



The Nigerian Society of Engineers

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT & COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR

Your Excellency,

THE POSITION OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS (NSE) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRID ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF NIGERIA (GAMCO)

On behalf of the Council and entire members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), I convey warm courtesies and sincere kind wishes to Your Excellency. This also presents an opportunity to reassure Mr. President that the NSE, established in 1958 and representing the interest and voices of over 85,000 engineering professionals, remains committed to advancing engineering practice and supporting national development through professional policy advisory.

Nigeria's Power Sector and the Gamco Initiative

Electric power remains the backbone of economic growth, industrial development and improved quality of life. The Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI), however, has faced persistent structural and operational challenges over the decades.

The NSE leadership, therefore, commends President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the bold initiative to establish the Grid Asset Management Company of Nigeria (GAMCO) and the constitution of an 11-member committee led by the Chief of Staff, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR, to fast-track its implementation.

We have the strong conviction that this initiative can sufficiently address the long-standing issues such as stranded generation capacity, grid instability and transmission infrastructure limitations.

The NSE also acknowledges other important government initiatives aimed at strengthening the power sector, including:

- I. Presidential Power Initiative (PPI) with Siemens AG
- II. Power Sector Recovery Programme (PSRP)
- III. Transmission Rehabilitation and Expansion Programme (TREP)
- IV. Presidential Metering Initiative (PMI)
- V. Distribution Sector Recovery Programme (DISREP)

Key Recommendations by the Nigerian Society of Engineers

To ensure the success and sustainability of GAMCO, the NSE respectfully submits the following:

1. Professional Leadership

GAMCO should be led by a seasoned Nigerian Power Engineer with proven competence and experience in the power sector.

2. Project Management Structure

A strong Project Management Team (PMT) should be established, composed primarily of experienced Nigerian power system and project management professionals.

3. Power System Studies

Major power infrastructure investments must be preceded by comprehensive power system studies (including load-flow studies) to ensure technical viability and long-term system stability. The NSE is ready to undertake the necessary studies for, and on behalf of

GAMCO, to further demonstrate our support for Mr. President's initiative.

4. Stakeholder Synergy

Effective coordination is required among key sector institutions including:

- a. Generation Companies (GenCos)
- b. Distribution Companies (DisCos)
- c. Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN)
- d. Nigerian Gas Company (NGC)
- e. Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)
- f. Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA)
- g. Nigerian Independent System Operator (NISO)
- h. State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs)

5. Indigenous Capacity Development

GAMCO should deliberately create opportunities for indigenous engineering companies to participate as local vendors in equipment supply, technical services, and project execution. This recommendation aligns perfectly with the "Buy Nigeria First" policy, a laudable initiative by Your Excellency's administration, aimed at reducing import reliance and encouraging engagement of Nigerian professionals.

6. Inclusion of Engineering Experts in Policy Committees

We strongly advocate that composition of committees on power sector reforms or other engineering-related sectoral reforms should, as a matter of deliberate policy, include engineering experts, to ensure sound technical inputs in the decision-making that would ultimately impact national development positively.

NSE's Commitment

The NSE wishes to emphasise that Nigerian engineering professionals are ready and willing to support the Federal Government through technical expertise, engineering studies, project evaluation and professional oversight to ensure the success of the GAMCO initiative.

Conclusion

Mr. President, sustainable power sector reforms require professional leadership, institutional coordination and trust in indigenous engineering capacity. Nigeria possesses the technical talent required to build and manage a resilient power infrastructure.

The Nigerian Society of Engineers therefore pledges its support to the Federal Government in ensuring that the GAMCO initiative becomes a lasting solution to Nigeria's electricity challenges and contributes meaningfully to national development under the Renewed Hope Agenda.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest professional regards.

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