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MINISTRY OF MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

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1st March, 2018

The Honourable Speaker
Federal House of Representatives
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.



Attention: Chief of Staff (Rt. Hon. Jerry Manwe)

RE: INVITATION TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SECTORAL DEBATE ON IRON AND STEEL SECTOR

I present to you compliments of the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development and wish to refer to your NASS/SPK/ADM/Vol.II/253 on the above subject matter.

2. As earlier stated in our letter to you, regrettably the Honourable Ministers would not be able to honour your invitation to the sectoral debate on Iron and Steel Sector due to reasons adduced.

3. Furthermore, the Ministry wish to take a strong exception to the content of your letter in paragraph 4 that insinuates that the proposed concessionaire have tied the hands of the Ministry. With due respect, we regard this statement as unfair in view of the cordial relationship that exist between our two Ministers and the Hon. Speaker and Leadership of the House Committee on Steel and Metallurgy.



4. For the avoidance of doubt, the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development's hands have not been tied by any imagined proposed concessionaire. This Ministry under the leadership of the two Ministers is totally committed to the completion and functioning of the Ajaokuta Steel Plant in view of the fact that steel is the most important engineering material and backbone of industrialization in any economy.

5. The Ministry after exploring all the options with the facts available to it believes there is no option to concessioning the Ajaokuta Steel Plant. It is in the light of the above that the Ministry is committed to pursuing the concessioning process through the most open and transparent way to avoid the mistakes of the past.

6. Finally, the Honourable Ministers wish to work with the Leadership of the National Assembly in an honest collaborative way to ensure the success of the process. The Honourable Ministers are open to any suggestions or ideas that will help to ensure that all matters relating to Ajaokuta Steel Co. Ltd. are resolved in the interest of our country.

7. While we look forward to working with the National Assembly on this matter, please accept the assurances of my high regards.



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Permanent Secretary

