

#### NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL

14, Lord Lugard Street, Asokoro District, Abuja - FCT, Nigeria.

15th March, 2024

#### NSC/CM/COMM/HMSD/VOL.1 /010

#### The Honourable Minister,

Federal Ministry of Steel Development, 2, Luanda Crescent, Off Ademola Adetokumbo Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja.

Hon. Minister, Sir,

#### INVESTIGATION OF GRAVE CHARGES OF FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY AND OTHER ACTS OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL (ES)

#### <u>REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL</u> <u>STEEL COUNCIL</u>

- The Honourable Minister will recall the meeting with the National Steel Council ("the Council") headed by myself and other members, held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at the Conference Room of your Ministry at Maitama, Abuja.
- 2. The Honourable Minister will recall further that it was agreed at the meeting that the outcome of the internal disciplinary process of the Council regarding the charges of financial impropriety and other acts of serious misconduct against the Executive Secretary, Ambassador Abdulqadir Musafari, shall first be communicated to the Honourable Minister before further action is taken by the Council on the matter.
- 3. Accordingly, the Council hereby, under the cover of this letter, forward to the Honourable Minister the Report of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council, headed by Justice Taiwo Taiwo (rtd) for your attention, information and necessary guidance, with the following remarks:
  - (1) The Meeting of the Council, duly called by its Chairman as provided under the enabling National Steel Council Act, 2004, constitutes the supreme organ of the Council, and its processes, policies, decisions and directives are binding on all members of the Council.
  - (2) All powers under the enabling law are vested in the Council only under the direction and leadership of the Chairman, who is the only person

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specifically charged with the executive power to affix the seal of the Council on relevant documents under law.

- (3) The Federal Government of Nigeria is by the enabling law fully and strategically represented on the Council by ex-officio members from the Ministry of Steel Development, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, these representatives are of the rank of directors in the Federal Civil Service and are voting members of the Council. In addition, the leadership of companies set up by the Federal Government in the steel industry and related fields are non-voting ex-officio members of the Council.
- (4) The Executive Secretary is firstly, a member of the Council who is further charged by the enabling law with the function or duty of executing the policies of the Council. Thus, for all consequent duties of the Executive Secretary to be valid, they must conform to the policies, directives and decisions of the Council as duly approved or subsequently ratified and documented in its minutes and resolutions.
- (5) Since the inauguration of the Council, the Executive Secretary, a voting member, has been present in all the meetings of the Council, bar one, that of December, 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, with appropriate reasons communicated to the chairman to excuse his absence on that occasion only.
- (6) Therefore, it is clear that the informal complaints by the Executive Secretary to the Honourable Minister leading to the setting up of a factfinding Committee by the Honourbale Minister at the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, are nothing more than a self-serving ruse by the Executive Secretary calculated to set up your office as a screen to shield himself from personal accountability to the Council and the federal government of Nigeria, while carrying on his chicaneries, insubordination and willful defiance of the Council. A case in point is a documented claim by the Executive Secretary for the expense of N5,908,445.00 (Five Million, Nine Hundred and Eight Thousand, Four hundred and Forty-Five Naira only) as traveling expense for the Executive Secretary to accompany the Hon. Minister of steel to South Africa to attend a bi-national commission between Nigeria and Republic of South Africa, unknown to, unauthorized by, and unapproved by the Council.
- (7) The Council is of the firm position that no one individual should by subterfuge and inordinate power-grab attempt to derail or compromise the Renewed Hope Agenda of Mr. President, His Excellency Ahmed bola Tinubu, for the steel industry in Nigeria and other related fields, and thus, deny Nigerians the far-reaching economic and other benefits of this policy and program of government.
- (8) The Council believes and recommends that, it is most appropriate and urgent, in the circumstances, that the powers and ordinary processes of the Council be in no manner hindered in dealing with an errant member, as in

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this case, and that the insidious artifice of the Executive Secretary to avoid personal accountability to the Council and Federal Government of Nigeria be discountenanced and deprecated by the Honourable Minister.

- 4. In forwarding the Report of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council, we invite the Honourable Minister to note with particularity the following conclusions in the report reproduced for ease of reference.
  - "(1) The Committee has the power to investigate any report forwarded to it on behalf of the Council and other matters specified in the NSC Act.
  - (2) It is also noted, the powers of the appointing authority with respect to the Executive Secretary (ES). Notwithstanding the powers of the appointing authority, the Council Acts in disciplinary stance as stipulated by the NSC Act, through the Disciplinary Committee.
  - (3) It must be noted that the infractions that are civil or criminal in nature, especially any infractions against the Public Service rules can be dealt with in line with the Public Service Rules to which all Civil and Public Servants are subjected to without waiting for the decision of the appointing authority.
  - (4) The enormity of the infractions is therefore to be treated seriously in the public interest first and foremost and in the interest of members of the council.
  - (5) It is therefore necessary and in line with public probity of all organs of government, i.e. Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) dealing with public funds to be open in dealing with public funds in line with public service rules set for all ministries and MDAS.
  - (6) It is therefore necessary to forward the infractions which the disciplinary committee cannot investigate under the law beyond the documents presented, to the appropriate government agency e.g. the ICPC or the Police to act. The infractions against the Executive Secretary are too weighty being criminal in nature and therefore tainted with the commission of crimes which are also in violation of the Federal Government Financial Regulations Rules. These allegations should be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency with investigative powers forthwith.
  - (7) With due respect and without prejudice to the powers of the Honourable Minister for steel and the committee set up by him, we are of the opinion that these infractions have to be investigated as agreed by the Disciplinary Committee set up under the NSC Act.
  - (8) In view of these infractions which are to be investigated, there is the need to suspend the Executive Secretary as stipulated in the Act by the Appointing Authority, which must be informed of these infractions and the steps which the Council is taking in this matter.

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The decision of the committee is hinged on the fact that the Executive Secretary has failed, refused and/or neglected to avail the Council of any information concerning his activities on behalf of the council, if duly authorized."

Hon. Minister, Sir, in view of the enormity of the charges against the Executive Secretary, being of the nature of the commission of financial and other crimes, the Council is resolved to urgently bring these matters to the attention of the Appointing Authority as well as invoke its powers under the enabling law to file reports with the appropriate law enforcement agencies for necessary measure, in order to preserve its integrity and safeguard the lawful process of the Federal Government of Nigeria

We forward herewith the following supporting documents:

- 1. The Report of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council (as "Annexure A" (Pgs. 1-5).
- 2. Internal Memo of the Council Chairman to the disciplinary Committee as "Annexure B"
- 3. Financial and Administrative infractions committed by the Executive Secretary, Abdulqadir Musafari. (As "Annexure C")
- 4. Letter by the Executive Secretary to the Chairman House Committee on Steel, Hon. Zainab Gimba Ph.D. on Year 2023 Budget Performance containing details of Budget performance for 2023 and other documents without the knowledge or approval of the Council (As "Annexure D")
- 5. Schedule of Projects for which funds were committed without the knowledge or approval of the Council (As "Annexure E")

Thank you. Murtala M. Alivu Chairman

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#### NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL

14, Lord Lugard Street, Asokoro District, Abuja - FCT, Nigeria.

29, February 2024.

REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE. PURSUANT TO AN INTERNAL MEMO, DATED 12TH FEBRUARY, 2024, FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

#### TO THE

#### DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS;

1. HON JUSTICE TAIWO O. TAIWO (RTD) ...... CHAIRMAN

- 2. PROF SYLVESTER O OSUJI ...... MEMBER
- 3. HAJIYA FATIMAH Z HAYATU. .....MEMBER
- 4. DIG DAVID FOLAWIYO (RTD) ...... MEMBER
- 5. BARR ELVIS ASORO ..... SECRETARY.

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#### INVESTIGATION OF GRAVE CHARGES OF FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY AND OTHER ACTS OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ES).

#### THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS WERE ITEMIZED:

- 1. Several willful and deliberate actions calculated to sabotage the lawful activities of the national steel council in the fulfillment of its mandated duties and responsibilities to the Nigerian people under the national steel council act.
- Willful and deliberate misappropriation of public funds to profit and / or benefits self and with intent to deceive or defraud the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) and its citizens.



- A recurring pattern of executive recklessness (both civil and criminal) and blatant disregard for established laws and council procedures and / or directives
- 4. Communicating formally, conducting formal meetings and /or making formal outreaches to third parties on behalf of the council without knowledge or approval, and without consequently reporting the outcome of such to the council.
- 5. Engaging persons (either directly or on secondment) for employment and/or to serve (particularly in strictly confidential positions) to act on behalf of the council without notice to, approval by, and/or subsequent report for the purpose of ratification by the council, in contravention of paragraph 5(2) of the first schedule of the national steel council act.

#### THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

- I. To determine if the executive secretary (es) committed several willful and deliberate actions that sabotage the lawful activities of the council in fulfillment of its mandatory duties and responsibilities to the Nigerian people under the national steel council act 2004 (as amended).
- II. Establish if the executive secretary (es) willfully and deliberately misappropriated public funds to profit and/or benefit self with intent to deceive or defraud the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- III. Establish if the conduct of the executive secretary (es) espouses a recurring pattern of executive recklessness (both civil and criminal) and constitute a blatant disregard for established laws and councils' clear policies, directives and instructions.
- IV. Establish whether the executive secretary (es) engaged persons (either directly or secondment) for employment and/or to serve or act (particularly in strictly confidential positions) on behalf of the council without notice to, approval by, and/or subsequent report to the council for the purposes of ratification by the council, in contravention of paragraph



5(2) of the first schedule of the national steel council's act, 2004 (as amended).

- V. Establish whether such engaged persons received any monies in any form of payment from council funds for which the council was not made aware of and/or did not give any express approval.
- VI. Determine and make appropriate recommendations regarding all matters arising from, related or incidental to any and all of the aforestated terms of reference.

The Committee resolved to meet online in view of the fact that not all members are stationed in Abuja and also in order to reduce the cost of having all members in Abuja for its deliberations.

After due consideration of the Act which established the Council, we resolved that we have the power to consider the infractions as contained in the Memo to our committee.

We began deliberations on these infractions based on documentary evidence before us. There is no doubt that based on the documentary evidence before us, the acts of the Executive Secretary in processing relevant financial instruments and documents through the GIFMIS/TSA Portals without the knowledge, authority or ratification of the Chairman and the entire Council is too brazen and definitely not acts that should be swept under the carpet. These acts are tantamount to impunity, gross abuse and disregard for laid down rules and regulations under which the Council has been structured to operate. These unilateral acts of the Executive Secretary no doubt offends also the laid down rules and procedure under which public servants are to operate.

Therefore, after several meetings/ deliberations online, we concluded as itemized below:

- (1) The Committee Has the power to investigate any report forwarded to it on behalf of the Council with respect to any staff of the council and other matters specified in the NSC Act.
- (2) It is also noted, the powers of the appointing authority with respect to the Executive Secretary (ES). Notwithstanding the

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powers of the appointing authority, the Council acts in disciplinary stance as stipulated in the NSC Act, through the Disciplinary Committee.

- (3) It must be noted that infractions that are civil or criminal in nature, especially any infractions against the Public Service rules can be dealt with in line with the Public Service Rules to which all Civil or Public Servants are subjected to without waiting for the decision of the appointing authority.
- (4) The enormity of the infractions is therefore to be treated seriously in the public interest first and foremost and in the interest of the members of the council.
- (5) It is therefore necessary and in line with public probity of all organs of government (MDAS) dealing with public funds to be open in dealing with public funds in line with public service rules set for all ministries and MDA,S
- (6) It is therefore necessary to forward the infractions which the disciplinary committee cannot investigate under the law beyond the documents presented, to the appropriate government agency e.g. the ICPC or the Police to act. The infractions against the ES are too weighty being criminal in nature and therefore tainted with the commission of crimes which are also in violation of the Federal Government Financial Regulations Rules. These allegations should be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency with investigative powers forthwith.
- (7) With due respect and without prejudice to the powers of the Honourable Minister for Steel and the committee set up by him, we are of the opinion that these infractions have to be investigated as agreed by the Disciplinary Committee set up under the NSC Act.
- (8) In view of these infractions which are to be investigated, there is need to suspend the Executive Secretary as stipulated in the Act by the Appointing Authority which must be informed of these infractions and the steps which the Council is taking in this matter. The decision of the committee is hinged on the fact that the Executive Secretary has failed,

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refused and/or neglected to avail the Council of any information concerning his activities on behalf of the council, if duly authorized.

We therefore ask that this report be considered as quickly as possible by the Council.

Thank you.

Hon. Justice Taiwo O. Taiwo (RTD).

CHAIRMAN.

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SECRETARY.

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TO:

NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL

14, Lord Lugard Street, Asokoro District, Abuja - FCT, Nigeria.

# INTERNAL MEMO

- DATE: 12th February 2024
- FROM: CHAIRMAN
  - DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE Hon. Justice Taiwo O. Taiwo Prof. Sylvester O. Osuji Hajiya Fatimah Z Hayatu Barr. Elvis Asoro

Chairman Member Member Member/Secretary

INVESTIGATION OF ALLEDGED FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Above subject matter refers

This memo refers your committee to a reported alleged financial and other misconduct that need urgent attention.

Your committee's terms of reference shall include, but not limited to the following:

- To determine if the Executive Secretary committed several willful and deliberate actions that sabotage the lawful activities of the Council in fulfillment of its mandated duties and responsibilities to the Nigerian people under the National Steel Council Act 2004 (as amended).
- Establish if the Executive Secretary willfully and deliberately misappropriated public funds to profit and/or benefit self with intent to deceive or defraud the Federal Government of Nigeria
- Establish if the conduct of the Executive Secretary exposes a recurring pattern of executive recklessness (both civil and criminal) and constitute a blatant disregard for established laws and Councils clear policies, directives and instructions.
  Establish whether the Executive Secretary engaged persons (either directly or on secondment) for employment and/or to serve or act (particularly in strictly confidential positions) on behalf of the Council without notice to, approval by, and/or subsequent report to the Council for the purposes of

ratification by the Council, in contravention of Paragraph 5(2) of the First Schedule of the National Steel Council's Act, 2004 (as amended)

- Establish whether such engaged persons received any monies in any form of payment from Council Funds for which the Council was not made aware of and/or did not give any express approval.
- And determine all matters arising from, related or incidental to any and all of the aforementioned terms of reference.

Your committee shall be obliged unfettered access to any and all documents that would be found useful for the conduct of this investigation.

Your committee shall endeavour to submit its report not later than 21st February 2024.

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MURTALA M. ALIYU CHAIRMAN

CC: COMMITTEE MEMBERS





#### Abdulkadir Musafari, Executive Secretary: Financial And Administrative Infractions

According to the National Steel Council Act First Schedule, Section 2 (1), and Section 2 (1) Sub-section (c),

- Membership and tenure thereof
- (1) The Council shall consist of a chairman, to be appointed by the President, on the advice of the Minister and the following other members, that is- ---
- (c) the Executive Secretary;

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According to the National Steel Council Act First Schedule, Section 5 (1)(2)(3)

5. Executive Secretary and other members of staff of the Council

- (1) There shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister, an Executive Secretary of the Council, who shall be the chief executive officer of the Council and shall be responsible for the <u>execution of the policies of the Council</u> and the day-to day running of the affairs of the Council.
- (2) The Council may appoint such other persons as it may determine6 as employees of the Council to assist the Executive Secretary in the discharge of his duties.
- (3) The Council may, subject to such conditions as it may think fit, delegate any of its powers relating to the appointment of, or

the exercise of disciplinary control (including dismissal) over, its employees to the Executive Secretary or any other employee of the Council.

As contained throughout the Act, its intendment is unequivocal about the powers and authority of the Council, and its consequent conferment of that power and authority comprehensively over the affairs of the National Steel Council. And, at the head of that Council is the Chairman whose duty and responsibility it is to direct the affairs of all Council members and staff of the Council.

It should be noted that the only specific duty of the Executive Secretary, as established and recognized by the National Steel Council Act, is execution of the policies of the Council. Thus, any actions whatsoever outside the expressed directives, authority, and/or approval of this provision of the National Steel Council Act are ultra vires.

In essence, as envisaged by the Act, each Council member (or members), or staff of the Council, are legally bound and compelled to abide by, and uphold, the enabling Laws under which the Act is established.

It is in regard of the enabling provisions of the Act and the Council rules, and the abuse and contraventions of the above thereof that the following issues have been raised:

 Several willful and deliberate actions calculated to sabotage the lawful activities of the National Steel Council in the fulfillment of its mandated duties and responsibilities to the Nigerian people under the National Steel Council Act.

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- 2. Willful and deliberate misappropriation of public funds to profit and/or benefit self and with intent to deceive the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) and its citizens.
- 3. A recurring pattern of executive recklessness (both civil and criminal) and blatant disregard for established Laws and Council procedures and/or directives.
- 4. Communicating formally, conducting formal meetings and/or making formal outreaches to third parties on behalf of the Council without knowledge or approval, and without consequently reporting the outcome of such to the Council.
- 5. Engaging persons (either directly or on secondment) for employment and/or to serve (particularly in strictly confidential positions) to act on behalf of the Council without notice to, approval by, and/or subsequent report for the purpose of ratification by the Council, in contravention of Section 5(2) of the First Schedule of the National Steel Council ACT.

It is because most of the infractions by the Executive Secretary, Ambassador Abdulkadir Musafari, dangerously traverse the border of misappropriation of public funds, illegal withdrawal of government monies, disregard of laid down FGN financial laws and procedures, and gross abuse of the integrity of the established FGN GIFMIS/TSA financial systems, that these actions and instances should be referred to competent Law Enforcement agencies and institutions. These institutions possess the appropriate tools and are vested with the authority to conduct a further and thorough investigation of the matters herein enumerated. It is imperative that both Council and individual members are not inadvertently smeared or implicated by these numerous unlawful and illegal financial activities and/or actions for which approvals were neither sought nor given/authorized as required by both FGN Laws and the National Steel Council Act.

And until it becomes clear that the Council, or any other member(s), is not a part of these acts, then we shall be deemed liable. Earlier instruction by the Council for Ambassador A. Musafari to avail the Council of information on actions he may have taken, or is taking, purportedly on behalf of the Council, have neither been responded to, or heeded.

The National Steel Council Act is a Law of the FGN, and as such, any infraction or contravention, willfully or ignorantly, of it is illegal and punishable under applicable Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Examples of the foregoing include, and are not limited to,

(a) The attempted illegal withdrawal of the sum of N726,477,654.21 (Seven Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Naira, Twenty-One Kobo only) from the Treasury of the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) without the knowledge, consent, or approval of the National Steel Council (NSC). The Executive Secretary, Ambassador Abdulkadir Musafari not only hid his unauthorized and illegal submission of said request to gain unlawful access to Federal Government funds (received by the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023) from the Council, but also hid the response from the same office (dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023) denying him consent and/or access to withdraw money, in the absence of the Council's documented "approval from His Excellency, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria authorizing" the National Steel Council to draw the funds. The entire transaction has been, and is still being, kept secret from the Council.

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- (b) Generating and/or presenting documentation, receipts, and making payments on FGN budget Line Items alien to, unapproved by, or unauthorized by, the Council constitute financial crimes. These actions, however, automatically assume a graver dimension especially if any such falsehoods an/or misrepresentations have been submitted as facts/truth for processing and validation of current and/or future payments through the FGN GIFMIS/TSA payment portal and the National Assembly financial appropriation verification machinery. And, except Executive Secretary A. Musafari possesses documentary evidence that prove otherwise, he will have transgressed, or be in the progress of transgressing, provisions of the National Steel Council Act by NSC, and several Federal Government of Nigeria financial and appropriation Acts.
  - i. With premeditated intent, backed with elaborate drama designed to deceive and manipulate Federal Government Agents/officials of the Federal Ministry of Finance, Abdulkadir Musafari proceeded with reckless abandon to plunder the Federal Government Treasury with his misappropriation of funds budgeted for use by the National Steel Council to fulfill its mandated functions.
  - ii. Payment of N5,000,000.00 (Five Million) as bank charges. The National Steel Council is unaware of, and did not approve, any Council approved bank to which this purported amount might have deemed payable.
  - iii. Payment of N6,253,000.00 (Six Million Two-Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand) as Insurance dues/claims. The Council is unaware of, and did not approve, any such Insurance agreement(s) for which this payment may be considered a responsibility of the Council.

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- iv. Payment of N961,000.00 (Nine Hundred and Sixty Thousand) for Publicity of which the Council is unaware of and did not approve or authorize.
  - v. Payment of N50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand) for private/personal Drugs. The Council is not aware for what or whom did expense was made, and it did not get the approval of the Council.
- vi. Expense of N310,060,500.00 (Three Hundred and Ten Million, Sixty Thousand, and Five Hundred) as purchases/acquisition without the knowledge, authority, and/or approval of the Council.
- vii. **Expense of N38,418,530.75** (Thirty-Eight Million, Four Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Naira, Seventy-Five Kobo) **as Local Travel and Transport** unknown to, unauthorized by, unapproved by, and hidden from the Council.
- viii. Another expense of N4,709,848.05 (Four Million, Seven Hundred and Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Naira, Five Kobo) for Local Travel and Transport unknown to, unauthorized by, and unapproved by, the Council.
  - ix. Expense of N1,000,000.00 (One Million) on telephone calls without the knowledge, authorization, and/or Council approval.
  - x. Expense of N1,000,000.00 (One Million) on the printing of security documents that are unknown to, unauthorized by, and unapproved by, the Council.
  - xi. Expense of N20,125,000.00 (Twenty Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand) budgeted for staff training on persons unknown to, unauthorized by, and unapproved by, the Council.
- xii. Expense of N8,897,842.50 (Eight Million Eight Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twelve Naira, Fifty

Kobo) as **cost of International Training event** that is hidden from, unauthorized by, and unapproved by, the Council.

- xiii. **Payment for the rent of an office building** purportedly for the use of the Council at a cost that is yet to be known by/revealed to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.
- xiv. Payment of N24,371,000.00 (Twenty-Four Million Three Hundred and Seventy Thousand) as Honorarium and Sitting Allowances which are either unapproved or unreported by the Council.
- xv. Payment of N9, 000,000.00 (Nine Million Naira) for purchase of photocopy machines unknown to, unauthorized by, and unapproved by, the Council.
- xvi. Payment of N512,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand) from funds budgeted for the purpose of National Steel Council, for privately accrued electricity charges by Ambassador A. Musafari on a private and/or personal property, without the knowledge, authorization, and/or approval of Council.
- xvii. Payment of N4,435,113.75 (Four Million Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred and Thirteen Naira, Seventy-Five Kobo) for Office Stationery/Computer Consumables without the knowledge, authorization, and/or approval by the Council.
- xviii. Payment of N166,000.00 (One Hundred and Sixty Thousand) for the purported maintenance of personal/private motor vehicles that the Council is neither aware of nor owns. This payment is without Council knowledge, authority, and/or approval.
  - xix. **Payment of N120,000.00** (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand) for the maintenance of personal/private Office

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**Furniture** for which the Council is not aware of ownership. This payment is without Council knowledge, authority, and/or approval.

- xx. Payment of N99,000.00 (Ninety-Nine Thousand) purportedly for the maintenance of Office/Residential Quarters that do not belong to, are unknown to, and/or authorized by Council. This payment was made without the knowledge of, authorization by, and/or the approval of the Council.
- xxi. Payment of N470,000.00 (Four Hundred and Seventy Thousand) for maintenance of Office/IT Equipment which ownership is unknown to, and/or does not belong to, the Council. This payment was not known to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.
- xxii. Payment of N476,000.00 (Four Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand) from public funds for maintenance of private and/or personal Plants/Generators. This payment was not known to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.
- xxiii. Payment of N107,000.00 (One Hundred and Seven Thousand) for non-specific maintenance services that are not known to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.
- xxiv. Payment of N1,950,000.00 (One Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand) for cleaning and fumigation services for private and/or personal premises. This payment was hidden from, unauthorized by, and/or unapproved by, the Council.

xxv. Payment of N4,995,287.50 (Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven Naira, Fifty Kobo) for Motor Vehicle Fuel Cost for personal vehicles unknown to the Council. This payment was hidden from, unauthorized by, and/or unapproved by, the Council.

- xxvi. Payment of N5,160,600.00 (Five Million One Hundred and Sixty Thousand) as Plant/Generator Fuel Cost for purported use by the Council. The said Plants/Generators are not known to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.
- xxvii. Payment of N799,678.00 (Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Eight) representing claims for Refreshment and Meals. This payment was hidden from Council because it was unauthorized and unapproved.
- xxviii. **Payment of N4,039,000.00** (Four Million and Thirty-Nine Thousand) for Publicity and Advertisements that unbeknownst to Council members. This payment was hidden from, not authorized by, and/or not approved by, the Council.
  - xxix. Payment of N5,000,000.00 (Five Million) as Welfare Packages. The beneficiaries, justification, and constitution of said packages are not known to Council, while the payment was hidden, unauthorized by, and/or not approved by, the Council.
  - xxx. Payment of N4,873,000.00 (Four Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand) as Annual Budget Expenses & Preparation claims. The Council was not involved in this process despite several directives on the matter. This payment was not known to, authorized by, and/or approved by, the Council.

By all indications, the Executive Secretary, Ambassador Abdulkadir has embarked on a willful, deliberate, self-serving, abuse of public service rules, an attempt to obtain Council funds without authorization and/or approval, and a systematic misappropriation of public funds budgeted by FGN to pursue the intendment of one of its core programs aimed at the revival of the nation's economy.

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FOR THE THOROUGH PROCESSING OF RELEVANT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS THROUGH THE GIFMIS/TSA PORTALS, IT IS ASSUMED THAT SAID DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION ARE NOT ONLY TRUE AND FACTUAL, BUT ALSO THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED AND DULY APPROVED BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY. THE FINANCIAL INFRACTIONS LISTED HEREIN, IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BUDGETED AND ENTRUSTED TO THE NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL (NSC) IN THE PURSUIT OF ITS MANDATE UNDER THE NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL ACT, WERE WILFULLY AND DELIBERATELY COMMITED AMBASSADOR BY ABDULKADIR MUSAFARI, OUTSIDE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNCIL, AND THUS WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY AND/OR APPROVAL.



# NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL (NSC)

Ref. No: NSC/HQ/NASS/2023/Vol.I

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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Hon. Zainab GIMBA, PhD Chairman, House Committee on Steel National Assembly Complex Suite 3.02 House of Representatives Three Arms Zone Abuja, FCT

Honourable Chairman,

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#### RE: REQUEST FOR 2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE INFORMATION/INVITATION FOR APPRAISAL MEETING

I have the honour to refer to letter Ref. No. NASS/10HR/CT.112/17 of 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023, on the above subject matter and forward herewith, a report on budget performance for the 2023 appropriation belatedly approved for the National Steel Council. For brevity, it is important to NOTE that items listed in your letter at Articles iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii and ix, are currently not applicable to the Council, as it is a new body reconstituted in August, 2022.

2. As the Honourable Chairman may be aware that by the Act of the National Steel Council of 2004, the previous Steel Authority known as the 'National Steel Development Authority' was made moribund and all its assets and liabilities that accrued to it from inception in 1979 has now devolved to the National Steel Council. In August, 2022, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, *GCFR*, then President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, re-constituted the Council with nine (9) members and the undersigned as member and also the Executive Secretary. The Council was charged with the mandate to improve the growth/revival of the Steel Industry in Nigeria thus making it self-sufficient in iron and steel production. Pursuant to this, the Council has taken successive steps to consolidate its structure to enable it prosecute its mandate.

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3. With the inauguration of the Council in August, 2022 and the intervention of then Honourable Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Arc. Olamilekun Adegbite, the sum of One Billion Naira ( $\aleph$ 1,000,000,000.00) was belatedly approved as part of the supplementary budget of 2023. This, graciously, enabled the Council to engage with other public institutions to pursue processes supportive of its existence as a new body (Parastatal) charged with the central planning for the steel sector.

4. With the advent of the current administration in May, 2023 and the Presidential Order that established other Ministries among which is now the Ministry of Steel Development, which stands as an entity and separate from the Ministry of Mines, the Council considered it imperative and indeed projected for a robust budget that will enable proper take-off, structuring and functions not only as a central planning organ but a regulator of the sector. In this regard, therefore, the Council made efforts to secure from statutory government bodies, waivers for the recruitment of staff, the approval from the Salaries and Wages Commission for the proper remuneration of the Council staff when employed as well as make a special application to benefit other sources of funding.

5. The application for salary scale and the waiver to recruit staff have been granted (107 vacancies). Some of the vacancies (9) have already been allotted the supporting staff that assisted in setting up the administration of the Council. By its current disposition, the Council has been operating from a rented property, out of which it has been engaged on some of its major functions of consulting with institutions as well as technical bodies within and outside government that had, at various times, given specialised training to the pioneer supporting staff of the Council. Other members of staff were seconded or released from the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation, Office of the Secretary to the Government and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation.

6. Arising from these interactions, the Council had, during various sessions, found it imperative to make resolutions that sought to make effective its mandate, through new initiatives meant to foster and sustain its central planning functions as well as attendant regulations. The Council reckoned with the need for bigger monetary allocation/sources, without which most of its mandate and objectives would not be attained. It, therefore, calls for an upward review of its budget for 2024. This decision was taken without prejudice to the interest of the Ministry of Steel but very conscious of the fact that from 2025, the Council would no longer benefit the usual appropriation and must sponsor its activities from ICDs and other levies and the statement.

7. Given this background, therefore, I humbly invite the Honourable Chairman to kindly give serious consideration to the need for an upward review of the Council's appropriation, albeit through special intervention, and possibly supplementing the projected appropriation of 2024, with a release of a generous sum from the levy accrued to the Council, on steel imports (CIF), earned by the Customs for the steel sector.

8. I, therefore, submit here, for your consideration:

- Annex 1 Appropriation Bill for 2023 in respect of the National Steel Council in which was granted ¥473,000,000.00 for Capital; ¥212,000,000.00 for Overhead and ¥315,000,000.00 for staff salaries.
- Annex 2 The Budget Performance detail from inception of the NSC todate (under various Subheads): Annex 2(a) – N162,939,500.00 Capital; Annex 2(b) – N74,499,029.45 Overhead Budget Execution.
- Annex 3 Approval for placement for National Steel Council on the Consolidated Research and Allied Institutions Salary Structure (CONRAISS), preparatory to the 2024 Appropriation.
- Annex 3(b) Approval for Recruitment of 107 staff of the National Steel Council.
- Annex 4 First Draft Budgetary Proposal for 2024 Appropriation.
- Annex 5 First Draft National Steel Council 2024 Capital Budget (by Budget Office).
- Annex 6 First Draft National Steel Council Overhead 2024 Budget (by Budget Office)
- Annex 7 Projected IGR (2024) for the Council.
- Annex 8 10% Levy on Steel Products as IGR currently available to the Council under review and investment sector of the Accountant-General's Office.
- Annex 9 Road-map and blue-print (strategies) to achieving the Presidential KPIs for the development of the steel sector.

9. Please accept, Honourable Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration, and best wishes for your personal wellbeing.

Ambassador Abdulkadir Musafari, mni Executive Secretary



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12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The Honourable Minister Ministry of Mines and Steel Development Minerals and Metal Complex No 2, Luanda Crescent Off Ademola Adetokunbo Crescent Wuse II Abuja.



Hon. Minister,

#### RE: REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF THE NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL (NSC) ON APPROPRIATE SALARY SCALE

Please refer to your letter No: MMSD/S/19/288/I/T/8 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 on the above-mentioned subject and I hereby convey approval for the staff of the National Steel Council (NSC) to be placed on the Consolidated Research and Allied Institutions Salary Structure (CONRAISS). A copy of the CONRAISS circular and table is attached herewith for your guidance.

2. The placement on CONRAISS which would attract a cost of Ninety-two million, five hundred and seventy-nine thousand, two hundred and ninety-eight Naira (192,579,298.00) per annum for the 30 staff of NSC is with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

3. The Commission will monitor the implementation of this approval through salary inspection from time to time.

Ekpo U. O./Nta, Esq Chairman

4. Please accept, as always, the assurances of my highest consideration,

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### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE IN THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE: THE CONSOLIDATED RESEARCH AND ALLIED INSTITUTIONS SALARY STRUCTURE (CONRAISS)

Consequent upon the enactment of the National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act 2019, and the negotiations between the Federal Government of Nigeria and Organised Labour (represented by the Joint National Public Service Negotiating Council) in respect of the consequential adjustments of salaries of employees in the Federal Public Service, the President of the Tederal Republic of Nigeria has approved the revision of the Consolidated Research and Allied Institutions Salary Structure (CONRIASS), with effect from the 1. Tof April 2019.

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The new salary table is attached herewith.

 This circular supersedes Circular No. SWC.04/Vol.X/671 dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

4. Enquiries relating to this circular should be directed to the Commission.

Ekpo Nta, Esq. Ag. Chairman

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The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Federal Secretariat Phase II Abuja.

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#### Attention: Permanent Secretary, SPSO

#### REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO RECRUIT STAFF FOR THE NATIONAL STEEL COUNCIL (NSC)

I write to make a plea for an approval for waiver for the National Steel Council (NSC) to recruit One Hundred and Twenty (120) staff to fill the vacancies indicated in the attached 2023 Authorized Establishment for the Council. This Council was not listed in the Circular DG/BGT/GEN.CORR/2016/XII/3067 dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 removing Councils from Government funding from 2024.

2. Kindly recall that the NSC had requested for an authorised Establishment and had subsequently defended the 2023 Manpower Budget on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at the OHCSF.

3. The council was established vide the National Steel Council Act 60 of 1979 but came fully on stream on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and was inaugurated by the former Hon Minister of Mines and Steel Development on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

4. The NSC had been operating with staff seconded and deployed from other MDAs and this waiver if granted will enable the Council actualize its mandate as a nascent organisation that has the aspiration of being an effective regulator for the Steel Industry.



5. The proposed recruitment would enable the NSC engage qualified, competent, effective and efficient staff that would spearhead and accelerate activities that will ensure optimal contribution of the Council to national Development,

6. Please find attached listed documents for ease of reference:

- (i) List of vacancies to be filled, including financial implication
- (ii) 2023 Budget Appropriation from Budget Office of the Federation.
- (iii) Provisional Authorised Establishment of the NSC as at 2023

7. The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation is invited to kindly consider and approve a Waiver for the National Steel Council to recruit One Hundred and Twenty (120) relevant Professional and Support Staff.

Please accept the assurances of my consideration and respect always.

Dr. Mary A. Ogbe Permanent Secretary and a said the shall

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#### OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE P.M.B. 14, CADASTRAL ZONE A3 GARKI, ABUJA FCT.

TEL: 09-9044714

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5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

The Chief of Staff to Mr. President State House Abuja

#### RE: APPEAL FOR DEDUCTION OF THE 10% LEVY (CIF) ON IMPORTED STEEL PRODUCTS TO THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

I wish to refer to the State House letter Ref. No: SH/COS/ 18/A/1528 dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 wherein you requested for my comments on the above subject and to observe as follows:

- i. The Federal Government of Nigeria through the Federal Ministry of Finance in its determination to support the development of the steel sector has over the years formulated various policies such as the grant of Import Duty Exemption Certificate (IDEC) for machinery and equipment for establishment of both upstream and downsurcam steel industries, reduced/concessionary import duty on critical raw materials need by manufacturers in the sector. In addition, levies on imported steel products were imposed in order to protect and encourage local production of steel products;
- ii. The National Steel Council Act (1979) which provided for establishment of the National Council on Steel Development also provided in Section 2 (a-c) sources of funding for the council including "such moneys as may be granted in each financial year to the Council by the Federal Government, all fees and charges for services rendered by the council; and all other sums accruing to



the Council from any other source' (see the Agency's establishment Act attached as Annex I);

- iii. The Government has made budgetary provision for the Agency in the 2023 Fiscal Year in the sum of N1,000,000,000 (see the 2023 Appropriation Act attached as Annex II);
- iv. Data from the Nigeria Customs Service has for instance, indicated that the sum of N530,691,727.22, N1,071,566,629.00 and N1,522,836,726.00 has been collected in levy in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively (see evidence of levy accruals as submitted by the NCS attached as Annex III); and
- v. However, revenues in the levy account are usually used by Government to finance projects/programmes where funds are scarce and/or where there is a critical need for funds.

2. In view of the foregoing, I wish to recommend that since budgetary provisions for the Agency have commenced in earnest, the Agency be granted 50% of the levy accruals to support and fast track development of the steel sector.

Rease accept the assurances of my best regards.

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