment of a consultant to assist TRANSCO CLSG in the design - and possibly implementation - of the Wholesale Marketing of the excess capacity of OPGW on the TRANSCO CLSG Network.

The objective of the consulting services is to support TRANSCO CLSG in the design - and possibly implementation - of the wholesale marketing of the excess capacity of the Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), which is being installed on the TRANSCO CLSG interconnection line between Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea. TRANSCO CLSG OPGW is designed with 48 single-mode optical fibers, for a maximum wavelength of 1,550nm. Annex 1 provides the characteristics of the OPGW. It is expected that the wholesale marketing of excess capacity (which is estimated to be 40 fibers, while the other 8 fibers are reserved for TRANSCO CLSG own needs) will be carried out using an open-access method, potentially with the establishment of a public-private partnership (PPP). The consultancy will include a legal, regulatory, technical, economic and financial analysis, and will reflect the best international practices in force and will allow TRANSCO CLSG to choose an optimal structuring option for the wholesale marketing of excess capacity of the OPGW. The consultancy might also include support for the implementation of the selected marketing structure, as described in the optional Component # 2 of the TOR.

The duration of the assignment (component 1) will be for **twenty (20) weeks**.

The services to be provided shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

The Consultant will carry out the mission for TRANSCO CLSG in consultation with all the public and private actors concerned by the project. As part of this technical assistance mission, the Consultant will carry out the following activities on behalf of TRANSCO CLSG:

Component 1: Develop a strategy and business plan for the marketing of excess capacity of Optical Ground Wire available on the TRANSCO CLSG's network.

Component 2 (optional): Support the effective implementation of the wholesale marketing of excess capacity of the OPGW on TRANSCO CLSG network: drafting of the international tender documents, assistance in the selection process, and training. The component 2 is optional and will be implemented at a later stage.

TRANSCO CLSG now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services, including technical experience in similar assignments, qualifications of the firm in similar missions and staff experience key.

The firm should possess the following **minimum qualifications**:

The Consultant selected (firm or consortium) should have general experience in the field of Fiber optic market assessment and development, with at least **three (3) contracts** executed during the last **ten (10) years** for studies on the commercialization of Fiber optic services in developing countries.

The firm or consortium should demonstrate the current availability of its experts who would be required for the Fiber optic market studies, including commercial experts, economists, financial analysts, telecom engineers and lawyers with demonstrated international experience on the one hand in the wholesale marketing of OPGW capacities, and on the other hand in public-private partnerships for the telecommunications sector as follows:

- One (1) Marketing or commercial expert/professional, preferably with a minimum of 10 years' professional experience, preferably in the field of wholesale marketing of OPGW capacities;
- One (1) financial analyst holding a Master's degree in the finance, preferably a specialist with at least five (5) years of professional experience;
- One (1) telecom or systems engineer holding an engineering degree in Telecommunications or related field, with at least five (5) years' experience;
- One (1) legal expert holding a master's degree in law with at least 10 years' professional experience in corporate law, international law and treaties, and cross-border contract management.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Chapter IV of the TRANSCO CLSG Tender Code setting forth the TRANSCO CLSG policy on conflict of interest: <https://www.transcoclg.org/bid-notice-transco-clsg-tender-code/>

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost based Selection method set out in the Tender Code of TRANSCO CLSG that can be accessed from: <https://www.transcoclg.org/bid-notice-transco-clsg-tender-code/>.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM during working days. Or can be obtained upon request, by writing an email to: mketa@transcoclg.org with copy to bbaldie@transcoclg.org.

Expression of Interest could be delivered in a written form to the address below (by e-mail) by 5:00 PM GMT on **December 15, 2023**. **Only shortlisted firms will be contacted**.

The address referred to above is:

The General Manager

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INT'L SPORTS

Jude Bellingham breaks goalscoring Real Madrid record set by Cristiano Ronaldo

Jude Bellingham made history on Sunday night as he broke a long-standing Real Madrid record set by none other than Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Birmingham City academy graduate marked his return to the Madrid squad - following a shoulder injury - with a goal during their 3-0 win over Cadiz.

Bellingham was on hand, in the 74th minute, to smash the ball into the back of the net after some neat build-up play from Brazilian winger Rodrygo.

In doing so, the 20-year-old netted his 11th league goal, 14th in all competitions, since making his £113million move from Borussia Dortmund in summer.

While the England star will be thrilled with his emphatic start, he'll be even more delighted when he realises the record which he broke on Sunday.

By scoring his 14th goal for Madrid, Bellingham surpassed football icon Ronaldo for the most goals scored in their opening 15 matches at the club.

The Al-Nassr forward had previously led the record-sheet with his 13 goals tying him with fellow club legend Alfredo Di Stefano.

It serves as the latest impressive accomplishment on the youngster's record, who recently made history by claiming the Kopa Trophy at the Ballon d'Or awards.

As revealed by Mail Sport, Bellingham is wanted by Louis Vuitton for a multi-million-pound endorsement deal in the latest sign that the England midfielder has reached the ranks of the sporting megastars.

The luxury French fashion house only work with sporting icons — they ran an advertising campaign with Lionel Messi and Ronaldo before last year's World Cup, following a campaign featuring Pele, Diego Maradona and Zinedine Zidane ahead of the 2010 tournament — and are now targeting the 20-year-old from Stourbridge.

Bellingham has a keen interest in fashion and wore a Louis Vuitton suit with flared trousers to the Ballon d'Or awards in Paris last month.

The former Borussia Dortmund starlet also attended the house's men's spring-summer 2024 fashion show in the French capital in June



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alongside his younger brother Jobe after taking part in the first batch of England's Euro 2024 qualifiers against Malta and Macedonia.

On Sunday, Madrid stormed to victory over Cadiz after a brace from Rodrygo and Bellingham's late strike.

The victory sees Ancelotti's side surpass Girona at the summit of the LaLiga table, having now won 11 out of their 14 opening matches.

Bellingham missed out on Madrid's recent victories over Valencia and Braga, in the Champions League, as he struggled with a shoulder injury.

The 20-year-old was called up by Gareth Southgate for England, but forced to return to Madrid to continue building back his fitness ahead of the post-international break.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football>

Manchester United takeover: Sheikh Jassim Bin Hamad Al Thani submits new bid to buy Premier League club



Sheikh Jassim Bin Hamad Al Thani has submitted a new bid to buy Manchester United.

The deadline for second bids was 9pm on Wednesday but Sheikh Jassim's representatives asked for an extension on Tuesday and were given more time. The improved bid is said to be highly competitive but also considered and rational.

Sir Jim Ratcliffe and INEOS submitted a revised bid on Thursday night, while Finnish entrepreneur

Thomas Zilliacus confirmed his holding company XXI Century Capital has also made an increased offer.

Elliott Management has made an offer to buy a minority stake in the club. The US hedge fund has also offered to finance other parties interested in investing in United and that offer still stands.

The first round of bidding took place last month and it has been reported

making.

Zilliacus, the founder and chairman of social media company novaM Group, has appealed for Sheikh Jassim and Sir Jim Ratcliffe to "join forces" with him and "buy the club together".

He said in a statement: "I have appealed to my two main rivals, Sir Jim Ratcliffe and Sheikh Jassim, to join forces with me so that we buy the club together and that way channel

there are as many as eight separate potential investors.

The highest first-round bids to buy the club were £4.5bn, but the Glazers want at least £6bn.

F i n i s h businessman Zilliacus wants to buy half of United with the other half bought by fans, who will be part of the club's decision-

more money to the club for everything from player acquisition to stadium upgrades.

"I however have not received any reply, so XXI Century Capital has increased its bid. We believe our offer, which includes fans involvement in never before seen ways as well as values that the future of the club will be built on, is the best for the club and its fans.

"We continue to receive strong support from the fans, who say they want to see our bid win. I continue to hope that we could work together with Sir Jim Ratcliffe and Sheikh Jassim to improve the club, but as we have received no replies XXI Century Capital sees no other option than to increase its own bid.

"We are dead serious in our wish to buy the club. We will make it the world's best club and we will significantly grow the already massive fan base around the world by offering fans everywhere unprecedented ways to be involved and to communicate with the club and the players."

<https://www.skysports.com/football/news>

Former WABBA President wins Sierra Leone Basketball Federation Presidency

Former President of Western Area Basketball Association, Ali Hijazi have been elected President of the Sierra Leone Basketball Federation (SLBF), after he went unopposed uncontested for the association's top seat, securing all 67 votes casted. It was an easy win for the former player and coach who succeeded the outgone President, Joseph Nyande who in September 2023 officially announced that he would not be

running for the presidency of the Association but intended to assume an advisory position within the sport. The peaceful elective Congress which was held last Saturday at the Henry Moore Auditorium, OlympAfrica, Goderich in Freetown also saw Ismail Bangura elected as the Federation's new Secretary General, after securing 48 votes, beating the former David Ngaujah who pulled 19 votes. Abu Mohamed Mansaray emerged as Vice President, Kabineh Kobba as Assistant Secretary General, Cyril Morgan as Treasurer, Umaru Kargbo as Organizing Secretary, Ibrahim S.

Jah as Assistance Organizing Secretary, John Kallon as Internal Auditor, Aaron Conteh as Legal Adviser, Melvin King as PRO1 and Mohamed Fofanah as PRO 2. The newly elected President is the son of the late Sullay Hijazi (a prominent football and sports promoter, a diamond magnate in Kono district). Ali Hijazi was born at the Cottage Hospital in Freetown. Since his glorious school days, he has been a player, coach and President of WABBA (Western Area Basketball Association).

Beach Volleyball: Sierra Leone makes progress in olympics qualifier



Sierra Leone Female and Male Beach Volleyball teams increased their chances of qualifying for the 2024 Paris Olympics Games after winning silver and bronze medals respectively. The success of Sierra Leone's team moved them to the next stage of the Beach Volleyball qualifier.

The female duo of Fatmata Binta Bah and Gladys Maria Fofanah were exceptional throughout their battle at the Zone II qualifier in Senegal, after overcoming 2 sets to 0 wins (24:22, 21:16) win over Ludmila and Jany of Cape Verde.

The men's category with a similar fixture went to a third set after Cape Verde took the first set, but Sierra Leone went on to beat Cape Verde by two sets to one (11:21, 21:16, 15:13).

Match two for both genders saw the male team face Mali while the female faced Guinea, for a place in the semi-finals. However, in the Men's final classification, Senegal finished at the top with 240, followed by the Gambia duo Jawo and

Koita with 216 and the Sierra Leonean duo; Aruna Ahmed and Musa were third with 192.

There are three different pathways for a team to earn a spot in the Paris 2024 Games. Before we explore each of them, however, it's important to remember that as the host country, France has a team guaranteed in each gender, meaning that only 23 spots are actually up for grabs for men and women.

The most straightforward way to qualify for the Paris 2024 Games is by taking gold at the 2023 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship, which will be held in Mexico from October 6-15. The winners in both genders will secure an Olympic berth.

Most of the qualified teams will book their tickets to Paris through the Olympic rankings. The rankings will be formed by



the total points earned by teams considering their best 12 results in international and continental eligible tournaments played from January 1, 2023, to June 10, 2024. At the end of the deadline, the 17 best-ranked men's and women's teams will have a spot in the Games.

The third and final qualification pathway is the continental one. Each of the five continental confederations - CEV (Europe), AVC (Asia), CAVB (Africa), CSV (South America) and NORCECA (North and Central America and the Caribbean) - will host a Continental Olympic Qualification process, guaranteeing all of them are represented by at least one

team per gender in the Games. The continental confederations have some freedom to structure their qualification tournaments, but the final phase for all of them will take place from June 13-23, 2024. The CEV Beach Nations Cup will serve as Europe's continental qualification tournament (and we will explain in detail how it's going to work in a future article). So, to summarize, the 24 teams in each gender will qualify via host country (1), 2023 World Championship (1), Olympic Rankings (17) and Continental Qualification Tournament (5).